

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
September 2, 2015 - Draft**

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Chair McConnell

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

OTHERS: John Scott-Craig

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JULY 1, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Approved by consent without objection.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION BY COMMISSIONER LISE SCHOOLS ON "USING INTERPRETATION AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL"

- "Every place has a story."
- Self-guided activities and special events are growing in popularity compared to pre-set hikes or guided tours.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report other than Vice-Chair Jackson noted he was filling in for Chair McConnell.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Updated the status of the 2015 ITC Tree Grant
- Fall Recycling Event on October 3rd

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Scherbarth (see attached)
- **RESOLUTION** made by Commissioner Kielbaso and **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Schools. Approved 5-0.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. **Land Preservation:** Commissioner Kielbaso noted the Board is in negotiation stage on a property and gave a general status report of on-going activities/site visits.
- b. **Energy Team:** Commissioner Sarver summarized Energy Committee activities, noted Consumers Energy has been unable to identify any prospective community solar sites in the Township, and noted the 2015 Lansing Solar Tour takes place on Saturday, October 3rd.
- c. **Parks:** No report at this time.
- d. **Natural Features:** Commissioner Schools noted possible interest in fulfilling this role once the project scope is better defined.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Sarver to adjourn. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 5-0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.