

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION 2023
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
MONDAY, August 28th, 2023, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners McConnell, McCurtis, Richards, Scales, Snyder

ABSENT: Commissioner Richards

STAFF: Senior Planner Brian Shorkey

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chair Blumer called the August 28th, 2023 regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL
Chair Blumer called the roll of the Board. All board members present except for Commissioner Richards.
- 3. PUBLIC REMARKS
NONE
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Shrewsbury moved to approve the August 28th, 2023 regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Scales.

VOICE VOTE YEAS: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Brooks, McConnell, McCurtis, Scales, Shrewsbury, Snyder

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 8-0

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The August 14th, 2023 Minutes will be provided in the following meeting packet.
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS
NONE
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE

9. OTHER BUSINESS
NONE

10. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

A. Draft Master Plan Discussion
NONE

B. Authorization to Distribute Master Plan

Commissioner Scales moved to authorize distribution of the draft Master Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Seconded by Vice-Chair Trezise.

Commissioner McConnell moved to recommend distribution with a change in verbiage of the Master Plan Goal “Preserve and Strengthen Residential Neighborhoods” subsection “Preserve the Character” to “Preserve and Strengthen Residential Neighborhoods” subsection “Enhancing the Character”. There was no second, motion died.

Commissioner McConnell noted potential confusion in the section “Preserve and Strengthen Residential Neighborhoods” section ‘Preserve the Character’. Commissioner Snyder suggested replacing ‘preserve’ with ‘enhance’. The Planning Commission agreed by consensus.

Commissioner Snyder inquired on the first paragraph of the “Maintain Outstanding Public Services” section, specifically noting the verbiage “work with Haslett and Okemos Public Schools”. She suggested changing ‘work with’ to ‘collaborate with’. The Planning Commission agreed by consensus.

Commissioner Shrewsbury requested for a list of definitions to be added to the Draft Master Plan, and Commissioner Snyder requested that more hyperlinks to be added to the Draft Master Plan.

Senior Planner Shorkey stated that both would be worked on during comment period and added to the final draft.

Commissioner Brooks inquired information of the objective to reach Bicycle Friendly Bronze Status. Commissioner McConnell suggested mentioning that the Bike Friendly Program comes from the League of American Bicyclists.

Commissioner McCurtis inquired on neighborhood lighting.

Senior Planner Shorkey noted that Staff could look at more language to strengthen neighborhood lighting specifically during the comment period and add it to the final draft.

Commissioner McConnell pointed out the updated language on the USBs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEAS: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Brooks, McConnell, McCurtis, Scales, Shrewsbury, Snyder

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 8-0

11. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update
NONE

B. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Brooks noted that the Corridor Improvement Authority reviewed a draft of the proposed Tift plan.

Vice-Chair Trezise spoke on the Zoning Board of Appeals and their recent set-back waiver at Knob Hill Apartments.

12. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Project Report

Senior Planner Shorkey presented the current project reports.

Commissioner Scales asked Senior Planner Shorkey to explain the current status of the specialty grocer location, to which Senior Planner Shorkey gave an update.

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

A. NONE

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder spoke on the Meridian Pride event, including the Meridian Pride 5k.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scales moved to adjourn the August 28th, 2023 regular Planning Commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Shrewsbury.

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Brooks, McConnell, McCurtis, Scales, Shrewsbury, Snyder

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 8-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.