



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Transportation Commission
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, October 22, 2020– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Chair Vagnozzi, Vice-Chair Lovell, Commissioners Potter and Deschaine

Members

Absent: Commissioners Hudson and Kolbasa

Others

Present: Deputy Manager Derek Perry, Bill McConnell, Andrew McCready and Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Vagnozzi called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LOVELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DESCHAIINE. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-AUGUST 20, 2020

MOTION BY TREASURER DESCHAIINE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER POTTER. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Vagnozzi mentioned the response letter that was received from MDOT. It will be further discussed later in the agenda.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Bill McConnell stated he was listening as a liaison from the Environmental Commission.

6. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

a. 2020 Local Road Program

Deputy Manager Perry reported that this year's 10 miles of rebuilding/resurfacing of roads is complete and on budget. With the exception of the area in Haslett including Shaw,

Potter and Edson. This area has drain work that still needs to be completed. The roads will be completed in the spring. In addition, 16 miles of roads were crack sealed in the Township.

b. 2021 Local Road Program

Deputy Manager Perry stated the 2021 goal will be to work on 12-15 miles of road preservation work in the Township. The entire 2021 local road plan will be revealed at the December 1, 2020 Township Board meeting.

c. Ingham County Road Projects

Deputy Manager Perry indicated that the Township did receive additional paving from the County including Hulett, Van Atta, Lake Lansing, Jolly and Forest. The large County project will be the Okemos Road bridge project and Grand River Avenue in 2022. There will also be drain work at that time. The current drains are undersized and will be replaced with larger diameter drains. In addition, the road at Okemos and Grand River and near Playmakers will be elevated 2 feet to assist in the flooding in these areas.

d. MDOT Grand River Avenue

Deputy Manager Perry reviewed the response letter from MDOT. The Township will continue conversations with MDOT on the addition of three signalized pedestrian walkways. MDOT is not considering bike lanes or streetlighting at this time. There was discussion around the possibility of creating a streetlighting district for the area. On the topic of speed reduction, Deputy Manager Perry suggested that we may want to consider doing our own speed study first. Also, design elements, like crosswalks, for Grand River may impact the speed. There was no commitment from MDOT regarding the traffic signal at Montrose at this time. The Commission discussed it may hold more weight for the Township Board to consider sending a letter to MDOT regarding these issues.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Potter inquired if there was support among Commissioners to consider a joint meeting with the Lansing, East Lansing, and MSU transportation commissions for the purpose of regional connections and collaborations. There was interest for such a meeting.

Commissioner Deschaine discussed the new Andev development in the Hannah area. Along with this development, there are discussions about adding a pedestrian bridge by Dawn Avenue with funding through the Ingham County Pathway Millage.

Commissioner Deschaine introduced the new Township representative to the CATA Board, Robin Lewis. Ms. Lewis was not able to attend until the end of the meeting and introduced herself. She is looking forward to serving the residents of the Township. Commissioner Deschaine will send Ms. Lewis the link of previous Meridian Township Transportation Commission meeting minutes for her to review.

8. NEXT MEETING DATES

- Township Board Meeting November 5, 2020
- Transportation Commission Meeting November 19, 2020

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Vagnozzi adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.