

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

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**October 10, 2022
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners McConnell, Shrewsbury, Snyder, Premoe

ABSENT: Commissioners Cordill, Richards

STAFF: Director of Community Planning & Development Timothy Schmitt, Senior Planner Brian Shorkey, Communications Manager Samantha Diehl

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Blumer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Blumer called the roll of the Planning Commission, all are present except Commissioners Richards and Cordill.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

Chair Blumer opened public remarks at 7:01 pm.

NONE

Chair Blumer closed public remarks at 7:01 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chair Trezise moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Snyder.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Trezise moved to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Planning Commission Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell.

Commissioner McConnell noted Commissioner Cordill was titled vice-chair in item 4. He also noted under item 8.A the word "moved" was missing from the written motion after his name.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. MUPUD Minor Amendment #22-19024 – Lynn Page

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Text Amendment #2022-15 – Day Care Definitions Update

Director Schmitt outlined Text Amendment #2022-15 - Day Care Definitions Update for Public Hearing.

Chair Blumer opened the Public Hearing at 7:03

No public commented during the hearing.

Chair Blumer closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

8. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- A. 2021 Survey Results

Director Schmitt gave an update on the Master Plan and provided the results of a citizen survey that was held in 2021 for the Planning Commission to discuss.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Planning Commission – By-Law Update

Director Schmitt outlined Planning Commission By-Law Updates.

Commissioner Snyder noted several numbering changes that should be made.

Chair Blumer noted section 5.1 should include language stating work sessions should also comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Shrewsbury noted section 5.1 should not include language about the Freedom of Information Act as it deals with meetings and not records.

Commissioner Premoe moved to approve the 2022 amended Planning Commission bylaws. Seconded by Vice-Chair Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Chair Blumer, Commissioners McConnell, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Shrewsbury, Snyder, Premoe

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6-0

10. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Recreational Marijuana – Discussion

Director Schmitt outlined the implementation of Recreational Marijuana in the township for discussion.

Chair Blumer asked if there is a reason to create a new overlay map specific to recreational marijuana when an overlay already exists for medical.

Director Schmitt replied that staff does not see a reason for a new map or ordinance to be created at this time, as we can work off of the existing medical marijuana ordinance.

Vice-Chair Trezise noted he would like to see the current overlay map and uses permitted in the overlay.

11. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board update

Director Schmitt reported the Township Board has approved the Brownfield and Commercial Rehabilitation Act request for the Haslett Village Square project. He also noted the 2023 budget has been approved.

B. Liaison reports

Chair Blumer

- The Downtown Development Authority has not had a quorum for the last two meetings

Commissioner Snyder

- Attended September 22nd Transportation Commission meeting where a focus was on the intersection of Lake Lansing Rd. and Towar Rd.
- The Transportation Commission also submitted an application to be approved as a bicycle friendly community.
- The Trail from MSU to Lansing is expected to be secured in October with construction to begin next year

12. PROJECT UPDATES

The Planning Commission discussed and Director Schmitt discussed project updates on the DTN project, Trader Joe's, Consumer's Credit Union, the carwash that replaced Paul Revere's Tavern on Grand River.

A. New Applications

NONE

B. Site Plans Received

NONE

C. Site Plans Approved

NONE

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Chair Blumer opened Public Remarks at 7:45 PM.

NONE

Chair Blumer closed Public Remarks at 7:46 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blumer moved to Adjourn.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Blumer adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 pm.