

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
MONDAY, January 8th, 2024, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Snyder, Brooks, McConnell, Shrewsbury, Scales (arrived 6:35)

ABSENT: Commissioners McCurtis

STAFF: Senior Planner Brian Shorkey

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chair Blumer called the January 8, 2024 regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL
Chair Blumer called the roll of the Board. Commissioner Scales and Commissioner McCurtis absent, all other board members present.
- 3. PUBLIC REMARKS
Robert Schroeder spoke about the golf driving range on Grand River Avenue and asked the Planning Commission to show it as Commercial in the Master Plan update. Mr. Schroeder spoke about the potential future development of the property

Commissioner Scales arrived at 6:35 PM.

Vice-Chair Trezise addressed Mr. Schroeder and said that the Planning Commission had already recommended changing the future land use map in the Master Plan to reflect Mr. Schroeder's request. Senior Planner Shorkey said that he would talk to Mr. Shroeder more after the meeting.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the January 8, 2024 regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Vice-Chair Trezise moved to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Planning Commission Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. REZ #23036 – 5681 Shaw Street, PO, Professional and Office, to RC, Multiple-Family Residential

Senior Planner Shorkey outlined his memo and described the application for the rezoning. Senior Planner Shorkey pointed out the resolution of support in the packet.

Vice-Chair Trezise moved to approve the resolution to recommend approval of REZ #23036 to rezone the subject property from PO, Professional Office to RC, Multiple-Family Residential. Seconded by Commissioner Scales.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report

Senior Planner Shorkey explained the report and suggested that the Planning Commission vote to accept the report.

Vice-Chair Trezise moved to accept the 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report. Seconded by Commissioner Scales.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 7-0

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update

Senior Planner Shorkey said that the Board was having a special meeting on January 9, 2024 to interview candidates to fill the vacant Board seat.

B. Liaison Reports

Chair Blumer said that he was supposed to have a DDA meeting that morning, but they did not have a quorum.

11. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Project Report

Senior Planner Shorkey said that there was no change to the last project report and that an updated report would be in the next packet.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McConnell said that he appreciated the level of detail in the annual report and that the Planning Commission should start discussing what they wanted to accomplish in the new year. Senior Planner Shorkey said that discussion was going to be on the next Planning Commission agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blumer asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Commissioner Scales moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.