



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, March 12, 2020- Minutes

Members

Present: Jade Sims, Joel Conn, Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Shawn Dunham, Mikhail Murshak, David Ledebuhr, Brenda Chapman, Township Manager Frank Walsh

Members

Absent: Trustee Kathy Ann Sundland, Tom Conway, Kimberly Thompson, and Adam Carlson

Others

Present: Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Planning Commission Chair Ken Lane, and Township Trustee Patricia Herring Jackson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sims called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER DUNHAM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONN. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-February 6, 2020
- b. Financial Report

MOTION BY MEMBER WALSH TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONN. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of New Economic Development Director
Ken Lane introduced himself and spent some time discussing his background including being a Township resident for 15 years and serving as the Economic Development Director for Delta Township. He stated he will be focused on the following five items: business retention, business attraction and development, engaging with organizations that promote business development, promoting the Township and regional collaborations.

8. TOWNSHIP REPORT

- a. Township Board
- Pine Village-senior housing potential development at Haslett Village Square
 - Municipal Building HVAC replacement project
 - Medical Marihuana Ordinance Amendment
 - Zoning amendment for multiple family zoning districts
- b. Township Manager
- Newly formed coronavirus task force
 - Police and Fire contracts
 - Road bids are out for 2020 local road work
 - Menards project will be coming to Planning Commission soon
 - Anna's house has filed their permits for the old Pizza Hut building
 - Senior housing project located near Hannah
 - Discussion about coordinated township signage needed
- c. Planning Commission
Chair Lane provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.
- d. Chair
Chair Sims welcomed Ken Lane to the position of Economic Development Director for the township. She also reached out to Scott Weaver's office regarding the drink carts and there are no new updates on that project.
- e. Staff
No report.

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- a. Meridian Mall
- Shawn reported he will be serving CBL in a new capacity including 2 malls in North Dakota
 - Work is going on in the wing of the old Old Navy space including laser archery
 - Chinese New Year celebration remains postponed
- b. Marketplace on the Green
The footings for the pavilion will be installed today or tomorrow. The new market will be open in July.

c. MABA

The next membership meeting is this Friday, March 13th.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

- April 16, 2020 at 7:30am

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Sims adjourned the meeting at 8:40am.