

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners McConnell, Schools, Scherbarth, Donahue, and Bagdasarian.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kielbaso

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: One student

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 6-0.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2010 work session and regular meeting as submitted; supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 6-0.

4. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Chair Jackson welcomes and introduced the new members to the commission. Commissioner Bagdasarian summarized her interest and noted she looked forward to working with the other members.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jackson attended the February 2, 2010 Township Board meeting and presented the commission's goals and objectives for 2010. The commission would like to accept an invitation from the Board to meet on priorities.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown noted the bicycle parking ordinance had been adopted and will go into effect soon; upcoming events include Greening Mid-Michigan and Community Garden both on February 18th; Quiet Waters Symposium on March 6th; and the Michigan Bike Summit on March 27th. Only two environmental stewardship nominations have been

received thus far. The guest speaker scheduled for the April meeting will be speaking at the March meeting instead.

7. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010**

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to nominate the current Chair (Jackson) and Vice-Chair (McConnell) for another term. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. No other nominations received. Approved 6-0.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Study Groups/Liaisons:

Commissioner Donahue summarized the efforts of the Recycling Committee, including teaming with MSU Bikes to recycle bicycles; metals/appliance recycling; pharmaceutical recycling; and an upcoming Earth Day event at Meridian Mall.

Commissioner McConnell summarized the on-going study by the GEO 821 practicum project graduate students from Michigan State University.

Commissioner Scherbarth reminded the commissioners and staff that they are welcome to prepare and present PSAs during the meeting.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Comments on the draft Lawn Fertilizer Ordinance

General discussion by the commissioners, with questions directed to staff on topics including timetable for responses; rain gardens and first flush basins; relationship between a storm sewer and an open drain; notification and education of residents and businesses; enforcement; other phosphorus products such as detergents; list of soil test consultants; and providing future comments.

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth for each commissioner to send their comments to staff by March 1st, who will compile a master list to send to the commissioners prior to the next meeting. If any significant issues arise, further discussion will take place at the March 17th meeting. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0.

11. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.