



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING – ZOOM AT 5:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. PRESENTATIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. ICDC Wonch Park Use Request
 - C. 2021 Park Commission Meeting Schedule
 - D. Election of Officers
 - E. Liaison to Land Preservation Advisory Board

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
 - A. Commissioner Comments
 - B. Events Calendar:
 1. Farmers' Market:
 - a. Saturdays 11am-1pm; first and third Saturdays January-April

12. CLOSED SESSION – NONE
13. ADJOURNMENT
14. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Zoom Meeting at 6:00 pm

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: Zoom

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: ZOOM

DATE: December 8, 2020

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

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Van Antwerp called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) Request – Ferguson Park Sidewalk – As part
of the Okemos Road Bridge Replacement Project, engineers from the ICRD have identified
that the sidewalk leading into Ferguson Park will require repaving due to an increase in
slope. They have requested an approval letter from the Park Commission to conduct this
work.

B. Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office (ICDC) – Wonch Park Use Request –
Officials from the Drain Office are requesting use of Wonch Park from January 2021-August
2025 for access into the Red Cedar for logjam removals and drain maintenance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner McDonald moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Commissioner Lick

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Items to/from the Public
- B. Commission Information

1. Deer Management Program Update
 2. Meridian Conservation Corps Quarterly Newsletter
- C. Staff Inquiries/Response

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

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Warning siren has been installed at Marshall Park
- B. Overflow parking lot has been installed at Towner Road Park utilizing asphalt millings from the current road projects in the Township
- C. The Legg Park entry drive has been paved with the recycled asphalt millings from the
- D. MNRTF Grant Award Successful! – Okemos Road Acquisition
- E. HNC Projects - Completed
- F. Restroom and Gateway Footbridge – Complete
- G. Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector – 50% completed will work on it over the winter
- H. Dog Park update 160 large 280 small permits sold
- I. M Parks Design Award Winner - Marketplace on the Green. This will be awarded virtually in February.
- J. Deer Management report in communications 149 as of 12-7-20

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. ICRD Sidewalk Repaving – Ferguson Park

Commissioner Stephens moved SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO SIDEWALK IN FERGUSON PARK AS NEEDED AS NEEDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OKEMOS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. Seconded by Commissioner Nardo Farris.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

B. ICDC Wonch Park Request

Commissioner Stephens moved, TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ACTION IN JANUARY. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission asked Commissioner Stephens to serve as a liaison with the Drain office to determine if other improvements could be made to improve river access and fish habitat improvements in harmony with their project.

C. 2021 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Farris moved, TO SET THE JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING DATE WITH A 4:00 PM WORK SESSION AND 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING OVER ZOOM. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners will take action on the remaining proposed meeting calendar during their meeting in January.

Tuesdays:

January 12	Zoom at Noon
February 9	Zoom at Noon
March 9	Zoom at Noon
April 13	Zoom at Noon*
May 11	Zoom at Noon
June 8	HNC Pavilion at 5:30 pm
July 13	Towner Road Park Pavilion at 5:30 pm*
August 10	Central Park Pavilion at 5:30 pm
September 14	Marketplace on the Green at 5:30 pm
October 12	Meridian Service Center Outdoor Café at 5:30 pm
November 9	Zoom at noon
December 14	Zoom at noon*

- Township Board Meetings on same day at 6pm
- Also Joint Meeting with Township Board and other boards and commissions on Tuesday, January 26 by Zoom at 6 pm

D. **Election of Officers** – Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the January Meeting.

E. **Liaison to Land Preservation Advisory Board** - Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the January Meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Comments

B. Events Calendar:

1. Farmers' Market:

- a. Saturdays, 8 am – 2 pm, in December until 12.19; Meridian Mall parking area adjacent to the Marketplace on the Green

12. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Van Antwerp adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.

14. NEXT MEETING

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 4 pm work session and 5 pm regular meeting by Zoom.

Annual Report

Parks and Recreation Department Report January 21, 2021



2020: A year of renewed appreciation of our parks and open spaces

The Covid-19 pandemic brought us stay-at-home orders and social distancing. Simple things like a walk in the park has proven to be more important than ever. Many of our residents gained a renewed appreciation and recognition of parks as critical suburban infrastructure. Parks and recreation staff saw record numbers of park visitors and volunteers. Staff swiftly adapted and mobilized to keep our green spaces open and to safely support physical, emotional, and mental health. As a group we strive to cultivate a sense of place, meaning, and ownership for Meridian Township residents.

2020 was our busiest park construction year to date with total construction costs of over \$3 million dollars. The park improvements made in 2020 mean that 2021 will be filled with many more exciting opportunities for our residents to get outside!

1. Marketplace on the Green

The ribbon was officially cut for this facility in October consisting of a large pavilion; restroom; office space; music stage; playground; outdoor musical instruments; patio area with seating; rain gardens; and open green space. The market also features electricity for each vendor and an area with a bike fix-it station, memorial plaque, and seating that was funded by donations received in memory of former Trustee John Veenstra. **Marketplace on the Green received an MParks Design Award** that will be awarded virtually in February, 2021.

2. Central Park Grant Projects: Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector and Gateway Walkway and Restroom in Historical Village

This is an example of leveraging local Park Millage funds as grants were received from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund for these two projects. Construction began on both projects during the spring of 2020. The Gateway Walkway and Restroom in the Historical Village was completed in the fall of 2020 and the Central Meridian Regional Trail is expected to be completed in spring 2021. Some highlights of these projects include a fishing dock, boardwalk, interpretive signage, a bike fix it station, and electricity for motorized wheelchairs.

3. DOGS HAVING A DOG-GONE GOOD TIME

Large Dogs finally got their very own dog park in 2020. A total of 231 dogs are currently registered to utilize the large dog park. The park is located in Central Park South, directly across from the Marketplace on the Green. It features a natural walking path, control gate, dog fountain, open grassy area, and shaded areas with lots of opportunities for good sniffs! The entryway has a beautiful dog mural that was painted during Celebrate Meridian in 2018. The Park Maintenance staff installed a majority of the items for this project. A HOWL-O-WEEN party was held in October and fun was had by all 30 dogs who attended.

Small dogs in our community continue to be very happy with the new Small Dog Park that opened in 2019 in Nancy Moore Park. This fenced facility contains a welcoming area with a drinking fountain for pets and owners, dog washing station and benches. The control gate regulates use on a registration basis. Inside the fenced area is green grass, trees and fun agility equipment. A total of 300 dogs are registered to utilize the small dog park. Our office received many compliments on both of the dog parks and there are regular groups of people and dogs who meet their on a daily basis. Visitors have reported to staff how valuable the space is and that it was their only opportunity for socialization during the pandemic. If you are ever feeling down, just go and sit outside the small dog park around 4 p.m. and your frown will immediately turn upside down!

4. Harris Nature Center Pavilion and Restroom Project

The Harris Nature Center has always been a popular destination in our community for environmental education and accessible walks in the woods. Thanks to state and federal grants, a new waterless restroom building and picnic pavilion will enhance the usage of this township gem. The construction began in spring of 2020 and is complete with the exception of landscaping that will be done in the spring. A special feature of the pavilion is the adjacent patio that features engraved donor pavers (still available!) and a grill. This pavilion is a much-needed amenity as our pavilion rentals throughout the park system are very popular.

5. Harris Nature Center Bird Overlook

The Harris Nature Center has been able to complete many projects due to the support from the Harris Nature Center Foundation Board. The Board's funding, along with a grant from the Capitol Region Community Foundation allowed for the construction of a 20' x 20' accessible bird overlook at the Center. All-weather binoculars and a Michigan Birds interpretive signage serves to enhance the experience.

6. MSU to Lake Lansing Trail Hub Acquisition Grant

Meridian Township received notification in December of its successful grant proposal from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for acquisition of a parcel to enhance the entrance to Nancy Moore Park and also to create a hub for the upcoming MSU to Lake

Lansing Trail. This property will provide a vital link and opportunity to build a rest stop for trail enthusiasts and community members to explore and utilize the regional trail system. Funds for this acquisition won't be released until mid-2021.

7. Pickleball Courts

The pickleball courts at Hillbrook and Towner Road Parks were more popular than ever in 2020. The courts were full on a daily basis with an enthusiastic group of seniors who have continued to play outdoors through December!

8. New Trailhead and Directional Signage in Parks

This wayfinding project, which began in 2018, added new trailhead and directional signage in multiple parks. The goal is to make the parks more welcoming, informative and easier to navigate. An additional 15 parks received new signs in 2020 and we have three more to go in 2021. All 20 miles of park trails were GPS marked and uploaded to a Google-based smartphone app called "All Trails". In addition, Ingham County funded and installed numerous trail signs throughout the Township in locations along the cross-country trail and various parks including Hartrick Park, Central Park, and Nancy Moore Park. The signs were installed by our Parks Maintenance staff.

9. Parking Lot Improvements

Our Parks Maintenance department installed an **overflow parking lot in Towner Road Park** utilizing asphalt millings from the current road projects in the Township. This area was on the original development plan but was put on hold because of costs. In addition, we also **paved the entry drive to Legg Park** with recycled asphalt millings as well. This work will allow the park to remain open all year as former muddy conditions would force temporary park closures throughout the year. This type of application creates a firm, stable and pervious surface.

10. Pathway Maintenance

In 2020, the Parks Department made a very strong effort in trimming and mowing the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways. Staff trimmed and mowed 80 miles of pedestrian/bicycle pathways (prior to 2020, this work was contracted out). We received numerous phone calls during 2020 from residents telling us "The pathways and park trails have NEVER looked this good!"

11. Harris Nature Center Facility/Programming Report

The Harris Nature Center building received a beautiful facelift in 2020. Improvements included: a renovated new classroom space with ten bench risers (funded by the HNC Foundation); new paint throughout the entire interior of the building, a refurbished archway with lights at the entrance, and a new split-rail fence around the frog pond all completed by our Park Maintenance staff. Despite the pandemic, HNC staff made great efforts to offer programs to engage the public with the natural world while still keeping people safe. Quick Facts: ● Hosted two weeks of Annie's Big Nature Lesson with 100

students participating in a weeklong outdoor classroom ● Hosted 1,979 dropin visitors ● Hosted 1,467 program participants (both in person and virtual) ● Implemented new virtual programming for schools, senior centers, and families ● Created and offered Private Guided programs (these were extremely popular).

12. Farmers' Market Report

In 2020, the market moved from the Central Park Pavilion to the Meridian Mall parking lot in an effort to space out the vendors to accommodate Covid-19 safety protocols. The Market officially moved into the new Marketplace on the Green in October. Quick Facts: ● Market Days in Operation: 51 (33 Saturdays & 18 Wednesdays) ● Days missed due to Covid: 5 (3 winter and 2 spring) ● 101 unique vendors ● 61 new vendors ● Total Customers: 62,756 people ● Food assistance utilized at the Market: Total= \$23,809

13. Senior Center

Operation of the Meridian Senior Center is a joint collaboration between the Okemos School District and Meridian Township. The Meridian Senior Center was created to provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for persons age 55 and over to gather and engage in programs and services to meet the ever-changing lifestyle needs for older persons throughout the community. With a current membership of 362 members (down from 2020 due to Covid-19), the Senior Center is an important facility for enrichment, socialization, meals, information and resources, and fitness for our older adults. While quarantining helped to mitigate seniors' risk of contracting Covid, it also put many of the community's older adults at risk of isolation and depression. The Senior Center adapted to Covid-19 guidelines and taught the seniors new skills like using Zoom and how to use and find information on the Senior Center Facebook and web page. In addition, the Center staff made regular phone calls to check in on all of the seniors. The Center held many events on Zoom including bingo, lunch dates, and educational sessions. Since March of 2020, the online class offerings grew from just 1 -2 per week to 1-2 per day. During the summer and fall the Center offered some in person outdoor events in the wonderful new senior courtyard (installed in 2019) such as birthday celebrations, Trunk or Treat, Jingle Bell Drive through, and exercise classes. We strongly believe these actions and activities have helped many of our members. We receive positive feedback weekly on the programs we are offering, the sense of normalcy and purpose we bring to many of our members day, and how helpful we have been to them during this time. Quick Facts: ● 27 New members this year ● 362 Total members ● 206 Active Members ● 383 NonMembers or guests ● 11 Volunteers who gave 69 hours of service ● total events- 1296 events.

14. Senior Stretch Program

One of our most popular recreation programs for older adults is our Senior Stretch. (This program is separate and independent from exercise classes offered through the Senior Center). A group of approximately 50 seniors gathered three times per week at Meridian Mall for exercise and socialization until Covid-19 caused a shutdown. Following a brief

pause, we moved their operation outdoors to Nancy Moore Park and then to the former Farmers' Market pavilion where they continued to meet through mid-December.

15. Deer Management - 10th Year

The Parks Department placed and managed 75 hunters on 1,600 acres of parks and land preserves (41 properties) during the 2020 deer management archery program as well as on seven private properties in the Township. A much stronger effort was put forth to increase the cull from 87 in 2019- to 300 in 2020. This goal was achieved in combination of our volunteer archers during the regular hunting season as well as through a supplemental cull from January to mid-March 2021 utilizing the Police Department. Quick Facts: ● Total deer harvested during archery program= 176 ● Total venison donated to local foodbanks= 2,400 pounds (9,600 meals provided) ● Dollar amount of venison donated= \$26,376 ● Total roadkill deer removed: 75 (these deer are not donated). This program was the most successful in its ten-year history based on the efforts of Jane Greenway, Emma Campbell, Mike Ellis, Chief Plaga, Sgt. Andrew McCready, and the Meridian Police Department.

16. Environmental Stewardship

In 2020 we welcomed Emma Campbell as the new Stewardship Coordinator and she has proven to be a very valuable asset to the Parks team. Emma developed and launched the first ever Meridian Conservation Corp (MCC), a community volunteer group devoted to increasing community involvement in the parks and preserve areas. The program is designed to grow awareness of volunteer opportunities involving the care and conservation of Meridian Township's expansive local green spaces. Through the program, the Department can utilize the community's knowledge and expertise in one concentrated group. Volunteers have the opportunity to choose which path of conservation they would like to follow and in what park or preserve area. Focus groups include: Forest Watch Team, Clean Up Crew, Trailblazers, and the Invasive Species Strike Team. In partnership with the Mid-Michigan Stewardship Initiative, stewardship workdays are held every other Saturday at various parks and preserves around the Township. Quick Facts: ● Volunteers collectively completed 499 hours of habitat restoration ● 65 volunteers worked in seven parks and preserves ● Aided Meridian Tree Team plant 40 native trees at Chippewa Middle School ● Removed 246 pounds of invasive dame's rocket and garlic mustard from 2 parks ● Held 15 stewardship workdays at 10 different parks and preserves ● Removed 10 different species of invasive plants ● Cultivated 22 native plant species in 2 preserves ● Removed 263 pounds of litter from 12 parks ● Managed one unpaid summer intern who spent 60 hours mapping invasive species in the parks and preserves. Voters also approved a renewal of the Land Preservation Millage at the rate of 1/10th for ten years.

17. Youth Sports and Events

- K-6th Grade Basketball – 285 students
- Sporties for Shorties – 20
- Howl-o-ween Event at Dog Park – 30 dogs and Owners
- Drive Thru Santa 37 vehicles and 76+ participants



To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 21, 2021
Re: ICDC Wonch Park Access Request for Log Jam Removal

Representatives from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office have formally requested use of Wonch Park beginning in January 2021 through August 2025 for the purpose of accessing the Red Cedar River with their equipment to remove fallen trees and limbs that have or will have a negative impact on flooding of nearby neighborhoods. During the December Park Commission meeting, members discussed possible fish habitat improvements that may be incorporated into the river-clearing effort. At this time, no habitat plan has been identified for consideration.

The Drain Commissioner has requested approval of the attached Property Access Agreement for this project.

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Move to support the request from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner to utilize Wonch Park as an access point to remove fallen trees and debris from the Red Cedar River from January 2021 through August 2025 and authorize Director Maisner to sign the Property Access Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Patrick E. Lindemann

Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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November 24th, 2020

Meridian Charter Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

RE: Red Cedar River Logjam Removal Project

Dear Ms. Maisner:

As you may be aware, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office has been removing obstructions from the Red Cedar River located in the East Lansing and Meridian Charter Township. These logjams cause flooding, increase channel instability, and reduce the capacity of the county drains that are tributary to the Red Cedar River.

Our work began in 2012 at the outlet of the Hannah Farms Drain near the Michigan Athletic Club. The removal of these logjams has improved the outlet for multiple drainage systems that discharge to the Red Cedar River. Attached is a photo taken of Drain Commissioner, Patrick E. Lindemann standing next to a log removed downstream of your property as part of this earlier project. The work to clear the Red Cedar River of obstructions and debris affecting drains is not yet complete. We have identified additional logjams and obstructions in the river from Nakoma Drive upstream to Okemos Road and we are moving forward with their removal.

We are requesting your assistance in allowing our contractors very limited access across your property in order to remove logjams within or adjacent to your property. A landowner access agreement can be found enclosed for your review. Please contact Charles R. Smith P.E., C.F.M. at 586-383-8244 regarding the scope of access across your property or you may email charless@spicergroup.com.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carla F. Clos".

Carla F. Clos
Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner

**PATRICK E. LINDEMANN
INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
RED CEDAR RIVER LOGJAM REMOVAL PROJECT
PROPERTY ACCESS AGREEMENT FORM**

NAME: _____ (Landowner/Owner’s Representative)

ADDRESS/PARCEL ID: _____ (“Property”)

I am the Landowner and/or Owner’s Representative of the Property at the address listed above. I hereby give permission for Ingham County Drain Commissioner (“ICDC”), whose address is 707 Buhl, Mason, MI 48854, including his, employees, consultants, contractors and agents of the ICDC (collectively “Authorized Persons”) to enter the above-referenced property for the following purposes:

- a. Permission to enter the Property to access the Red Cedar River for the removal of logjams, restoration of bank erosion and restoration of access areas.
- b. Survey staking and documenting of activities.
- c. On-Site observation and oversight of activities.
- d. Other purposes as required by law. (Collectively the “Work”)

The Work will take place on the Red Cedar River on and/or adjacent to Property.

Upon completion of the Work at the Property, ICDC will restore the Property to its condition prior to the commencement of the Work.

Landowner or Owner’s Representative shall not be held responsible or liable for injury, damage, or loss incurred or arising out of or in connection with Work under this Agreement, except to the extent that any injury is caused due to the acts or omissions of Landowner or any employee or agent of Landowner or Owner’s Representative.

ICDC or Authorized Persons will give notice to Landowner or Owner’s Representative at least one (1) week in advance of the start of field activities at the Property. The Property may be utilized as described above until August 1, 2025.

Other: _____

ICDC: _____

Landowner: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



To: Park Commission
From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 22, 2021
Re: 2021 Proposed Meeting Dates

Under normal circumstances, setting the yearly meeting schedule is fairly routine, but with the uncertainty of COVID-19, there are additional considerations to determine. Below are the dates representing the second Tuesday of each month in 2021, except there will not be a meeting held in April and December. The meetings will begin at 6 pm. It is recommended for everyone's safety that meetings take place virtually for the time being. Below is a draft of locations for your consideration.

Tuesdays at 6 pm:

February 9

March 9

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

The following motion is proposed:

MOVE that the Park Commission meeting schedule as outlined in the January 22, 2021 staff memorandum and attached Resolution be accepted and approved, and copies of the meeting schedule be forwarded to the appropriate individuals for posting.

/attachment

**Park Commission Meeting Dates
2021 Meeting Schedule**

RESOLUTION

At a special 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 26th day of January 2021, at 5:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the Park Commission desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Commission, pursuant to MCL 42.7; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission deems the 2021 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 2021 meeting schedule as follows:

Tuesday, January 26 (special meeting & joint meeting)
Tuesday, February 9
Tuesday, March 9
Tuesday, May 11
Tuesday, June 8
Tuesday, July 13
Tuesday, August 10
Tuesday, September 14
Tuesday, October 12
Tuesday, November 9

2. The Park Commission has set a schedule to meet on the second Tuesday of the month; **with the exception of** the fourth Tuesday for a special meeting of the Park Commission and the joint meeting with the Township Board and other boards and commissions. There will not be a meeting scheduled for April and December.

3. The Park Commission meetings may be televised and due to COVID-19 safety precautions, the meetings for now will meet over Zoom. Changes and notices will be made in accordance with MCL 15.265.
4. When in-person meetings resume, the Park Commission meetings shall be held in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, (517) 853-4000; Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840 (517) 853-4600 or at another location within the community.
5. Work Sessions and Special Meetings of the Park Commission may be called pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
6. Regular meetings may be canceled, recessed or postponed by members of the Park Commission pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
7. A summary of this resolution stating date, place, and time shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, and a copy of this resolution shall be posted in the Meridian Municipal Building.

ADOPTED:
YEAS:
NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss:
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Acting Chairperson of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Commission held on the 26th day of January, 2021.

, Chair
Meridian Township Park Commission



To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 22, 2021
Re: Election of Officers and Land Preservation Advisory Board Representative Appointment

Chair opens the floor for nominations for **Chair**.

COMMISSIONER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS CHAIR.
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER _____

Commissioner _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nominations for Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

Chair opens the floor for nomination for **Vice Chair**.

COMMISSIONER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS VICE CHAIR.
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER _____

Commissioner _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nomination for Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

Land Preservation Advisory Board Representative Appointment

COMMISSIONER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS LAND
PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE. SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER _____

Commissioner _____ accepts the appointment

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS: