

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2011**

**APPROVED**

**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Cordill, Deits, Goldsberry, Goodale, Honicky, Jackson, Norkin, Scales  
ABSENT: Commissioner Beyea  
STAFF: Principal Planner Gail Oranchak

**1. Call meeting to order**

Chair Deits called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of agenda**

**Commissioner Honicky moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cordill.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 8-0.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Scales moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Goodale.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 8-0.

**4. Public Remarks**

Chair Deits opened the floor for public remarks.

Rick Postema, Richard Postema Associates, 1580 44<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Wyoming, availed himself for Planning Commission questions when it considers Special Use Permit #11-06031 (Extendicare).

Chair Deits closed public remarks.

**5. Communications (None)**

**6. Public hearings (None)**

**7. Unfinished Business**

A. Special Use Permit #11-06031 (Extendicare), a request to expand the parking lot for Okemos Health and Rehabilitation Center, 5211 Marsh Road.

**Commissioner Goodale moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #11-06031 (Extendicare Health Services, Inc.) with the following conditions:**

- 1. Approval is based on the submitted application materials and the site plans prepared by Richard Postema Associates, dated February 7, 2011, subject to revisions as required.**
- 2. The applicant shall apply for and receive all necessary variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals.**
- 3. The applicant shall obtain all other necessary and applicable permits, licenses, and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and the Township prior to any**

**construction on the site. All approval documents shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**

- 4. The applicant shall submit for and receive site plan review approval from the Director of Community Planning and Development prior to the commencement of any construction on the subject site. Seconded by Commissioner Honicky.**

Planning Commission and applicant discussion:

- Appreciation to the applicant for the reconfigured parking plan
- Concern there are only four (4) handicap parking spaces for this rehabilitation center
- Accessibility standards with the stated number of parking spaces on site require five (5) handicap parking spaces
- Reminder this is not an outpatient facility; but a rehabilitation center where patients do not have cars on the premises
- Need for handicap parking spaces at the rehabilitation center does not exceed the normal population

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Cordill, Goldsberry, Goodale, Honicky, Jackson, Norkin, Scales, Chair Deits

NAYS: None

Motion carried 8-0.

- B. Zoning Amendment #11010 (Planning Commission), to retain the ability to extend special use permit (Section 86-128) and site plan (Section 86-158) approvals.

**Commissioner Jackson moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby recommends approval of Zoning Amendment #11010 to retain a mechanism for extension of special use permit and site plan review approval periods. Seconded by Commissioner Scales.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Cordill, Goldsberry, Goodale, Honicky, Jackson, Norkin, Scales, Chair Deits

NAYS: None

Motion carried 8-0.

**8. Other Business (None)**

**9. Township Board, Planning Commission officer, committee chair, and staff comment or reports**

**10. New applications**

- A. Zoning Amendment #11020 (Township Board), amendment to Section 86-440 Mixed Use Planned Unit Development
- B. Zoning Amendment #11030 (Township Board), amendment to Section 86-368(b) to allow the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits as a non-agricultural accessory use in residential districts
- C. Special Use Permit #11-88031 (Park Commission), amend the original special use permit for work in the floodplain to construct a fishing dock in the Central Park lake
- D. Wetland Use Permit #11-1 (Park Commission), impacts associated with construction of a dock in the Central Park lake

**11. Site plans received (None)**

**12. Site plans approved** (None)

**13. Public remarks**

Chair Deits opened and closed public remarks.

**14. Adjournment**

Chair Deits adjourned the regular meeting at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra K. Otto  
Recording Secretary