



AGENDA-AMENDED
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - 6:30 pm

REGULAR MEETING – MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP HALL – 6:30 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. WELCOME TO NEW PARK COMMISSIONER-MARY NARDO FARRIS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS
7. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Park RX Program
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Towner Road Park Parking Lot Use Request
 - B. Acquisition Grant Status-MNRTF
 - C. Projects for 2020 Grant Consideration
 - D. Township Signs and LEAP Grant Applications
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS
 - A. Commissioner Comments
 - B. Events Calendar:
 1. Meridian Skates, Saturday, January 18, 5-6:30 pm, Suburban Ice East Lansing
 2. Meridian Moonlight Sledding, Saturday, January 25, 6-9 pm, North Meridian Road Park
 3. Polar Bear Run, Sunday, January 26, race time 10 am, pre-registration at 9 am, Central Park
 4. Chinese New Year, Sunday, January 26, 1-4 pm, Meridian Mall
 5. Meridian Skates, Sunday, February 2, 5-6:30 pm, Suburban Ice East Lansing
 6. Farmers’ Market:
 - a. Winter Market, 1st and 3rd Saturday, December – April, 10 am – 2 pm, J. C. Penney Corridor, Meridian Mall
12. ADJOURNMENT
13. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 6:30 pm. Meridian Service Center

All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Parks & Recreation Director, LuAnn Maisner: 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48864 or 517.853.4600 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos

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5. MINUTES

- a. December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building
Okemos, MI 48864

DATE: December 10, 2019
PRESENT: Amanda Lick (phone), Michael McDonald, Ami VanAntwerp
EXCUSED: Mark Stephens
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lick moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WRITTEN Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. Seconded by Commissioner Lick

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public

None

B. Commission Information

1. 2020 Township Board Meeting Schedule Resolution

2. Press Releases:

a. Begin Holiday Celebration with Old Fashioned Traditions – Meridian Historical Village Hosts Christmas in Village Event; 11/18/19; 11/25/19; 12/2/19

b. Meridian Township Park Commission Looks to Fill Vacancy – Interested Individuals Encouraged to Apply; 11/25/19; 12/2/19

- c. Meridian Township Winter Farmers' Market Opens December 7th – Stay Warm While Shopping for Home Grown & Homemade Goods
 - d. Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Hosts Holiday Hounds Event – Holiday Themed Dog Party to Take Place at Nancy Moore Park
- C. Staff Inquiries/Response
None

Chair McDonald moved TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE.
Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Marketplace on the Green
Permits are now approved and construction should begin later this month.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Harris Nature Center Grant Projects – Contract Award:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO LJ TRUMBEL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,500 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTROOM PROJECT AT HARRIS NATURE CENTER. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair McDonald moved, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR LJ TRUMBEL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,500 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAVILION PROJECT AT HARRIS NATURE CENTER. Supported by Commissioner Van Antwerp

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 2020 Meeting Calendar:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO APPROVE THE 2020 MEETING CALENDAR RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM WITH NO WORK SESSIONS AND THE MARCH MEETING WAS MOVED TO MARCH 17. WORKS SESSIONS WILL BE CALLED AS NEEDED. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. Review/Recommend Park Commission Applications for Public Service-
After review and consideration of the applications received of residents interested in serving on the Park Commission, the Commission took the following action:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO RECOMMEND MARY NARDO FERRIS TO THE PARK COMMISSION TO COMPLETE THE TERM VACATED BY ANNIKA SCHAETZL THAT EXPIRES AT THE END OF 2020. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Marketplace on the Green Permit Status – will receive permit on Monday with construct to follow soon after.
B. Acquisition Grant Status- MNRTF – Awards will be announced Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Comments
B. Events Calendar:
1. Christmas in the Village, Sunday, December 8, 2-4 pm, Meridian Historical Village
2. Howl at the Moon,, Friday, December 13, 7-8 pm, Harris Nature Center
3. Polar Bear Run, Sunday, January 26, race time 10 am, pre-registration at 9 am, Central Park
4. Farmers' Market:
a. Thanksgiving Market, November 27, 10 am-2 pm
b. Winter Market, 1st and 3rd Saturday, December – April, 10 am – 2 pm, J. C. Penney Coordinator, Meridian Mall

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

- 13. NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, at 6:30 pm.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public

None

B. Commission Information

1. Park Commission Membership List
2. Park Commission Meeting Resolution
3. Harris Nature Center Foundation Membership List
4. Land Preservation Advisory Board Membership List
5. Green Gazette, January 2020
6. Press Releases:
 - a. Celebrate Century Old Traditions with Chinese New Year - "Chinese Spring Festival Hosted in Meridian Township"
 - b. Get Active Start to 2020 with Annual Winter 5K – "Township to Host 13th Annual Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk"
 - c. Look and Listen for Owls at the Harris Nature Center – "Enjoy Learning About Owls Around the Campfire"
 - d. Harris Nature Center hosts Snowshoe Classes – "Embrace Winter with Snowshoeing"
 - e. Harris Nature Center Hosts Chipmunk Story Time – "Chicory Chipmunk Presents 'Pout, Pout Fish'"

C. Staff Inquiries/Response

None



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**Park Commission Meeting Dates
2020 Meeting Schedule**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, in said Township on the 10th day of December 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Amanda Lick, Michael McDonald, Ami Van Antwerp

ABSENT: Mark Stephens

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Lick and supported by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

WHEREAS, the Park Commission desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission deems the 2020 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board's Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board's Global Ends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that the Park Commission adopts its regular 2020 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 14	Town Hall Room	6:30 pm pm televised regular meeting
January 28*	Town Hall Room	Joint Meeting with Township Board at 6 pm
February 11	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
March 17*	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
April 14	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
May 12	Town Hall Room	6:30 pm televised regular meeting
June 9	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
July 14	Town Hall Room	6:30 pm televised regular meeting
August 11	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
September 8	Town Hall Room	6:30 pm televised regular meeting
October 13	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting
November 10	Town Hall Room	6:30 pm televised regular meeting
December 8	Service Center	6:30 pm regular meeting

2. The Park Commission has set a schedule to meet on the second Tuesday of the month; **with the exception of** including the fourth Tuesday for the joint meeting with the Township Board and the March meeting has been moved to the third Tuesday due to the Elections.



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GREEN GAZETTE

January 2020

Tree Planting Ideas Sprouting

Meridian Township wants your help planting trees in 2020! A volunteer "Tree Team" hopes to support a broad range of projects, initially focusing on one or two projects with Haslett and Okemos schools. Several experts and tree enthusiasts have [shared ideas and advice](#). [Learn More!](#)



Green Team @ the Farmers Market

Volunteers from Meridian's Green Team will have an information table at the January 11th Farmers' Market. Stop by and say "hi" and learn about recycling opportunities! The Market can be found in the Meridian Mall (1982 W Grand River Ave, Okemos) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the JC Penney corridor on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays through April.

Community Garden Report

(corrected link)

Follow the link below for a summary of community garden accomplishments in 2019.

[Learn More](#)

The last Green Gazette offered a link to the 2018 Report which was interesting, but old news :-)

Would you like to try community gardening in 2020? Write greenmeridian@meridian.mi.us or contact the Garden Project (517-853-7809) and discover over 100 community gardens in the region!



Fall potluck at Northwind Community Garden.



Winter Composting

I receive a lot of calls about composting, leaves, and yard waste. Recently, an Okemos resident called for help. Her bin was so heavy and full of compost, there was no room to add more material. The finished compost was not falling gracefully out the bottom hatch as the advertisements hint.

I usually find that spring is a better time to harvest compost but, with a milder winter, the pile had not frozen -- it was just so packed in the

bin that it was hard to manage. With a little teamwork, the bin was lifted off, exposing a large quantity of rich compost. We reset the bin a few feet away. A few small sticks (for aeration) and a little bit of unfinished compost (from the top of the older pile) were placed on the bottom. Fresh food scraps and layered with leaves and soil or compost, can now be added all winter long. She also has a big pile of compost for her yard and garden. Share your compost stories and pics with greenmeridian@meridian.mi.us. More on winter composting can be found at...

- www.planetnatural.com/winter-composting
- <https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/tips-for-winter-composting>
- [5 Tips for Winter Composting](#) (short video)

Reused, Renewed, & Recycled!

(Green Gazette: News that keeps on giving :-)

- **Recycling Center Survey**

The Meridian Green Team and others are interested your perceptions and desires related to the Meridian Recycling Center. Please share your thoughts by completing this [brief survey](#).

- **Solar Coaches Offer Insights...**

Members of the Meridian Energy Team have launched a free service to help Meridian Township residents interested in purchasing a solar electric systems. [Learn More](#)

- **Tax Exemptions for Solar**

Legislation signed in November provides tax exemptions for solar projects up to 150 kW. The legislation clarifies that solar panels are not part of a property for the purposes of property tax assessment until the property is sold. [Learn More](#)

[More Energy News Here!](#)



More Than a Rain Garden!

Green infrastructure (GI) achieving buzzword status in the fields of civil engineering, landscape architecture, city planning, and climate resiliency. Professionals in these fields might use this term to describe a rain garden, green roof, or plant-based sewage treatment plant. GI might also describe a forested city park, restored urban stream corridor, or wetland. These all share the connecting thread of water management. [Learn More](#)

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about growing green infrastructure from the Ecological Landscape Alliance.

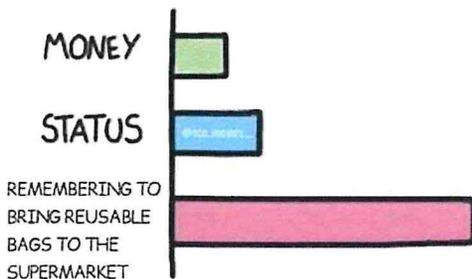
Microplastic Research Underway

Meridian staff recently participated in a focus group to discuss ways to reduce and mitigate microplastic pollution in the Great Lakes region. This research project, lead by Wayne State University, involves the Ingham Conservation District and others. [Learn More](#)

What can we do in our everyday lives to reduce microplastic pollution?

- Avoid using plastic disposables and single-use plastics.
- Use reusable bags, bottles, and containers
- Recycle!
- Clean up: don't leave waste in the environment.
- Be careful about choosing products that contain or produce microplastics
- Avoid synthetic clothings, use a laundry filter, or wash less frequently

WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



Reducing Plastic Waste

After learning more about the environmental impact of our "single-use lifestyle," and the small fraction of single use materials that actually get recycled, residents are searching for alternatives....

"I'm now trying much harder to reduce my plastics consumption... buying eggs in cardboard (which I compost), learning to love wax paper instead of baggies, using microfibre e-cloths instead of buying plastic bottles of cleaners, using steam instead of floor cleaner, and of course, buying bulk and using cloth grocery bags. I would love to hear how others are working to reduce single use plastic consumption!" - Julie Taiber

Please see some more ideas below. Share more ideas at greenmeridian@meridian.mi.us !

9 SIMPLE SWAPS FOR A PLASTIC-FREE HOME



1 shampoo and soap bars in recyclable packaging



2 organic cotton buds with biodegradable card sticks



3 biodegradable bamboo toothbrush



4 refillable water bottle



5 reusable travel coffee cup



6 homemade lunches in a reusable lunchbox



7 loose leaf tea



8 reusable beeswax wraps instead of cling film

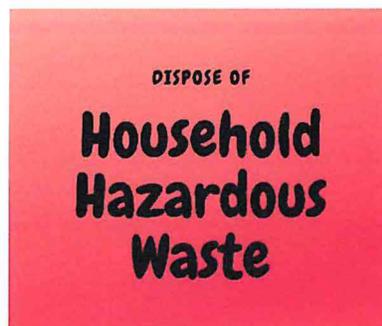


9 metal or bamboo drinking straws

Where Can I Recycle...?



Household Hazardous Waste



Christmas Tree Recycling



Recycling Center Hours

The Center closes 1 hour earlier (Monday-Saturday) from through March 31.

Winter Hours:

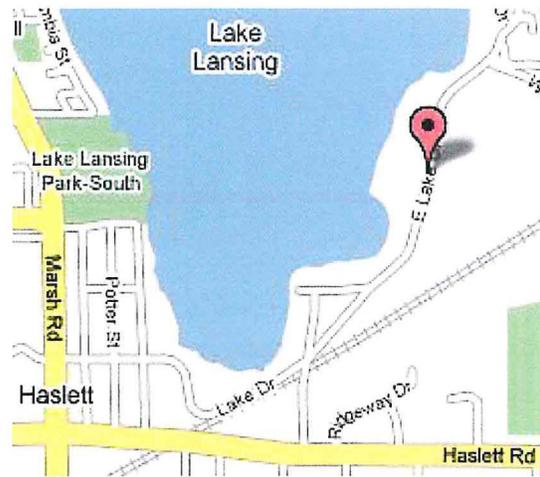
Monday & Friday: 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Tuesday- Thursday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

[More at www.reclaimedbydesign.com](http://www.reclaimedbydesign.com)

Note: The Center will soon accept CLOTHING!



REGIONAL CALENDARS

- Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 517 Living
- City Pulse

COMMON QUESTIONS

Where can I take household hazardous waste?

What does Meridian Recycling Center accept (hours and more)?

What can I put in my recycling bin?
Meridian Township East Lansing Lansing

Where are the recycling centers in my community?

Where can I recycle...?

Subscribe

(One email /month...unsubscribe any time)

Meridian Township
recycle@meridian.mi.us
www.meridian.mi.us

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 6, 2020

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Celebrate Century Old Traditions with Chinese New Year
Chinese Spring Festival Hosted in Meridian Township

Meridian Township, MI – The Greater Lansing Chinese Association and Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting their annual Chinese New Year Festival for an afternoon of culture and family friendly fun.

What: Chinese New Year Festival

When: January 26th, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: Meridian Mall, 1982 W Grand River Ave, Okemos

Who: Open to all ages

Why: The festival is focused on bringing the entire community together in celebration of the Chinese culture. Activities will include a parade, music, dancing, singing, games and more.

Chinese New Year, also called Spring Festival, has more than 4,000 years of history. It is the grandest and most celebrated festival of the Chinese tradition. People born in the Year of the Rat (1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008 and 2020) are known to be very industrious and thrifty, diligent and positive. The Rat is the first in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiacs.

For more information on the Chinese New Year event, contact the Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department at 517.853.4600 or visit the Meridian Township website at meridian.mi.us.

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Get an Active Start to 2020 with Annual Winter 5k
Township to Host 13th Annual Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk

Meridian Township, MI – Join Meridian Township for the 13th Annual Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk. Participants will enjoy a run/walk through scenic Central Park and Nancy Moore Park on a certified race course.

- What:** Polar Bear 5K Run/Walk
- When:** January 26th, 10:00 am
Race day registration begins at 9:00 am
- Where:** Meridian Township Municipal Complex, 5151 Marsh Rd. Okemos, MI
- Who:** Open to all ages, runners and walkers
- Why:** To register go to <http://bit.ly/MeridianRegister>
Pre-registration is \$20. Race day registration is \$25.

Race packet pick-up will be Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Playmakers (2299 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos) or on race day pre-registration at the Meridian Township Municipal Complex. Participants registered by January 10th will receive a race shirt.

Medals will be awarded in 15 divisions for the top three male and female finishers. The event will take place in rain, shine or snow. Free parking and restrooms will be available.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 517.853.4600 or visit the Meridian Township website meridian.mi.us. Those interested in volunteering for this event can directly contact Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Specialist Kayla Scelfo at 517.853.4616 or scelfo@meridian.mi.us.

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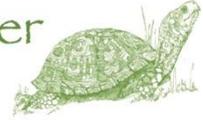


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Harris Nature Center

A Meridian Township Park Millage Facility



Look and Listen for Owls at the Harris Nature Center

Enjoy Learning About Owls Around the Campfire

Meridian Township, MI – This is a busy time of year for owls as they begin their nesting season. Participants will learn more about these majestic birds while enjoying a campfire and a guided walk at the Harris Nature Center (3998 Van Atta Road) in Meridian Township on Saturday, January 25th at 7:00 pm.

“This is a great time of year to look for owls,” said Senior Park Naturalist Kati Adams. “We’ll spend some time around the campfire and then head to the trails to listen for resident owls.”

Adams recommends dressing for the weather as this program takes place outside.

The fee is \$3/ person or \$7/ family and is due at the time of the program. For more information and to sign up, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517.349.3866.

For more information about programs at the Harris Nature Center, contact 517.349.3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us. You can also find out more online at www.meridian.mi.us or follow the Harris Nature Center on social media at www.facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter and www.twitter.com/HarrisNatureCnt.

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Harris Nature Center

A Meridian Township Park Millage Facility



Harris Nature Center hosts Snowshoe Classes

Embrace Winter with Snowshoeing

Meridian Township, MI - Explore winter and experience Michigan's snow covered trails. Learn everything you'll need to know to snowshoe on your own and spend time practicing at the Harris Nature Center (3998 Van Atta Road) on Saturday January 18th or February 1st. The snowshoe classes run from 9:30 am to 11:30 am or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on each of these days.

"These classes include tips on staying warm in the cold, proper equipment and even a little history on snowshoe equipment," said Park Naturalist Allison Goodman. "Participants will spend time on the trails with the instructor after learning the basics in the classroom."

Naturalist Goodman also advises participants to dress appropriately for the weather. The fee is \$15 for one 2-hour session if you bring your own equipment and \$20 if you borrow nature center equipment. Space is limited, so contact 517.349.3866 to register today.

For more information about programs at the Harris Nature Center, contact 517.349.3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us. You can also find out more online at www.meridian.mi.us or follow the Harris Nature Center on social media at www.facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter and www.twitter.com/HarrisNatureCnt.

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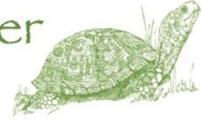


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Harris Nature Center

A Meridian Township Park Millage Facility



Harris Nature Center Hosts Chipmunk Story Time

Chicory Chipmunk Presents "Pout, Pout Fish"

Meridian Township, MI - Story time comes alive as children interact with puppets Chicory Chipmunk and his animal friends at the Harris Nature Center (3998 Van Atta Road) in Meridian Township on Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 am for this month's Chipmunk Story Time, "*Pout, Pout Fish*".

"Children will interact with many animal puppets," said Senior Park Naturalist Kati Adams. "This month, animals in the story books will tell us why it is important to be happy with who we are."

Story time will also include a craft and a short walk.

The fee is \$3/ child/ session and is due at the time of the program. For more information and to sign up, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517.349.3866.

For more information about programs at the Harris Nature Center, contact 517.349.3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us. You can also find out more online at www.meridian.mi.us or follow the Harris Nature Center on social media at www.facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter and www.twitter.com/HarrisNatureCnt.

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The community of Meridian Township is in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol and Michigan State University. The Township serves the community through exceptional services, beneficial amenities and an outstanding quality of life. It is a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles.



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7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT



To: Park Commission
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 10, 2020
Re: January Staff Report

- Pre-Construction Meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 for Marketplace on the Green. Construction will begin on Monday, January 13. The pavilion will be delivered March 1-15 for installation.
- The Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area has been available for public use through an open space easement for over 20 years. Dr. Maureen Sander passed away in 2019 and left the 31.9-acre parcel to Parks to remain in its natural state in perpetuity. The property transfer occurred prior to the end of 2019. A thank you letter will be drafted for Park Commission consideration and sent to her family.
- Chris Buck, Economic Development Director, and I are looking at new Welcome to Meridian Signs and new Park Signs that coordinate/complement each other. We are also completing a grant request to LEAP for their Public Art Grant (due end of Jan). for Marketplace on the Green
- Friday, January 10 was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fitness room at Meridian Senior Center funded by the Rotary Club. Three pieces of equipment.
- New employee starting next Monday – Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator replacing Kelsey Dillon.
- New Recreation Intern starting Tuesday, January 21. Lauren Fletcher CMU-30 weeks.
- In the process of completing contracts for development of the pavilion and rest room project at Harris Nature Center.
- Bids will go out by the end of January for the central Park Projects (Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector and Bridge/restroom projects for 2020 construction.

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8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Park RX Program



To: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director
Park Commission

From: Kayla Scelfo, Parks and Recreation Specialist

Date: January 9, 2020

Re: Park Rx Program

Park Rx America is a non-profit organization whose mission is to decrease the burden of chronic disease, increase health and happiness, and foster environmental stewardship, by virtue of prescribing nature during the routine delivery of healthcare by a diverse group of health care professionals. Below is the process of using Park RX:



Doctor finds parks and prescribes to patient:

- enters patient email address (assuming patient has email address)
- selects prescription type, ie. for stress, obesity, depression, etc.

Submits "prescription" form:

- a single, unique Prescription Code is generated
- Text/Email is sent to patient with links to parks with embedded Prescription Code
- Doctor records Prescription Code in EHR for future reference



Patient clicks on email link sent by doctor for corresponding park:

- if patient has cell phone, GPS can be used to verify location at park
- if patient doesn't have cell phone, activity can be entered later via desktop

Before/after spending time at park:

- before/after visit, patient answers questions on experience via likert responses
- optional, patient can answer long form questions about experience
- depending on prescription type, different questions are asked
- patient agrees to waiver and submits answers, this equates to fulfilling the prescription



When patient submits responses, we record:

- **prescription id** - primary/unique
- **prescription code** - auto-generated when doctor prescribed a park
- **prescription type** - whether prescription is for stress, obesity, depression, etc
- **park id** - identifies park and location info already stored in our db
- **date prescribed** - records when the doctor started the initial prescription
- **date prescription filled** - records when a patient submitted a response

When patient visits the park subsequent times using the same Prescription Code, the previous database record is duplicated and new responses and timestamps are captured.



We can analyze data by:

- tracking the number of visits to parks, when and how often
- analyzing changes in likert responses over time

Making patient data accessible to doctors:

- doctors will be able to perform a Prescription Code lookup during patient follow-ups
- search results will show graphical data on patient progress as well as longform responses
- anonymity is maintained because the only the doctor and the patient know the Prescription Code.

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January 9, 2020
Re: Park RX Program
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Meridian Township parks are currently listed through the database at www.parkrxamerica.org which physicians can access to prescribe parks to patients. There are various promotional resources available on the Park RX America website that can be used to promote the program to physicians in the area. My goal to promote this program to area physicians and community members will be completed by creating a letter and informational brochure using the Park RX America promotional materials provided to give to area physicians to review for a potential partnership of this program. There is no cost to Meridian Township or physicians for this program. As we develop partnerships with local physicians, there could be potential opportunities available to host special events and programs that support these prescriptions.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
PARK Rx AMERICA
and
Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into as of this 16th day of December, 2019, by and between PARK Rx AMERICA, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (hereinafter referred to as "PRA"), having its principal place of business at 1102 Monroe Street NW, Washington, DC 20010, and Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department, a unit of government organized under the laws of Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department (hereinafter referred to as "Agency") and having a principal place of business at 2100 Gaylord C Smith Ct. Haslett MI 48840.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to advance mutual goals of PRA and Agency to document health and wellness benefits of visiting parks and natural areas. Together we seek to collect and maintain information that is consistent, accurate, and reliable for the park sites under the jurisdiction of Agency and to connect collected information with healthcare providers for the purpose of prescribing visits to Agency parks.

Background

The mission of PRA is to enable healthcare providers to prescribe patients visits to parks and other natural areas in real-time in the clinical practice setting.

The mission of Agency is to achieve and maintain a sustainable and welcoming community with the highest quality of life for our residents.

The objectives of PRA and Agency align to promote Agency's outdoor park and recreation assets for the purpose of enabling healthcare providers to prescribe visits to Agency's sites. The purpose of this MOU is to establish an ongoing relationship between Agency and PRA to supply accurate, reliable, and prescribable information on Agency's sites for healthcare providers.

Responsibilities and Resources

PRA will provide information, technical support, and training to facilitate Agency's effort to provide park data suitable for healthcare providers to prescribe visits to specific sites and facilities. PRA will share research on benefits of prescribing park visits and, when available, PRA will provide Agency with information on numbers of prescriptions issued, sites and activities prescribed, and numbers of completed visits. PRA will work with Agency to periodically review data and establish guidelines to highlight Agency sites where patients who receive prescriptions are most likely to experience the therapeutic benefits of being in a natural setting. PRA will allow Agency to use PRA logos, where it is

pertinent, in program marketing and public relations.

Agency will endeavor to provide accurate and reliable information about its park locations and programming in the form specified by PRA. Agency will provide ongoing updates to PRA regarding changes to park locations and programming and provide periodic assurance that the data and information remain reliable. Such assurances of continuing reliability will be provided to PRA upon request at least once each year. Agency will allow PRA to use Agency logos, with Agency approval, where it is pertinent, in program marketing and public relations.

Points of Contact

The Park Rx Point-of-Contact: John Henderson, Executive Director
202-549-8233
john@parkrxamerica.org

The Agency Point-of-Contact: Kayla Scelfo, Recreation Specialist
517-853-4616
scelfo@meridian.mi.us

Duration of Agreement

This MOU will be in effect for three (3) years from the date first mentioned above. Approximately six months before expiration, both parties will discuss expiration or renewal, based on an assessment of its continuing value to both parties. This MOU may be terminated at any time upon written notification by one party to the other.

Disclaimer

All activities conducted by PRA and Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department in furtherance of this MOU will be in accordance with local, state, and federal law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Memorandum of Understanding.

PARK Rx AMERICA

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

By: _____

By: _____

Name: John Henderson

Name: _____

Title: Executive Director

Title: _____

Park Rx America

www.ParkRxAmerica.org

Ask your doctor for a park prescription today!

Obesity costs the U.S. **\$190 billion** each year.

Being obese puts a person at **greater risk for chronic illness**, including coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer, and reproductive problems.

Outdoor activity improves both **mental and physical well-being** more than indoor activity.

Spending time in nature is associated with **better cognitive development** in schoolchildren.

The closer we are to green space, **the less we suffer** from cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, mental health, respiratory, neurological, and digestive diseases.

29 million Americans suffer from diabetes and are at higher risk of heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation.

Coronary heart disease is the **leading cause of death** for both men and women.

Diabetics who spend more time in nature are more physically active and show **better blood sugar control**.

Spending more time in parks translates to being **more physically active**.

Spending time in Nature helps to **decrease high blood pressure**.

15.7 million adults reported having at least **one major depressive episode** in the past year.

Spending time in nature **decreases anxiety and negative thinking** and lowers levels of depression and stress.

LEARN MORE AT ParkRxAmerica.org

This poster was created in collaboration with NEEF, NRPA, Dr. Zarr, and NPS RTCA



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January 14, 2020

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Towner Road Park Parking Lot Use Request
- B. Acquisition Grant Status – MNRTF
- C. Projects for 2020 Grant Consideration
- D. Township Signs and LEAP Grant Applications

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9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

B. Acquisition Grant Status – MNRTF



FINAL: DNR STAFF RANKINGS

2019 MNRTF Acquisition Applications

Score	Applicant	App. No.	Project Title	Project County	Grant Request Amount	Cumulative Requested Amount
400	City of Caseville-Huron County	TF19-0043	Lake Huron Access & Trailhead Acquisition	Huron	\$433,400.00	\$433,400.00
390	South Haven Area Recreation Authority-Van Buren County	TF19-0201	Pilgrim Haven Natural Area - Royle Addition	Van Buren	\$2,262,000.00	\$2,695,400.00
380	Chikaming Township-Berrien County	TF19-0120	Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion	Berrien	\$2,475,000.00	\$5,170,400.00
375	DNR - Fisheries Division-Delta County	TF19-0159	Pipestone Creek/St. Joseph River Public Water Access Site	Berrien	\$94,000.00	\$5,264,400.00
370	East Bay Township-Grand Traverse County	TF19-0071	Holiday Woods Recreation Area Acquisition	Grand Traverse	\$584,800.00	\$5,849,200.00
365	Kent County-Kent County	TF19-0039	Chief Hazy Cloud Park Land Addition	Kent	\$1,654,800.00	\$7,504,000.00
365	DNR - Wildlife Division-Ingham County	TF19-0143	Stanton SGA Acquisition	Montcalm	\$550,000.00	\$8,054,000.00
365	Independence Charter Township-Oakland County	TF19-0183	Walters Lake Land Acquisition	Oakland	\$4,500,000.00	\$12,554,000.00
360	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division-Ingham County	TF19-0098	May Creek Greenway - Iron Belle Trail	Wayne	\$2,700,000.00	\$15,254,000.00
360	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division-Ingham County	TF19-0138	Iron Belle Trail/ Border to Border Trail Property	Washtenaw	\$200,000.00	\$15,454,000.00
360	DNR - Forest Resources Division-Crawford County	TF19-0177	Rattlesnake Creek Property	Montmorency	\$225,000.00	\$15,679,000.00
355	Thornapple Township-Barry County	TF19-0211	Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail Extension to Kent County	Barry	\$350,000.00	\$16,029,000.00
340	Calumet Charter Township-Houghton County	TF19-0073	Acquisition of land at the Swedetown Recreation Area.	Houghton	\$66,000.00	\$16,095,000.00
340	DNR - Forest Resources Division-Crawford County	TF19-0178	Tea Creek Property	Gladwin	\$650,000.00	\$16,745,000.00



FINAL: DNR STAFF RANKINGS

2019 MNRTF Acquisition Applications

Score	Applicant	App. No.	Project Title	Project County	Grant Request Amount	Cumulative Requested Amount
335	City of Ironwood-Gogebic County	TF19-0147	Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition 2	Gogebic	\$14,800.00	\$16,759,800.00
330	DNR - Wildlife Division-Ingham County	TF19-0141	Oak Grove SGA Acquisition	Livingston	\$2,024,200.00	\$18,784,000.00
330	DNR - Fisheries Division-Delta County	TF19-0151	Garden Bay Public Water Access Site	Delta	\$289,000.00	\$19,073,000.00
330	Berrien County-Berrien County	TF19-0191	Paw Paw River County Park Expansion	Berrien	\$80,000.00	\$19,153,000.00
320	City of South Haven-Van Buren County	TF19-0136	All Seasons Marine Acquisition	Van Buren	\$1,875,000.00	\$21,028,000.00
310	Meridian Charter Township-Ingham County	TF19-0111	Nancy Moore Park - Trail Hub Acquisition	Ingham	\$127,500.00	\$21,155,500.00
310	DNR - Parks and Recreation Division-Ingham County	TF19-0140	Waterloo Land Consolidation	Jackson	\$440,000.00	\$21,595,500.00
300	City of Lansing-Ingham County	TF19-0003	Cavanaugh Road Property	Ingham	\$93,000.00	\$21,688,500.00
290	Portage Charter Township - Houghton-Houghton County	TF19-0016	Hurontown Recreation Area Soccer Fields Acquisition	Houghton	\$187,500.00	\$21,876,000.00
290	Macomb Township-Macomb County	TF19-0182	Acquisition of Property for Macomb Township Nature Park	Macomb	\$1,350,000.00	\$23,226,000.00
285	Green Lake Township - Grand Traverse County-Grand Traverse County	TF19-0134	Bass Lake Property Acquisition	Grand Traverse	\$559,200.00	\$23,785,200.00
280	City of Lansing-Ingham County	TF19-0024	East St. Joseph Street Property	Ingham	\$75,000.00	\$23,860,200.00
280	City of Lansing-Ingham County	TF19-0025	River Street Property	Ingham	\$75,000.00	\$23,935,200.00
270	City of Hudsonville-Ottawa County	TF19-0005	Hudsonville Village Green Acquisition	Ottawa	\$114,700.00	\$24,049,900.00
240	City of Scottville-Mason County	TF19-0133	Scottville Optimist Property Acquisition	Mason	\$141,300.00	\$24,191,200.00
No. of Applications: 29					Request Total:	\$24,191,200.00

2019 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recommendations

2019 Acquisition Project Recommendations

Upper Peninsula

Gogebic County – City of Ironwood, Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition - \$14,800

Acquisition of up to 5 acres of land and/or easement including railroad grade for an in-town trail route through the City of Ironwood. The project will connect Norrie Park, located in southwest side with the western neighborhoods near the Wisconsin border on the Montreal River. This will complete the Beltline Trail route through Ironwood near the terminus of the Iron Belle Trail, the statewide bike and hike trail system, originating in Detroit at Belle Isle Park.

Houghton County – Calumet Charter Township, Acquisition of land at the Swedetown Recreation Area - \$66,000

Acquisition of 30 acres at Calumet Township's 1900-acre Swedetown Recreation Area. Two parcels will be acquired; one 20-acre and one 10-acre parcel. One parcel is wooded with excellent terrain that is used for cross-country ski trails while the other parcel will provide an excellent spectator and parking area for the popular Great Bear Chase ski marathon event. Swedetown is a valued community asset for year-round non-motorized recreation that benefits local residents and attracts many tourists to the area. This acquisition will secure important features and provide new opportunities to enhance recreation at Swedetown. The rolling wooded recreation area offers year-round trails for all ages and abilities. In summer and fall Swedetown Recreation Area has more than 25 miles of trails for hiking, trail running and mountain biking. In winter, the Township grooms over 35 kilometers of cross-country ski trails which are a major attraction in the region.

Northern Michigan

Grand Traverse County – East Bay Township, Holiday Woods Recreation Area Acquisition - \$584,800

Acquisition of approximately 195 acres in one of the most quickly urbanizing areas of Grand Traverse County. Acquisition of the properties would create public ownership of private property long-used for outdoor recreation by adjacent neighborhoods, allow for continued trail use of the property for the Mud, Sweat, and Beers mountain bike race, contribute to the viability of the adjacent non-profit Mt. Holiday Ski Area, and allow for the improvement and marketing of the property as a regional destination.

Montmorency County – DNR, Rattlesnake Creek Property Acquisition - \$225,000

Acquisition of 200 acres of unique forestland with highly productive wildlife habitat including lowland conifer swamp and upland stands of cedar, maple, white pine, and aspen. The property includes over 4,550 feet of the East Branch of the Black River and 1,060 feet of Rattlesnake Creek frontage. The property is adjacent to state land on two sides and acquisition will provide access to an additional 1,500 feet of East Branch of Black River frontage on state land that is currently inaccessible. The property is adjacent to the Green Swamp Ecological Reference Area and contains many of the same high-quality values including habitat for the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake as well as high-priority game species such as elk, white-tailed deer, black bear, and bobcat. The East Branch of the Black River is a blue-ribbon trout stream that supports a wild brook trout population.

Western Michigan

Barry County – Thornapple Township, Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail Extension to Kent County Acquisition - \$350,000

Acquisition of 26 acres which includes approximately 2.5 miles of abandoned rail bed which will connect the north end of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail in Barry County with the south end of Kent County's Paul Henry Trail system. The four parcels of property in consideration include 24.75 acres of fee-simple acquisition and 1.25 acres of easement. In addition to connecting the two existing non-motorized trail sections, the bulk of the property is natural wildlife habitat including approximately 300 feet of Thornapple River frontage which would be ideal for a canoe launch. The property also includes a majestic, 130' railroad trestle over the Thornapple River.

Berrien County – Paw Paw River County Park Expansion - \$80,000

Acquisition of 63 acres of property as an addition to Paw Paw River County Park. The land has 7,000' of river frontage and is primarily wooded. The Berrien County Parks Commission would like to keep the land as a natural area and offer passive recreation such as fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, cross-country skiing and bike trails. Managed hunting opportunities are also being considered.

Berrien County – Chikaming Township, Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion - \$2,475,000

Acquisition of approximately 2.6 acres to conserve a pristine woodland parcel adjacent to existing 1.9-acre Cherry Beach Park on Lake Michigan in Berrien County. The purchase would increase the length of Cherry Beach by 400 feet and enlarge the park for residents and visitors alike. For decades, beach visitors assumed the parcel was part of the public beach and have enjoyed it as such. The property remains in a pristine, undeveloped state with an ecologically significant critical sand dune, old-growth forest and tributary stream to Lake Michigan. The site is a rare habitat harboring diverse species and offers a resting stop on the Lake Michigan Water Trail and US Bike Route 35.

Berrien County – DNR, Pipestone Creek/St. Joseph River Public Water Access Site - \$94,000
Acquisition of 1.26 acres to provide a public water access site at the confluence of Pipestone Creek and the St. Joseph River, filling a 9-mile long gap on this stretch of the St. Joseph River. The property includes frontage on Pipestone Creek, the St. Joseph River, and River Road. Acquisition of this parcel will provide carry-down watercraft access and assist with local plans of further developing the St. Joseph River water trail. The site also would provide shorefishing opportunities for many gamefish species including steelhead, Chinook and coho salmon, brown trout, and smallmouth bass. If acquired, the new public access site will be leased to Sodus Township which will handle all maintenance.

Kent County – Chief Hazy Cloud Park Land Addition - \$1,654,800
Acquisition of approximately 71.3 acres with .52 miles of frontage on the Grand River. The acquisition will expand the existing Chief Hazy Cloud park to 373 acres with over 3.5 miles of frontage. The site is located in a corridor identified on the Lower Grand River Green Infrastructure Plan and is across the river from properties protected under both park ownership and conservation easement. This grant application is a second phase that began with grant TF17-0200 which was partially funded.

Montcalm County – DNR, Stanton SGA Acquisition - \$550,000
Acquisition of approximately 140 acres to connect two areas of the Stanton State Game Area, which will provide wildlife habitat conservation, land consolidation, and additional recreational opportunities including hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing. The property provides quality wildlife habitat for a variety of species including deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, and woodcock.

Van Buren County - South Haven Area Recreation Authority, Pilgrim Haven Natural Area Addition - \$2,262,000
Acquisition of a 47-acre property adjacent to Pilgrim Haven Natural Area with approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on Lake Michigan, critical dune, imperiled backdune forest, and a stream which flows out of Van Buren State Park and into Lake Michigan. The property has been relatively untouched by human development, and its natural communities remain largely pristine. Acquisition of the land will create 75 contiguous acres of preserved Pilgrim Haven Natural Area and be a critical piece of a larger regional conservation vision to preserve over 10 shoreline miles of DEQ-designated critical dune.

Central Michigan

Ingham County – City of Lansing, Cavanaugh Road Property Acquisition - \$75,000
Acquisition of one acre of land which will significantly improve the aesthetics of a blighted stretch of the Lansing River Trail. The parcel includes a number of derelict structures which will be demolished and removed once the acquisition is complete. Once cleared, the land will be properly landscaped to enhance the scenery along this very popular urban pathway.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, East St. Joseph Street Property Acquisition - \$75,000
Acquisition of improved lot to enhance park aesthetics and add park space to Lansing's riverfront park system.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, River Street Property - \$60,000

Acquisition of improved lot to enhance park aesthetics and add park space to Lansing's riverfront park system.

Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

Huron County – City of Caseville, Lake Huron Access & Trailhead Acquisition - \$433,400

Acquisition of a .68-acre parcel within the City of Caseville which will provide expanded public access to the Pigeon River and Lake Huron. Future development of the site may include fishing areas, motorized boat and kayak launches, multi-purpose courts, an ice rink and picnic seating area.

Southeastern Michigan

Oakland County – Independence Charter Township, Walters Lake Land Acquisition - \$2,250,000

Acquisition of 76 acres of land, in two parcels bisected by Clarkston Road. The west parcel is 36 partially wooded acres with 840 feet of frontage on Walters Lake. The east parcel is 40 acres of open, level land. The western parcel is planned to be developed for both active and passive recreation with a swimming beach, fishing pier, pavilion, athletic courts, and walking trails. The eastern parcel is planned for active community recreation including athletic fields, a pavilion, restrooms, and picnic facilities. If successful, the two properties may be connected via an underpass at Clarkston Road as part of the intended recreational development.

Washtenaw County – DNR, Iron Belle Trail/ Border to Border Trail Property - \$200,000

Acquisition of a strategic 7.84-acre parcel along highway M-52 in the Pinckney Recreation Area. Not only will it provide land for construction of Washtenaw County's Border to Border Trail and Iron Belle Trail, but it will also bridge a gap between two disconnected public parcels in the Pinckney Recreation Area which will enable more efficient management and uninterrupted recreation use. The Huron-Waterloo Pathway Initiative is the partner organization that will develop, operate and maintain the multi-use regional trail on the parcel via lease with the state.

Wayne County – DNR, May Creek Greenway - Iron Belle Trail - \$2,700,000

Acquisition of a developed easement for the May Creek Greenway that will be a key pedestrian connector of the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park, formerly West Riverfront Park, to the vibrant Corktown and Southwest Detroit neighborhoods on the upland side of West Jefferson Avenue via the Iron Belle Trail alignment. Situated along a former creek bed and now active Detroit-Windsor rail tunnel line, the project will be a non-motorized greenway. This greenway will connect residential areas to the existing Detroit Riverwalk with over 3.5 miles of recreational opportunity along the Detroit River. The May Creek Greenway will also serve as the primary non-motorized connection from the north to the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park, a parcel that was previously purchased with MNRTF funds and which is undergoing a significant park development funded with private Wilson Foundation funding.

Total Acquisition Grant Recommendation Amount: \$14,149,800

13 Local Acquisitions - \$10,380,800

5 State Acquisitions - \$3,769,000



To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 9, 2020
Re: 2020 Proposed Grant Projects

Projects for Consideration:

- **Playground Equipment at Towner Road Park** – Construction of this new park was completed in 2018 and serves a variety of visitors from youth to Seniors. It is time to implement phase II. (estimated cost: \$175,000)
- **Overflow Parking Lot at Towner Road Park** – This is also a phase II project and is necessary to accommodate the large number of visitors. *(estimated cost: \$90,000)
- **Skate Park** – We have heard from a nice group of parents and youth that they are requesting a skate park in Meridian Township. I have met with this group on a few occasions and they are eager to begin fundraising and generating additional interest. The location we have identified at this time is the green space on Central Park behind the Nokomis Center on Marsh Road. We anticipate the cost of this park to be \$400,000.

Grant applications are due April 1, 2020. These are all worthy projects and I look forward to our discussion. I have also included a copy of our recent Capital Improvement Plan for your review.

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1800 S Cedar St, Lansing, MI 48910

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MERIDIAN TWP

LOCATION:
5151-MARSH RD
OKEMOS MI

ACCOUNT REP: JR

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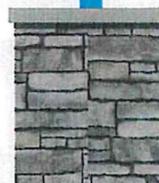
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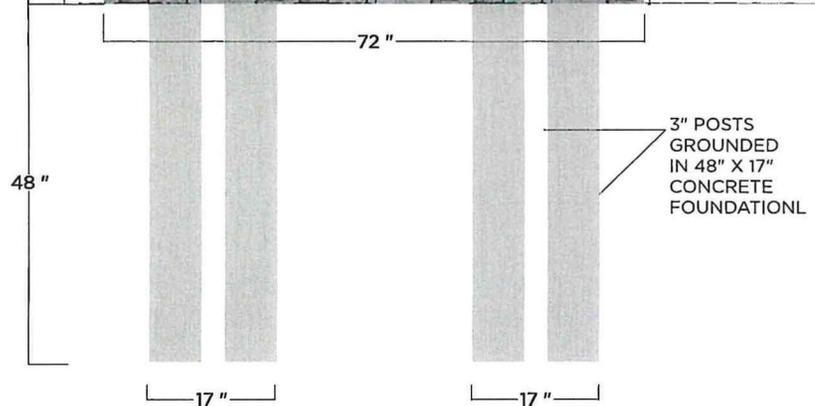


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66" CABINET



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