

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
January 16, 2013 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson; Vice-Chair Thomas; Commissioners Donahue, Moran, Kielbaso, and Searl; and Student Commissioners Stanley and Martell.

ABSENT: Commissioner Scherbarth

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Gilbert White and Township Clerk Brett Dreyfus

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Approved 6-0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Donahue to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Thomas. Approved 6-0.

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION ON "PLACEMAKING" BY GILBERT WHITE

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Township Clerk Dreyfus spoke to the Commission as a member of the public on how he would like them to provide input on a greater variety of issues.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jackson noted the January 4, 2013 joint meeting of boards and commissions and corrected previous information on solar panels at the East Lansing Food Coop.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Community Partners in Health Winter Warm-up
- Status of Wetland Use Permit #12-06 (Ingham County)
- Guest speaker for May – John Sarver

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Donahue to re-elect the current Chair (Ned Jackson) and Vice Chair (Mike Thomas). Supported by Commissioner Moran. No other nominations made. Approved 6-0.

9. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO LAND PRESERVATION

Chair Jackson indicated he would like to reappoint Commissioner Kielbaso to the Land Preservation Advisory Board. Approved 6-0.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Resolution of appreciation:

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to approve the resolution of appreciation for Mira Bagdasarian. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

b. Commissioner Thomas noted that Mr. Dana Kirk from MSU will be able to speak at the March 6, 2013 meeting about the school's anaerobic digester.

c. Discussion amongst the commissioners about the draft letter to Director Severy. After additions and corrections the letter was read to the entire Commission.

d. Letter on the new fire station:

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to approve sending the letter. Supported by Commissioner Thomas. Approved 6-0.

11. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Kielbaso briefly summarized what took place at the most recent Land Preservation Advisory Board meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.