

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

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Chair McConnell, Vice-Chair Schools, Commissioners Dickmann, Jackson, Sarver, Holland, Kielbaso and Masten

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Associate Planner; Township Environmental Consultant Elise Tripp

OTHERS: Judy Linn, Planning Commission Chair John Scott-Craig

1. CALL WORK SESSION 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. A. GREENSPACE PLAN UPDATE

Copies of draft maps were shared and reviewed by the Commission. Maps included inventories of various types of open spaces throughout the Township.

B. WETLAND USE PERMIT/MITIGATION DATA

The Commission heard from the Township Environmental Consultant regarding her work in verifying and delineating wetlands, developing wetland use permit review letters and also in inspecting ongoing mitigation projects throughout the Township. The process for each type of review was briefly presented and Ms. Tripp took questions about success of past and current mitigation projects.

C. 2016 TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Chair McConnell presented the Commission with key elements of 2016 Draft Master Plan as they pertain to the Environmental Commission. A discussion was had about needed changes to the 2004 Greenspace Plan section of the Draft. A resolution listing changes to the text in the Plan was drafted and approved. It will be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chair John Scott Craig commended the Commission on its work.

D. OTHER

The Commission expressed interest in creating a resolution to support increased public outreach regarding Safe Drinking Water. A draft resolution will be shared with the Commission for their comments at a future meeting.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 8:50 p.m.