

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room  
December 7, 2016 - APPROVED**

**WORK SESSION**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill McConnell, Vice-Chair Lise Schools, Ned Jackson, John Sarver, Susan Masten, Jim Kielbaso, Ben Holland

**ABSENT:** Donald Dickmann

**STAFF:** Senior Planner Peter Menser

**OTHERS:** Planning Commission Chair John Scott-Craig

**1. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA**

Approved by consent without objection.

**3. WORK ITEMS**

A. Recommendations on draft Master Plan

Chair McConnell presented a map showing Meridian Township showing vulnerable open space in Meridian Township and explained his memo regarding recommendations to the Master Plan. Planning Commission Chairperson John Scott-Craig updated the Environmental Commission on the status of the Master Plan update, stating that the Planning Commission intends to approve the draft plan and send it off to the Township Board for review for the end of 2016. Environmental Commission discussion included the following:

- Potential impacts to private property owners if parcel labeled as open space
- Definition and status of areas identified as PICA's on Master Plan
- Difficulty of changing land use categories in the Future Land Use Map

The Environmental Commission decided informally to add the discussion of the Master Plan recommendation drafted by Chair McConnell to the regular meeting agenda for a potential vote to transmit it to the Planning Commission for consideration.

**4. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 6:57 p.m.