



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 - 5:00 pm

**SPECIAL MEETING – 5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS – 5:00 PM
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 3. PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Land Acquisition Grant Application
 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Project Updates
 6. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Land Acquisition Grant Application-MNRTF Okemos Road Acquisition
 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A.
 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 9. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
 - A. Commissioner Comments
 - B. Events Calendar:
 1. Farmers' Market:
 - a. Summer/Fall Market, Saturdays, June-October, 8 am – 2 pm and Wednesdays: July-October 3pm-7pm; Meridian Mall parking area adjacent to the Marketplace on the Green
10. CLOSED SESSION
11. ADJOURNMENT
12. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 6:30 pm, Meeting location to be announced

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: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Central Park Pavilion

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To: Park Commission
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: June 25, 2020
Re: Public Hearing Procedure

Open Public Hearing:

Chair opens public hearing and outlines procedure of public hearing and possible actions of the Commission during the meeting

Summary of Subject Matter:

Director of Parks and Recreation summarizes the project outlining the specifics and project costs

Public Comment

Park Commissioners' Questions and Comments

Public Comment (if desired)

Close Public Hearing

Chair closes the public hearing and states when the Park Commission will take action to recommend approval of action to the Township Board (usually during the later part of the same Park Commission meeting as the public hearing)



To: Park Commission
From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: June 6, 2020
Re: DNR Park Acquisition Grant Application – MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Acquisition

5280 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
1.85 acres
Parcel #33-02-02-16-200-011

The Park Commission has expressed a strong interest in acquiring 5280 Okemos Road, a 1.85-acre property that is adjacent to Nancy Moore Park. This parcel, if acquired, would support a dedicated entrance access to Nancy Moore Park as well as a trailhead and rest and reprieve facility for trail enthusiasts along the future MSU to Lake Lansing Trail as well as other regional routes.

The Park Commission has identified the Natural Resources Trust Fund program as a viable source for funding this valuable addition to the Meridian Township park and pathway system. The proposed acquisition costs is estimated at \$170,000, of which the Township will fund 25% of the costs (\$42,500) and grant program will fund the remaining 75% (127,500). The Park Commission will now vote to support submission of this application.

Motion for Park Commission Consideration:

MOVE TO SUPPORT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF THE 1.85- ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 5280 OKEMOS ROAD, HASLETT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000 REQUESTING 75% OF THE COSTS (\$127,50) FUNDED BY THE MNRTF GRANT AND COMMITTING \$42,500 OR 25% OF COSTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S PARK MILLAGE FUND. THIS SITE, WHEN ACQUIRED, WILL HOST A DEDICATED ENTRANCE TO NANCY MOORE PARK AND SERVE AS A TRAILHEAD AREA FOR USERS OF THE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATHWAY SYSTEM.

Acquisition Breakdown:

Acquisition Costs:	\$ 170,000
Grant Amount (75%)	\$ 127,000
Funds from Park Millage Fund (25%)	\$ 42,500

Attachments:

1. Proposed Grant Application
2. Parcel Location Map
3. Letter to Neighbors
4. Resolution to Support Submitting Grant Application

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application 2020
Organization: Meridian Charter Township
Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information: 5280 Okemos Road

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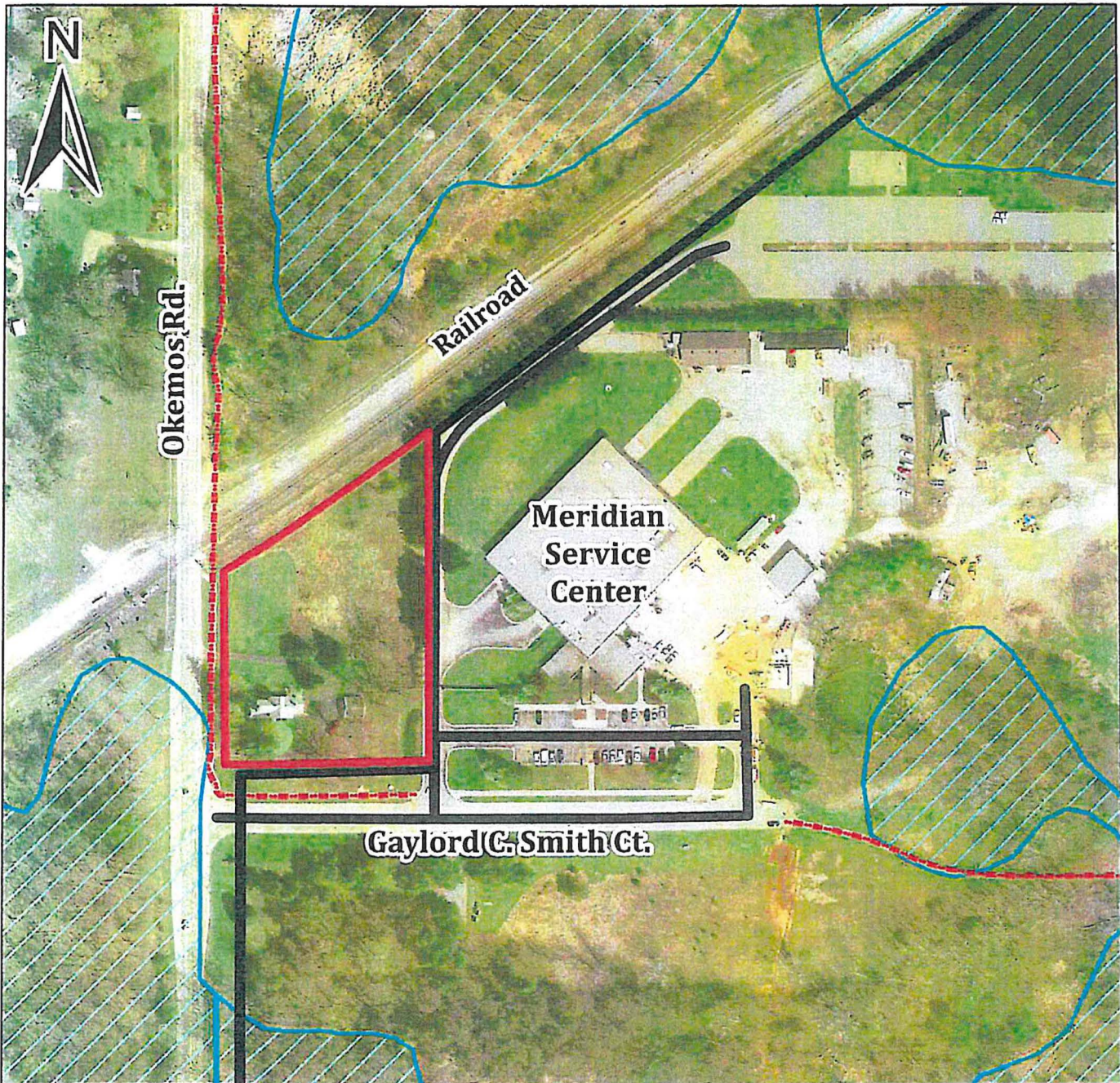
*Is the application for site development <u>or</u> land acquisition? Development <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
*Name of Applicant (Government Unit) Meridian Charter Township		*SIGMA VSS CV0048526	*SIGMA Address Code 008
*Name of Authorized Representative LuAnn Maisner		*Title Director of Parks and Recreation	
*Address 5151 Marsh Road		*Telephone (517) 853-4604 Fax(517) 853-4099	
*City Okemos	*State MI	*ZIP 48864	*E-mail maisner@meridian.mi.us
*State House District District 69		*State Senate District District 23	*U.S. Congress District District 8

*Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters) MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Acquisition
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*Proposal Description <p>The "MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Acquisition" grant request is a proposal for the acquisition of 5280 Okemos Road, a 1.8 ac. property located in Haslett, Michigan (Meridian Township). The property is adjacent to Nancy Moore/Central Park and the acquisition would provide vital land to allow us the opportunity to build a rest and reprieve facility for trail enthusiasts and community members looking to explore and utilize our region. This unique property located centrally to trails will provide necessary facilities to create a safer experience for residents in Meridian Township and beyond as it lies among a regional trail system. Meridian Township will be looking for opportunities to integrate novel ideas into the development of this property that will create a unique experience for trail lovers and novice explorers. Our residents have repeatedly supported trail development and the Township and County have worked together to make trails a top priority.</p>

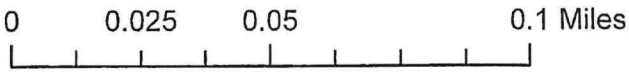
*Address of Site 5280 Okemos Road Haslett MI 48840	*City, Village or Township of Site Meridian Township	*Zip 48840
*County in which Site is located Ingham	*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location <i>Letters must be upper-case:</i> <i>(examples: T02N, R13E, 22)</i> (Town) T01N (Range)R01W (Section)16	*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance 42.734141 -84.427548
*Park Name 5280 Okemos Road		

5280 Okemos Rd.



Legend

- Nancy Moore Park
- Driveway
- Paved Pathway
- Wetland



Subject property outlined in red
Parcel Number: 33-02-02-16-200-011
Area: 1.86 acres



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June 23, 2020

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION
ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION
MSU TO LAKE LANSING REGIONAL TRAIL HUB ACQUISITION**

Dear Meridian Township Resident/Neighbor:

The Meridian Township Park Commission is proposing to submit a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for acquisition of 1.858 acres located at 5280 Okemos Road (parcel #33-02-02-16-200-011). The MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Acquisition would provide vital land to allow us the opportunity to build a rest and reprieve facility for trail enthusiasts and community members looking to explore and utilize our region.

You are invited to offer comments at a public hearing on the proposed acquisition at 5 pm on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in the Central Park Pavilion, Meridian Municipal Complex, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

The grant application is available for review at the Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Office located at 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, (in front of Nancy Moore Park on Okemos Road), Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Written comments may be sent to Meridian Township Park Commission, Attn: Jane Greenway, at 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, or by email at greenway@meridian.mi.us. If you have specific questions, contact Parks and Land Management Coordinator Jane Greenway at 517-853-4610.

Sincerely,

Jane Greenway

Jane L. Greenway, LLA
Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
Grant Application Submittal
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
Acquisition Resolution**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at Meridian Township Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864, in said Township on the 30th day of June, 2020 at 5:00 pm, Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources accepts grant requests from local units of government to assist in the development and acquisition of recreation properties; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have up to 75% of the total project cost funded by the Natural Resources Trust Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission is interested leveraging local Park Millage Funds by obtaining supplemental grant funding for park projects whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has prepared a grant application for submission to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$170,000 for the acquisition of 1.858 acres which will serve as an area for rest along the MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Pathway and also as the new entrance into Nancy Moore Park on Okemos Road; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified and supported in the 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Meridian Township Board and Park Commission, and is on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, park development and improvements are supported by Township Board Policy and 2020 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this grant request was open to public review on June 30, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To support submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of 1.858 acres for the new entrance into Nancy Moore Park with a total project cost of \$170,000. The twenty-five (25%) percent local match of \$42,500 will be funded by the Park Millage, with the remaining seventy-five (75%) percent (\$127,500) funded by the MNRTF grant.

ROLL CALL:

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

Resolution _____.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss:

COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Commission on the 30th of June, 2020.

Amanda Lick, Chair
Meridian Township Park Commission