

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2009**

**APPROVED**

**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chair Wilcox, Secretary Jorkasky, Commissioners Beyea, Deits, Domas, Jackson,  
Klemans, Reicosky  
ABSENT: Commissioner Honicky  
STAFF: Principal Planner Gail Oranchak

**1. Call meeting to order**

Chair Wilcox called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of agenda**

**Commissioner Klemans moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Jackson.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 8-0.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Deits moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2009.  
Seconded by Commissioner Klemans.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 8-0.

**4. Public Remarks**

Chair Wilcox opened the floor for public remarks.

Bill Cambray, President, Indian Hills Homeowners Association, 4672 Chippewa Drive, Okemos,  
spoke in support of SUP #09031.

Chair Wilcox closed public remarks.

**5. Communications (None)**

**6. Public hearings (None)**

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. Special Use Permit #09031 (Charter Township of Meridian), request to work and place fill in the 100-year floodplain to construct a sidewalk along the east side of Nakoma Drive.  
Principal Planner Oranchak offered an update on the proposed special use permit since the public hearing held on May 11, 2009.

Planning Commission discussion:

- Curb along the edge of the road will act as a safety feature between the road and the sidewalk
- ICRC will remove debris collecting at the bridge if deemed necessary
- Clogged catch basin will be cleaned out and repaired when curb is constructed on the east side of the road
- Proposed 42" wooden security fence is the standard height for bicyclists

**Commissioner Deits moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants special use approval for Special Use Permit #09031 subject to the following conditions:**

1. **Approval is subject to the plans and specifications prepared by the Department of Public Works and Engineering, received by the Department of Community Planning and Development on May 13, 2009, and the associated materials submitted as part of Special Use Permit #09031, subject to revisions as required.**
2. **The applicant shall obtain any necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office, Ingham County Road Commission, and the Township. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development prior to work starting on the project.**
3. **The Department of Public Works and Engineering shall obtain any necessary and applicable easement(s) from Indian Hills Golf Course and provide a copy to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
4. **The applicant shall apply for and receive all necessary variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals or revise the plans so the variances are no longer necessary.**
5. **No work shall take place in the regulated wetlands without first obtaining a wetland use permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Township.**
6. **Fill placed in the floodplain as part of the project shall be protected against erosion.**
7. **The length of the proposed wooden security fence shall be limited to the minimum length necessary to provide for adequate pedestrian and bicycle safety.**
8. **The applicant shall dispose of all compensating cut material to a location approved by the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
9. **The clogged catch basin under Nakoma Drive shall be cleaned out and repaired as necessary prior to completion of the project.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Reicosky.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Beyea, Deits, Domas, Jackson, Jorkasky, Klemans, Reicosky, Chair Wilcox

NAYS: None

Motion carried 8-0.

- B. Zoning Amendment #09030 (Township Board), request to amend sections 86-2, 86-403, 86-404, 86-405, and 86-432 of the Code of Ordinances to allow massage therapy and physical therapy as permitted uses in the C-1, C-2, C-3 (Commercial) and PO (Professional and Office) zoning districts

Principal Planner Oranchak summarized the changes to this zoning amendment as discussed during the public hearing held May 11, 2009.

Planning Commission discussion:

- Circumstance where a physician who wanted to provide for retail sales of wigs was determined not to be appropriate in the PO district
- Staff waited on this zoning amendment while the state was in the process of creating the state act which covered massage therapists during 2008

**Commissioner Jorkasky moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby recommends approval of Zoning Amendment #09030 to allow massage therapy and physical therapy as permitted uses in the C-1, C-2, C-3 (Commercial) and PO (Professional and Office) zoning districts. Seconded by Commissioner Beyea.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Beyea, Deits, Domas, Jackson, Jorkasky, Klemans, Reicosky, Chair Wilcox

NAYS: None

Motion carried 8-0.

**8. Other Business (None)**

**9. Announcements (None)**

**10. New applications (None)**

**11. Site plans received (None)**

**12. Site plans approved (None)**

**13. Public remarks**

Chair Wilcox opened and closed public remarks.

**14. Adjournment**

Chair Wilcox adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra K. Otto  
Recording Secretary