

# APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)  
MEETING MINUTES OF February 6, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Hackbarth (6:11), Vice-Chair Vagnozzi, Commissioners Deschaine, Lovell, Kolbasa and Potter.

ABSENT: Commissioner Hudson.

STAFF: Andrew McCready, Police Sergeant, Derek Perry, Director of Public Works and Engineering and Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development.

## 1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Potter moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019 as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

## 4. Communications

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

## 5. Public Remarks

Commissioner Potter moved to limit public remarks to three minutes per person.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Potter moved to have Bill Conklin, Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) outline the Jolly Road conversation project prior to public remarks.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- Director Conklin provided the Commission with drawings of the Jolly road/Hulett Road intersection and the Jolly Road/Summergate Drive intersection.

- The project would consist of two segments Hagadorn Road to Kansas Street (west segment): Center left turn lane (CLTL), one through lane in each direction, keep outer westbound lane but remark it for right turns only starting and including at Hulett Road (the outer westbound lane is already marked for right turns only onto north bound Hagadorn Road) with 3 ft. wide paved shoulder/non-motorized lane on the south side.
- Alaiendon Parkway to Dobie Road (east segment): Center left turn lane (CLTL), one through lane in each direction, plus westbound lane right turn lane at Summergate Drive with 5 ft. wide paved shoulders/non-motorized lanes on both sides except where the west bound right turn lane would be at Summergate Drive.

Public Remarks:

Bill McConnell thanked the ICRD and Commission for the opportunity to address the project. He expressed concern with the turn lane where there are driveways. He also thought the share-the-road markings should be ground into the pavement instead of painted on the pavement.

Mike Unsworth spoke in favor of the project. He thought the pathway should be completed to Hagadorn Road.

Tom Wolf stated he was concerned if there would be enough gaps in traffic to make a left turn from Coreopsis onto Jolly Road.

Rick Shafer asked if the conversation to 3 lanes did not work could Jolly Road return to 4 lanes.  
(Sign-In List is on file)

6. A. Recommendation on proposed conversation of Jolly Road from 4 to 3 lanes.

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi moved the Transportation Commission support the ICRD proposed reconfiguration of Jolly Road to add dedicated left and right turn lanes by reducing the number of thru lanes in each direction from Hagadorn Road to Kansas street and conversion of Jolly Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes including a dedicated left turn lane from Alaiendon Parkway to Dobie Road and a west bound right turn lane at Summergate Drive with the understanding when the project has been completed the ICRD will conduct a study of the traffic flow at the Jolly Road and Hulett Road intersection to determine if a left turn signal is needed on southbound Hulett Road and recommend the Township Board approve the reconfiguration of Jolly Road for both east and west segments of the project.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

(Plans and material related to the project are on file.)

6. B. 2020 Road Plan

- Director Perry provided the Commission with a map (on file) showing the 2020 Local Road Paving Program.

- 26.94 miles of local roads will receive some type of work in 2020.
- The roads selected for rehabilitation (resurfacing) had a rating of 3 or less and considered in poor or failed condition.
- A total of 10.24 miles of roads will be resurfaced.
- Another 16.7 miles of roads will receive preventative maintenance (crack sealing).
- These roads are typically in fair to good condition.
- Crack sealing will preserve the condition of the road to slow further deterioration.
- Goal is to have the local road network to a “good” condition over the next 10 years.
- Approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 will be from the Township General Fund for engineering..
- Commissioner Lovell suggested the Commission look into a pedestrian crossing being installed on Central Park Drive for the new Farmers Market.
- Commissioner Potter suggested the Commission schedule a joint meeting with the Corridor Improvement Authority to discuss improvement to Grand River Avenue.

#### 7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Hackbarth moved to nominate commissioner Vagnozzi as Chair and Commissioner Lovell as Vice-Chair.

Seconded by Commissioner Potter.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is March 19, 2020 at the Central Fire Station Community Room. The Township Board's next meeting is February 18, 2020.

#### 9. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.