

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Potter, Hudson, Deschaine, Kolbasa
and Beavers

ABSENT: Commissioner Vagnozzi

STAFF: Dave Hall, Chief of Police
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Potter moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Potter moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2017

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

Michael Unsworth stated he supported the pathway and trail millage and thought the proposed projects should be reviewed by the Transportation Commission

5. Communications

The Commission accepted the communication that had been received and placed on file.

6. Presentation/Discussion

A. Lake Lansing Road (Hagadorn to Saginaw Highway) reduce existing 4 lanes to 3 lanes.

William Conklin, Managing Director, Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) provided a summary of the proposed road project as outlined in an email dated November 2, 2017.

- Survey and design of the project is underway

- After milling and asphalt resurfacing the road would be restriped to have one through lane in each direction, a center turn lane and paved shoulders for non-motorized use on both sides of the road
- Traffic report by Traffic Engineering Associates indicated there was no expected significant reduction in level of service (vehicle delay) with the proposed road diet
- New traffic signals would be included in the project

Public Remarks:

Michael Unsworth spoke in support as the project would benefit pedestrians and bicyclists.

Leonard Provencher spoke in support of the project. He liked the improvements made to Lake Lansing Road for the segment between Saginaw Highway and Marsh Road.

Michael Hudson spoke in support of the project. He thought it would improve the safety at the Lake Lansing Road/Skyline Drive intersection and would benefit bicyclists.

Ann Alchin spoke in opposition to the project. She felt the money should be spent on local Roads.

Board Discussion:

- Federal funding is paying for the Lake Lansing Road project
- Federal money cannot be used for local roads
- Estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 to 700,000 for milling and resurfacing and
- \$350,000 for signal replacement
- Work could be done Summer of 2018
- The completed segment on Lake Lansing Road between Marsh Road and Saginaw Highway
- has helped to slow traffic and reduce traffic accidents
- No bike lane markings or signage on the completed road segment of Lake Lansing Road
- ICRD would work with the Township to mark and sign the bike lanes from Hagadorn Road
- to Marsh Road.
- Township would need to help pay for the markings and signage
- ICRD will provide an estimate of the cost for markings and signage
- Township pedestrian bicycle pathway millage could help pay for markings and signage
- Left turn arrows are not marked on the pavement at the intersection with a local street

Vice Chair Potter moved The Transportation Commission recommend the Township Board approve the Ingham County Road Department proposed road diet for Lake Lansing Road

from Hagadorn Road to Saginaw Highway and the paved shoulders on Lake Lansing Road be marked for bike lanes on the pavement and be signed with “No Parking-Bike Lane” signs next to the road from Hagadorn Road to Marsh Road.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

7. Commission Discussion

- Public information meeting on the road improvements to Okemos Road and Jolly Road intersection and Jolly Road resurfacing from Dobie Road to Meridian Road on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Chippewa Middle School
- Notice of meeting on Township website
- Survey for the Lansing River Trail extension from Michigan State University to Lake Lansing North County park is available on the Township website.

9. Next Meeting Dates

A. December 14, 2017 Transportation Commission Meeting

Chair Hackbarth asked the commission to consider canceling the December meeting

Vice Chair Potter moved to cancel the December 14, 2017 meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Township Board’s next meeting is December 5, 2017.

C. 2018 Meeting schedule

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the resolution for 2018 Meeting Schedule with the exception that there will be no meeting in April, July or December.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Potter

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Copy of the resolution is on file

10. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Deschaine moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Vice-Chair Potter

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.