

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth (6:10), Vice Chair Potter, Vagnozzi, Deschaine, Beavers, Kolbasa and Hudson.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Potter asked the agenda to be amended to add a discussion item regarding future repair and maintenance, pedestrian safety and lighting on Grand River Avenue.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as amended

Seconded by Commissioner Vagnozzi

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

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

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

Leonard Provencher spoke in support of the non-motorized crossing at Saginaw/Towner. He thought the seating for the Commission should be facing the audience.

Doris Schwartz indicated the Township webpage had shown the wrong location for the meeting tonight. She also thought citizens should be able to sit at the table with the Commission.

5. Communication

None

6. Presentation

A. Local Road Conditions and Local Road Millage

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Derek Perry, Director of Public Works and Engineering.

- Director Perry explained how local roads were selected for rehabilitation work
- In addition to visual inspections the Department uses Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system
- PASER is used throughout the State
- To refine selections the Department also uses:
 - Existing traffic volumes
 - Significance of ingress/egress into the subdivision
 - Geographic location and proximity to other road projects
 - Proximity to public property and facilities
 - Type of rehabilitation work required
 - Coordination opportunities with other agencies
- A map showing the PASER rating for local roads in the Township was provided to the Commission (a copy of the map is on file)
- A total 147 miles of local roads
- Approximately 30 percent (43 miles) are in poor condition
- Approximately 44 percent (65 miles) are in fair condition
- \$1,000,000 does approximately 3 miles of maintenance work
- Township could bond for the work
- The Township needs 3.5 million dollars each year for the next 10 years
- Chip-Sealing extends the life of a road by 3-5 years
- Local road millage (0.25 mils) generates approximately \$440,000 per year
- An additional \$550,000 from the Township's General Fund was put into the road fund for 2018
- County Road match was \$172,000
- Some communities require neighborhoods to establish a special assessment for road maintenance
- Question(s) regarding local road millage in the citizen survey this year
- Will never catch up on repair/maintenance work without an increase in the millage
- Need to spend more money maintaining roads rated very good to good (PASER 8-6)

7. Commission Discussion

- Director Perry gave a brief update on the items he had presented at the May 17, 2018 meeting
- The Township Board should meet with MDOT to discuss the repairs needed on Grand River Avenue
- Does the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) have a vision for Grand River Avenue
- CIA has been discussing a uniform lighting plan
- Consumers Energy is responsible for the street lights along Grand River Avenue
- Possible joint meeting with the CIA

8. Commission Comments

- Representatives from CATA, Okemos Public Schools and the Township meet to discuss capacity issues and student ridership on Redi-Ride
- Redi-Ride service hours will be expanded in the Township effective August 27th
- New hours are 7:30AM to 6:30PM
- Fares will increase to \$2.50 regular and \$1.25 discounted for seniors and disabled residents
- Discounted Ride Cards (10 rides for \$6) are available for low income individuals and families from Meridian Cares

9. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is September 27, 2018 in the Central Fire Station Community Room.

Township Board's next meeting is September 4, 2018

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 7:40p.m.