Charter Township of Meridian
Corridor Improvement Authority
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Wednesday, September 30, 2026– Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Peffers, Chris Nugent, Adam Hodges, and Barry Goetz
Members Absent: Chris Rigterink and Supervisor Scott Hendrickson
Others Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Deputy Township Manager Dan Opsommer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

   Chair Peffers called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. MISSION: The Corridor Improvement Authority of the Charter Township of Meridian is dedicated to establishing the Grand River Avenue corridor in Meridian Township as a prime business and recreation destination in the Tri-County region. The Authority is focused on creating programs and projects that invigorate the streetscape and build partnerships among corridor property owners and residents.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER NUGENT. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   a. Minutes-June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

   MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR PEFFERS. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

   Guests Hannah Davies and her mother Kalie Davies introduced themselves and expressed the importance of pedestrian safety. Mitch Wochoski introduced himself as a local MSU student required to attend a local government meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

   a. Grand River Avenue-Campus Hill Crosswalk Discussion

Deputy Manager Opsommer stated the Township has been working with MDOT for 18 months to determine what pedestrian safety enhancements would be permitted at the three refuge islands on Grand River Avenue. He shared a concept drawing that would allow for installation of cobra streetlights poles that would also have mast arms that extend over the thru lanes. There would be two LED light bars fixed to the underside of the mast arms that shine down directly over the crosswalk on each thru lane. MDOT would be responsible for the maintenance costs of this if the Township covers the installation costs. Total initial cost of the project would be $155,000-$175,000 for all three refuge islands. Township staff are currently waiting on MDOT to share their CAD files for these portions of Grand River Avenue so Township staff can use them to expedite the design and bid this project.

Director Clark shared the fund balance of the CIA of $183,724.60. These funds would be available for this project. The CIA will discuss a resolution and financing for this project at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. General Fund Repayment MTT

Director Clark requested the CIA reimburse the Township for $626.54 for the MTT appeal of parcel 33-02-02-20-226-003.

MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO REIMBURSE THE TOWNSHIP $626.54 FOR THE MTT APPEAL OF PARCEL 33-02-02-20-226-003. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR PEFFERS. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

8. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

a. Development Project Updates

Director Clark mentioned 7-Eleven has proposed development at the Clarion Pointe building. Both Tailgaters and Sheetz have submitted their building plans and permits will be issued shortly. The Old Chicago building did receive the final approval from the drain office for Huntington Bank. Coral Gables has sold. She suggested the CIA reach out to Terra Firma and the Coral Gables property owner for involvement in the CIA.

9. MALL DEVELOPMENT

a. Meridian Mall Update

Member Hodges reported the following:

- Getting ready for the holiday season
- Parking lot improvements
- Studio C closing

10. REPORTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION/CIA BOARD

Director Clark reported that the Planning Commission is looking for the CIA perspective on items including the upcoming developments on the Corridor. A suggestion of writing a letter to the Planning Commission

was discussed. The CIA bank account is not receiving interest. Director Clark suggested CDs like the DDA has currently. Member Nugent will investigate options.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Members Goetz mentioned there is a dead deer carcass that needs to be picked up on Grand River Avenue.

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

- October 21, 2026 at 6:00pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Peffers adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.