CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES Meridian Municipal Building December 4, 2013 - APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson, Vice-Chair Thomas, and Commissioners Moran, Scherbarth, and

Searl, and Student Commissioner Stanley

ABSENT: Commissioner Kielbaso and Student Commissioners Martell

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. <u>APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA</u>

 MOTION by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Thomas. Approved 5-0.

3. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2013 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</u>

 MOTION by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 5-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report

6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT</u>

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- There will be a joint meeting with all the boards and commissions on January 7, 2014
- Environmental Stewardship Award nominations are being accepted until March 1, 2014
- The Township received a \$5,000 grant from ITC Corporation for park, landscaping, and trail work.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to approve the 2014 meeting schedule
 - MOTION by Commissioner Thomas, supported by Commissioner Scherbarth.
 Approved 5-0.
- b. 2013 accomplishments
 - See the list from the 12/4/13 Work Session minutes.
- c. Goals for 2014
 - More effective staying in touch with recycling efforts.
 - Establish a liaison with the Planning Commission.
 - Interrelationship between humans and wildlife.
 - Railroad noise/quiet zones
 - Better signage and markings for bicycle pathways/routes
 - Outdoor lighting
 - Dumping yard waste into wetlands.

Chair Jackson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

8. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

No reports

9. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

• **MOTION** by Commissioner Searl to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.