



Charter Township of Meridian  
Meridian Economic Development Corporation  
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Thursday, May 2, 2024– Minutes -DRAFT

**Members**

**Present:** Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Chair Kim Thompson, Shawn Dunham, Nate Ide, Dave Ledebuhr, Adam Carlson and Trustee Kathy Sundland

**Members**

**Absent:** None

**Others**

**Present:** Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order and read the mission statement at 7:30 am.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION-Nate Ide

The EDC welcomed and introduced themselves to Nate Ide.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER DUNHAM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-Meeting March 7, 2024
- b. Monthly Financials-February & March 2024
- c. Development Projects

**MOTION BY MEMBER CARLSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUNHAM. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. EDC Secretary Election

Chair Thompson shared that the former Township Manager served as Secretary and with his departure a new Secretary needs to be named to the EDC. Dave Ledebuhr volunteered to serve as Secretary.

**MOTION BY MEMBER CARLSON TO APPROVE DAVE LEDEBUHR AS EDC BOARD SECRETARY FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FROM NOW UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EDC BODY IN WHICH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN 2025. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

b. Authorized Signers EDC Independent Bank Account

Chair Thompson stated that the former Township Manager will need to be removed and the Interim Township Manager Tim Schmitt added, as well as, the new EDC Secretary Dave Ledebuhr.

**MOTION BY CHAIR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND INTERIM MANAGER TIMOTHY SCHMITT AS AUTHORIZED SIGNERS TO SIGN CHECKS AND MAKE DEPOSITS TO THE EDC INDEPENDENT BANK ACCOUNT. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUNHAM. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

c. Juneteenth Over Lake Lansing Contribution

Director Clark shared that this year's event will take place on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-7:00pm at Lake Lansing Park. She requested \$2,000 to support the event's sound equipment.

**MOTION BY MEMBER DUNHAM TO APPROVE THE 2024 CONTRIBUTION TO THE JUNETEENTH OVER LAKE LANSING EVENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CARLSON. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

10. TOWNSHIP REPORTS

a. Township Board

Trustee Sundland reported the following:

- Trader Joe's will be opening in mid-June
- Working on the Township Survey
- Community/Senior Center presentation at the next Board meeting
- A three story storage unit project on Grand River Avenue was approved by the Planning Commission and denied by the Township Board

- b. Township Manager  
None.
- c. Planning Commission  
None.
- d. Chair  
Chair Thompson thanked new member Nate Ide for joining.
- e. Staff  
Director Clark reported the following items:
  - Stillwater lease was not renewed. There is potential for a new operator.
  - Reviewing liquor license ordinances
  - A trailer is coming to Trader Joe's to begin interviews for staff
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm will be the American House Meridian ribbon cutting
  - Village of Okemos Concept Plan will be on the next Township Board agenda for comment
  - FAQ's and the new Concept Plan for the Village of Okemos Project are on the website

11. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- a. Meridian Mall  
Member Dunham reported the following updates:
  - Planet Fitness is expanding into the adjacent space
  - Schuler's Books is moving/expanding to the old Bed, Bath & Beyond space
  - Two new additions to the Food Court
  - The Carnival -May 3-12
  - Mother's Day Craft Show- May 11
  - Peach Truck- June 29
  - Meridian Motorfest-September 1
- b. MABA  
Director Clark mentioned the next meeting will be next Friday. The Golf Outing will be the second Friday in June. MABA membership promotion-if you recruit three members, your membership fee is free.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

- June 6, 2024 at 7:30am at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:09am.