

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 11, 2011  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4560, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

**APPROVED**

PRESENT: Chair Deits, Vice-Chair Jackson, Secretary Beyea, Commissioners, Goldsberry, Cordill, Norkin, and Scales  
ABSENT: Commissioners Goodale and Honicky  
STAFF: Principal Planner Gail Oranchak

**1. Call meeting to order**

Chair Deits called the work session meeting to order at approximately 9:40 P.M.

**2. Approval of agenda**

**Moved by Commissioner ? to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner ?**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 7-0.

**3. Public Remarks**

None

**4. Discussion**

Chair Deits opened the work session for discussion

**A. 2005 Master Plan Update**

- Consideration of Chair Deits' document coordinating the 2005 Master Plan Goals and the Township Board Policy "Ends" (Township Board Policy Ends = "Ends")
- Potential to miss items since they are out of order; make sure nothing has been eliminated
- "Ends" a framework, not the final design
- Three additional topics: sustainability, mobility, natural environment
- Add in changes from the March 10 meeting
- Possibly include "Ends" in Master Plan
- "Ends" vs. Master Plan goals; "Ends" are a mission statement
- Environmental goal first recognizing important in "Ends"
- Keep original goals but filter structurally to align with "Ends"
- Review and revise Master Plan goals then align with "Ends"
- Use "Ends" as prompts
- Separate document to line up Goals and "Ends"
- Possible additions based on "Ends": preserving rural and agriculture lands; complete streets; sustainability
- Work on the red text first, comparison of red and black to determine missed items; then add new and missed items; align with structure of "Ends."
- Revert to first evaluating seven 2005 Master Plan Goal titles; update, eliminate completed and redundant; add new (sustainable, resource preservation)

- Embed key principles of sustainable communities into Goals and Objectives, reduce carbon footprint/minimize global climate change
- Do one goal at a time; keep in mind sustainability
- Work from existing Goals document; review original first
- Staff e-mail existing 2005 Goals and Objectives document, including recent text changes, add line and page numbers
- Planning Commissioner's homework before next meeting: evaluate the 2005 Master Plan Goals and Objectives identify goals, objectives or strategies that are either completed or will never be completed. Make notes throughout for future discussions and decisions.
- Number each Goal, Objective, Strategy as 1, 2, or 3: 1 = Keep, 2 = Not sure/redundant, 3 = Delete.
- Identify new topics to discuss and incorporate at the next work session, e.g. complete streets, urban service boundary, infill development, density and diversity in housing, mature trees
- When satisfied, repackage to look like "Ends"

**5. Public remarks**

**6. Adjournment**

Chair Deits adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Oranchak, AICP  
Principal Planner