

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
May 6, 2015 - Approved**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair McConnell and Commissioners Searl, Jackson, Schools, Scherbarth, Sarver, and Kielbaso (left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS: John Scott-Craig, Teri Banas, Susan Masten, and Students from Professor Masten's class

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:06 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

Planning Commission Chair John Scott-Craig handed out a invitation to the Environmental Commission for the May 21st master Plan Visioning Session.

5. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATIONS BY STUDENTS FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S CE 495 SENIOR DESIGN IN CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Detailed presentations were made by William Seeger on the Nemoka Drain; by Anna Story on Haslett Village Square; and by Matt Wilson and Linsy Peterson on Haslett Village Square. Questions and answers after the presentations.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- May is National Bike Month
- May 6th is National Bike/Walk to School Day
- May 11th-15th is National Bike to Work Week
- May 15th is National Bike to Work Day
- The 2015 Ride of Silence is May 20th
- Commissioner Schools presentation has been moved to June 3rd

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- Land Preservation:** Commissioner Jackson substituted giving the report for Commissioner Kielbaso. The Advisory Board will be meeting next week on the Northwest Preserve site next week.
- Energy Team:** Commissioner Sarver noted Consumers Energy's community solar program is scheduled to be approved by the state on May 14th.
- Street Tree Replacement:** Commissioner Scherbarth noted they will be meeting with the Planning Director on May 18th.
- Parks:** Commissioner Searl summarized what took place at the April 28th Park Commission meeting.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Sarver. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.