

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth (6:50), Vagnozzi, Deschaine, and Beavers

ABSENT: Vice Chair Potter, Commissioners: Kolbasa and Hudson

STAFF: Dave Hall, Police Chief

Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Acting Chair Vagnozzi called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Commission proceed to Item 6. Presentation due to a lack of quorum

6. Presentation

A. Michigan Department of Transportation

Acting Chair Vagnozzi welcomed Miranda Spare, Cost and Scheduling Engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation

- Grand River Avenue will be resurfaced from Park Lake Road to Dobie Road in 2023
- MDOT is aware of the problem with the road and pathway on Grand River Avenue across from Playmakers
- Speed limits on Grand River Avenue are set by Michigan State Police
- No projects currently planned for Grand River Avenue east of Dobie Road
- Construction of the non-motorized crossings on Saginaw Highway at Newton Road and Marsh Road planned for 2019
- The non-motorized crossing at Towner Road is not part of the project

B. Ingham County Road Department

Acting Chair Vagnozzi welcomed Bill Conklin, Managing Director of Ingham County Road Department

- Mr. Conklin provided the Commission with a map and list of construction projects 2017-2019 (a copy of the material is on file)
- The Okemos Road bridge north of Mt. Hope Road is scheduled to be replaced in 2020

- Local road repairs and paving will start mid-July
- Hagadorn Road improvements from Jolly Road to Mount Hope Road may start in 2018 depending on the status of the Jolly/Okemos intersection reconstruction.
- Jolly Road paving and installing paved shoulders from Dobie Road to Meridian Road will be completed in 2018
- Drivers are not following the no left turn signs at the Jolly/Okemos intersection
- Township police have been monitoring and are issuing tickets
- Work on Hamilton Road west of Okemos Road will be deferred pending the proposed development at the Hamilton/Okemos intersection
- Primary streets are swept twice per year
- Road Department issues an annual permit to Consumers Energy to work in the road right-of-way
- Approximately 147 miles of local roads in the Township
- Approximately 3-4 miles are resurfaced each year
- 36 percent of the local roads are rated in poor condition
- Local road millage (0.25 mils) generates approximately \$440,000 per year

With the arrival of Chair Hackbarth the Commission had a quorum and moved to:

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018 as written

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

The public was given the opportunity to comment during the presentations.

5. Communication

None

The Commission returned to Item 6. Presentation

C. Pedestrian Bicycle Pathway System

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Derek Perry, Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works and Engineering

- 2018 Pathway and Trail Construction Map was shown to the Commission (copy on file)
- Millage (.33 mils) generates approximately \$500,000 per year

- Trail Pavement Rehabilitation: involves repair or replacement of existing paved trails
- Non-motorized traffic flashing beacon at Interurban/Okemos Road will be installed late summer of this year.
- Trail Bridge Rehabilitation: repair or replace seven trail bridges
- MSU to Lake Lansing Connector Trail (Phase I): Construction is expected in 2020. Secured \$950,000 from Ingham County Trail Millage and the Township has applied for \$1.7 million in federal funding
- Old Raby Road Bridge/Culvert replacement: Work planned for summer with \$95,000 from Ingham County Trail millage
- Okemos Road Pedestrian Boardwalk: Working on final design and obtaining permits. Construction planned in late fall. Approximate cost is \$1.3 million with \$975,000 from the Ingham County Trail Millage
- Township is seeking grants for the railroad quiet zone crossings

7. Commission Discussion

NONE

8. Commission Comments

Commissioner Deschaine updated the Commission on the Township Board approval of the Redi-Ride service hours expansion and the CATA Redi-Ride agreement.

9. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is June 21, 2018 in the Central Fire Station Community Room.

Township Board's next meeting is June 5, 21018

10. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Vagnozzi moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.