

Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Monday,
September 11, 2017 – Minutes

Members

Present: Bill Cawood, Susan Fulk, Jim Spanos, Jim Raynak, Scott Weaver, Renee Korrey

Members

Absent: Supervisor Ron Styka, Sherry Fisher

Staff

Present: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Senior Planner Peter Menser, Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, Community Planning and Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Interim Economic Development Director Chris Buck

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Raynak called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2017

MOTION BY MEMBER FULK TO APPROVE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER KORREY. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

5. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FULK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. August 2017 Financial Report

Staff provided a summary update on the August 2017 Financial Report. Report on file.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Developers are showing interest in the Downtown Okemos area. Staff have been in communication with them on a regular basis. The Township is doing several things to attract developers to the core commercial areas. These include the following: developed a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, establishing a Redevelopment Fund to aid developers who invest in the core commercial areas of the Township with reimbursement from the \$570,000 sale of the MARC property, and hiring a full time Economic Development Director.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Daylilies along Okemos Road/Hamilton Road

Discussion supported the need to mow the daylilies and the consensus was it was not worth the time it would take to maintain them. Recognition was given to Independent Bank for the improvements they have made with their property.

9. STAFF REPORT

a. Development Project Update

Staff shared a new format to the development funnel to include a variety of phases Township development projects are in. Staff reported the Township will be hosting a Shaping the Avenue Open House on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5-7pm. This will allow the community a chance to provide feedback on plans.

10. CHAIR'S REPORT

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:07am.

Jim Raynak, Chairperson