



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court
Haslett, MI 48840

DATE: June 9, 2020

PRESENT: Amanda Lick, Michael McDonald, Mary Nardo Farris, Commissioners Mark Stephens, Ami VanAntwerp

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lick called the meeting to order at 5:23pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stephens moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stephens moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public
None

B. Commission Information

1. Press Releases:

a. Letter to Residents reopening park facilities

C. Staff Inquiries/Response
None

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

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. Marketplace on the Green

- A. Gordon Construction Services –Sitework and restroom
- B. Mid States Recreation/Coverworx – Pavilion and stage
- C. Colors –Lt gray posts with blue roof. Center roof is copper
- D. Stage – Lt gray posts with blue roof
- E. Anticipated completion date – August 21

9. Harris Nature Center Projects

- A. Restroom and Pavilion Project
- B. Contracts signed with LJ Trumble Construction Company
- C. Pre-Construction Meeting was held in February
- D. Structures have been ordered – work to begin in Mid-July

10. Central Park Projects

- A. **Restroom/footbridge Project** – this project was awarded to Gordon Construction Services. Construction will begin this week (tomorrow). Anticipated completion date: August 21.
- B. **Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project** – was awarded to Oak Construction. Kickoff meeting is scheduled for next week.
- C. **Large Dog Park** – we are meeting with the fence company to confirm installation. The electricity has already been extended from the Marketplace project. The entrance will face Central Park Drive.

11. Grant Application Okemos Road House Acquisition (MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Acquisition) - the application was submitted prior to the deadline but we have until August 7 to complete the items we were unable to include. Our local match will be 25%.

12. 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2017-2021- Jane has started the update process during the time of COVID-19. A future agenda item will include the community survey and preferred questions.

13. Re-opening Plan – I appreciate everyone's input on the reopening letter. The playgrounds opened on Friday and the restrooms and pavilions will open tomorrow.

14. Skate Park update- we have been out of touch with Mary and Graham Thiel since Covid. We will re-engage in the coming weeks.

15. Future Agenda Items – Include: 2021 Budget; CIP 2021-2027; Marketplace on the Green Grand Opening!

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16. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Reschedule Public Hearing—DNR MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Trail Hub Application

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER FARRIS, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 30, 2020 AT 5PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOLICITING PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE 2020 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND TO CREATE A TRAIL HEAD FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO LAKE LANSING TRAIL AND AN IMPROVED ENTRANCE TO NANCY MOORE PARK. The vote passed unanimously

B. ICRD Okemos Road Bridge Project – MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD TO SUPPORT THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT OKEMOS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION COMMENCING IN 2021, AND THAT ALL CONDITIONS MENTIONED IN THE REQUEST LETTER DATED MAY 6, 2020 SIGNED BY KELLY R. JONES, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, ICRD, WILL BE UPHELD AND HONORED BASED ON PROTECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY SECTION 4F OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1966; AND THAT THE REQUESTED UNDER-BRIDGE WALKWAY IS CONFIRMED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

The motion passed unanimously

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Park Amenities Reopening – The letter was entered into the public record under Communications

18. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

19. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. Events Calendar:
 - 1. Farmers' Market:
 - a. Summer/Fall Market, Saturday, June-October 8 am – 2 pm, Meridian Mall parking area adjacent to the Marketplace on the Green

20. CLOSED SESSION

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lick adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm pm.

22. NEXT MEETING

- A. Special Meeting of Park Commission, Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 5 pm. Central Park Pavilion, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, at the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, at 6:30 pm.