



Charter Township of Meridian  
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)  
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864  
Monday, April 8, 2019 – Minutes

### **Members**

**Present:** Jim Raynak, Susan Fulk, Peter Campbell, Renee Korrey, Jim Spanos and Supervisor Ron Styka

**Members** Scott Weaver, Bill Cawood, and Will Randle

**Absent:**

### **Staff**

**Present:** Community Planning and Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Township Manager Frank Walsh, Finance Director Miriam Mattison, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

### **Others**

**Present:** None

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Fulk called the meeting to order at 7:31am. Member Spanos stated he had questions regarding the Village of Okemos concept plan. Chair Fulk stated she would add that as item b of new business.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RAYNAK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2019

James Hart representing the Masons asked to change the percentage from 15 to 45 percent of the third block under public remarks. The change was noted.

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RAYNAK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

#### 4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff provided a summary update on the March 2019 Financial Report. Report on file.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

- a. Reviewed Consumers Energy 2.2019 bill totaling \$130.27.

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT FOR THE CONSUMERS ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130.27. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RAYNAK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. TIF Policies and Procedures Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee has been working on identifying priorities and those will include private and public infrastructure. They will have two more meetings this month. Once they conclude their recommendations will be brought back to the DDA for a vote and if approved move onto the Township Board.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Business Open House Possibility for Village Presentation Plus Q & A

Kate Synder from Piper and Gold Public Relations is working on communications support for the Village of Okemos. She reported although they have been doing neighborhood presentations, they have not spoken with the business community. She suggested co-hosting a breakfast presentation with the DDA at Playmakers to discuss the project.

**MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO PARTNER WITH PIPER AND GOLD PUBLIC RELATIONS TO REACH OUT TO LOCAL OKEMOS BUSINESSES AND HOST A BREAKFAST PRESENTATION AT PLAYMAKERS IN MAY. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RAYNAK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

- b. Village of Okemos Concept Plan

Member Spanos had questions and the group discussed the preliminary layout of the project including number of floors, units and parking. Discussion centered on making sure the project has adequate parking for the visitors.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Supervisor Styka reported the Board will be hosting a special meeting to discuss road funding and the Okemos camelback bridge.

10. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commissioner Peter Trezise provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

11. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

- A new phone system is being installed
- Working on re-negotiating the Redi-Ride contract
- Closing on the Farmers' Market project with the Mall
- Brianne Randall Gay's independent investigation is complete
- The Township received a 2.3 million dollar grant from the DEQ for the Village of Okemos project
- The Township Board will be discussing "going green" with electronic packets
- The Police Department has implemented a new senior watch program
- In court regarding Haslett Marathon redesign

12. CHAIR REPORT

None.

13. STAFF REPORT

Reviewed the April update of development projects.

14. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

15. PUBLIC REMARKS

Trustee Deschaine reported he has been working on the new DDA and TIFA reporting for the State of Michigan.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. May 6, 2019, 7:30am

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:26 am.