

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Kielbaso and Student Commissioners Martell and Stanley.

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Amy Moore – Ingham County Health Department

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION BY AMY MOORE OF INGHAM COUNTY ON TOBACCO-FREE PARKS

Presentation on those communities and counties that prohibit smoking in parks and the social, economic, and health benefits derived from such a ban. Studies in other communities have found that park personnel spend upwards of 90 minutes per day on average cleaning up smoking-related items from parks. Local participants include Delhi Township, Ingham county, all schools, and Lansing Township.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jackson had no report other than to note the need for a discussion on the values of environmental protection.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Update on Green Theme speakers for this fall
- Recycling event is coming up on October 5th
- Resignation by Commissioner Donahue
- Cornell Road work will be starting very soon

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Donahue.

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to approve the resolution of appreciation for commissioner Donahue. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Scherbarth. Motion approved 5-0.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commissioner Moran summarized the Park Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Thomas summarized the status of the Red Cedar Glen corrective measures.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Searl. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.