CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES Meridian Municipal Building February 15, 2012 - APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Thomas, and Commissioners Donahue, Kielbaso,

Scherbarth, and Bagdasarian.

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: David Mindell of PlantWise, LLC

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 Scherbarth. Approved 6-0.

3. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2012, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</u>

Motion by Commissioner Bagdasarian to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Approved 6-0.

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION BY DAVID MINDELL OF PLANTWISE, LLC ON "PRESCRIBED BURNS"

Mr. Mindell discussed plans for a burn this spring in Lake Lansing Park North, including the burn plan, permitting, neighbor relations, smoke management, site preparation, proper conditions, and post burn clean up.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jackson had no report.

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

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Last call for Environmental Stewardship Award nominations
- Summarized upcoming guest speakers
- Noted an upcoming presentation entitled "Beyond Sustainability"

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7. APPOINTMENT OF LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Chair Jackson reappointed Commissioner Kielbaso to the Land Preservation Advisory Board for 2012.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Bagdasarian Noted the recent Park Commission meeting had discussion on Wonch Park and prescribed burns.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

12. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Commissioner Bagdasarian to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.