

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12, 2021
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
517-853-4560, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Chairman Hendrickson, Commissioners McConnell, Premoe, Shrewsbury,
Richards, Snyder, Trezise, Cordill
ABSENT: Blumer
STAFF: Director of Community Planning & Development Timothy Schmitt**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Hendrickson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Shereen Tabrizi 3917 Sheldrake Ave. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

John Faichney 3917 Sheldrake Ave. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

Celene Tabrizi resident 3566 Kansas Rd. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

Piotr Lupa 3575 Kansas Rd. spoke in support of SUP #21071.

Mariane Wolfe 2668 Coreopsis Dr. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Richards moved to approve the agenda.
Seconded by Commissioner McConnell.**

Chairman Hendrickson mentioned agenda item 5C communication from Lynne Page was not regarding SUP #21071, and instead Village of Okemos project.

Commissioner Richards accepted the friendly amendment.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Commissioner Trezise moved to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2021.
Seconded by Commissioner McConnell.**

Commissioner McConnell mentioned in item 4A the friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Premoe, not Chairman Hendrickson and on item 7A previous to making the motion to adopt Rezoning #21030 Chairman Hendrickson handed off the gavel to Commissioner Richards to make the motion. Also that his name is spelled with two "L"s not one.

Commissioner Trezise accepted the friendly amendments.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Brent Felton RE: SUP #21071

B. John Faichney RE: SUP #21071

C. Lynne Page RE: MUPUD #21-19024-2 & SUP #21-19051-2

D. Nancy Bennett RE: SUP #21071

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Use Permit #21071 (Sparrow), construct a building greater than 25,000 square feet in size on the north side of Jolly Road, east of Kansas Street.

Chairman Hendrickson opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Director of Community Planning & Development Timothy Schmitt outlined SUP #21071.

The Applicant Stacy Bakkegard explained Sparrow's position.

Public Comments:

Shereen Tabrizi 3917 Sheldrake Ave. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

John Faichney 3917 Sheldrake Ave. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

Piotr Lupa resident of 3575 Kansas St. spoke in support of SUP #21071.

Mariane Wolfe 2668 Coreopsis Dr. spoke in opposition of SUP #21071.

Planning Commission Discussion:

The Planning Commission discussed a number of topics with Thomas Bres, Senior Vice President of Sparrow, and Staci Bakkegard, Director of Facility Development for Sparrow. The topics included:

- Discharge protocols from the new facility
- Siren protocols for ambulances coming and leaving the new facility
- Potential for a CATA transit stop and the status of any conversations with CATA

- Explanation of types of cases that would be at the standalone emergency room/level of trauma center the facility would be
- Possibility of lighting limitations on the north and west portions of the property
- Height of proposed screenwalls and the potential for the inclusion of soundwalls
- Revisions needed to the elevations for the building
- Sparrow's plans for the property if the Special Use Permit for the size of the building was rejected
- How much parking will be on site v. how much parking is needed
- Information about Meridian Township ambulance service and how this facility will impact that service
- Potential for the removal of the Kansas Road access point.

A straw poll indicated the Planning Commission is split on approving the SUP as presented. Mr. Bres indicated that Sparrow would follow up on all of the questions and have a clinical expert from Staff at the next building meeting, in order to answer some of the technical questions.

Chairman Hendrickson closed the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

8. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

9. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board update.

Director Schmitt stated the Rezoning for Martin Investment Properties has been approved. The Rezoning for Powell and Grand River is on hold per the applicant. Rezoning on Jo Don Dr. will go forward on the second meeting of July, rezoning at 1999 Saginaw will go on the second meeting of July, and the MUPUD updates will go forward on the second meeting of July as well.

B. Liaison reports.

- Commissioner Cordill Reported the Corridor Improvement Authority only meets every other month.

10. PROJECT UPDATES

A. New Applications

1. Rezoning 21060 – 2260 Jolly Oak: Request from Becky Beauchine Kulka to rezone property at 2260 Jolly Oak from PO, Professional and Office, to C-2, Commercial.

B. Site Plans Received

1. Site Plan Review #21-06 (Sparrow), new medical office building/freestanding ER building at Jolly Road and Kansas Street

C. Site Plans Approved
NONE

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

Piotr Lupa spoke in support of SUP #21071.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Cordill Moved to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Snyder.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Hendrickson adjourned the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted,
Zachary Lemaster