

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
April 1, 2015 - Approved**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair McConnell and Commissioners Searl, Jackson, Schools, Scherbarth, Sarver, and Kielbaso

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, CBSP Associate Planner

OTHERS: Environmental Stewardship Award Recipients, Steve Witte, and Dan Bovenhof

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Jackson. Approved 7-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Awards were presented to:

- *Leonard Provencher*
- *Susan Masten*
- *Julie Brixie*
- *Dianne Holman and Kris Berglund*

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Spring Recycling Event on April 25th
- The 2015 Ride of Silence is on Wednesday, May 20th
- Michigan Energy Fair is June 26th and 27th in Mason

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Wetland Use Permit #15-01 (BBI Holdings)

Associate Planner Brown summarized the case and the applicant's engineer answered questions and addressed issues raised by the Commission.

- **MOTION** by Commission Kielbaso to recommend approval of the wetland use permit to the Planning Commission. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0.

b. Resolution of support for the 2015 Ride of Silence

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to approve the resolution. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0. See attached resolution.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

a. **Land Preservation:** No meeting, but they did walk an existing site to review the deer impacts from this past winter.

b. **Energy Team:** Met on March 20th. Delta Dental is not interested in a community solar location. The team will be speaking with Okemos Schools on the matter. They are also interested in establishing a Sustainability Coordinator position at the Township.

c. **Street Tree Replacement:** No report other than they are working on scheduling a second meeting with the Planning Director.

d. **Parks:** Applying for three grants – Riverfront Park/Harris Nature Center, North Meridian Road Park, and Hillbrook Park. Working with Ingham County on utilizing trail millage funds for projects in Meridian Township. Okemos Road Pathway Bridge next to Wonch Park being installed soon.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.