



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday September 14, 2021 4:30pm
Zoom

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REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Resolution of Declaration and Notice- LWCF Gateway Path and Restroom Grant
 - b. Resolution of Declaration and Notice – MNRTF Central Meridian Trail Connector
 - c. Deer Management Program – Addition of Sander Farm
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Community Input Opportunities – Master Plan Update
8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS
10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Park Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, 4:30pm

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 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Towner Road Park
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:30 pm

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

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lick called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stephens MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, with the addition of 7a. Fungi Collection Request from Jud Van Wyk. Seconded by Commissioner Nardo-Farris.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 13, 2021

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

1. Review of current plan – Director Maisner provided an overview of elements of the current plan including the Goals and Objectives section; Overall Philosophy section; and the Action Plan.
2. Review of accomplishments since 2017 – Director Maisner reviewed the major park accomplishments but will work on updating this on a park-by-park basis.
3. Review of Community Survey Questions – An important element of the plan is receiving input from the community. This is accomplished through a community survey, focus group meetings, and community meetings. Staff will create a plan for Park Commission consideration for their next meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Request to collect fungi in Parks - Judson Van Wyk, Michigan State University, Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences –

Jud is majoring in Environmental Microbiology and would like to continue his studies within the parks of Meridian Township. He is requesting permission for the Bonito Lab at MSU to collect fungi from Meridian parks year round. He has observed potential new species in the parks and some that would be valuable to the Bonito Lab projects. Collections will be accessioned to the MSU herbarium and would prove useful to future taxonomy work.

Motion by Commissioner Van Antwerp, supported by Commissioner McDonald to approve the request from Jud VanWyke to collect fungi in Meridian Township parks in 2021 and 2022 for use in his Phd Studies at MSU.

Voice Vote: Motion carried unanimously

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Parks and Recreation Department Department Update – August 4, 2021

Recreation

- **Youth sports** returned this summer with successful soccer, baseball, softball and t-ball programs.
- **Registration for fall** soccer took place in July along with youth flag football. These programs will run in September and October with over 600 registrations received thus far.
- **Adult sports** programs also took place this summer for softball, sand volleyball and kickball.
- **Mike Devlin created Sporties for Shorties in 2000** for children ages 3, 4 and 5 to provide fun activities that promote gross motor skill development and socialization. This program has been going strong for almost 21 years and shows no sign in slowing down! Since June, Mike has taught **22 classes with 20 students each**. Classes will continue through the fall.

Harris Nature Center

- **Summer Camp** enrollment was at an all-time high of 526 participants
- Participated virtually in the **MSU Science Festival** in April and May – 12 schools/6 districts (including Bay City and a district in Missouri!) – presented virtual programs to 404 students

- New ADA compliant **automatic doors** were installed this summer along with a **new concrete** sidewalk approach at the building's entrance.
- The new **pavilion/patio and restroom building projects** were completed and opened to the public.
- The former **wet lab** was totally renovated into a more functional classroom with carpet and bench seating.
- Maintenance and improvements were made to **the Nature Exploration Area**
- The **new bird viewing deck** was completed and opened along the blue trail. This project was funded by the HNC Foundation and the Capital Region Community Foundation.

Park Maintenance Special Projects

- Removed old boardwalk along the trails in Central Park and Legg Park and repaired the trails for better stability and accessibility.
- Installed a new trail in Hillbrook Park and surfaced with road millings for a durable surface
- Transplanted the Elm tree at Historical Village away from the new restroom building. The tree is now flourishing!
- Custom built a collapsible bollard for emergency access at Nancy Moore Park that proved to be quite successful. We will continue to build and install more at appropriate pathway entrances.
- Structurally renovated the Gazebo in the Historical Village
- Installed wind screens at the Towner Road Park pickleball courts
- In conjunction with ReLeaf of Michigan, planted 13 trees in Central Park South
- Replenished safety surface in all playgrounds

Parks

- There have been **287 pavilion rental reservations** from May through July this year. Our pavilions also receive a large amount of non-reserved use.
- **Deer Management** – Preparations are underway for the 2021 Deer Management Program. Hunter applications are streaming in! MSU's Demmer Center is still closed to the public by they are sending staff to conduct on-site proficiency testing during the hunter orientation meeting in August.
- **LEAP Art Grant** – Working with selection Committee and finalizing sculpture.
- **5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update** is underway. The Park Commission is finalizing the community survey and much of the base data has already been updated.

- **John Grettenberger Memorial in the Historical Village** – Jane Greenway is leading this joint project with the Friends of Historic Meridian to plant an Oak tree and install a bronze plaque in the Village. Bill Cawood and his wife Julie are funding the cost of the \$1,500 plaque. The dedication is tentatively scheduled for September 18.
- **Memorial Bench and tree** – Val Lafferty of Haslett funded three memorial benches and native trees for installation in Marshall Park.
- **Memorial Bench** – Resident, Carolyn Boegner donated a bench for placement at Nancy Moore Park basketball court because that is where her granddaughter plays.
- **Grant Coordination** – Staff has been working diligently to finalize grant reimbursement requests to the DNR for the following projects: Historical Village Footbridge and Restroom Project; Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector; HNC restroom; and the HNC Pavilion Project.
- **Okemos Road Acquisition Grant** - We are working closely with the DNR throughout this acquisition process are awaiting approval of the updated appraisal. Once received, we will meet the property owner to present the formal purchase agreement.

Senior Center

- A new large umbrella was installed in the courtyard at the outdoor patio area. Smaller table umbrellas were also installed to provide shade for members utilizing the outdoor space.
- Prior to May 16, all programs offered were virtually.
- Seniors were welcomed back on June 16 with limited enrollment and spaced out programs to allow for cleaning between programs.
- In May and June, a total of 72 programs were offered with 185 participants.
- In July and August, 54 programs were offered with 15 participants (as of August 5)

Farmers Market

- **Saturday markets** continue to be popular a destination for our residents and visitors from surrounding communities. Approximately 65 vendors participate each week with 3,000 visitors.
- **Wednesday markets** began on July 1 with an average of 30 vendors and approximately 600 customers.
- New this year is **live music** from 6-9pm on the Marketplace Stage in July and August. These concerts have become increasingly popular each week and are funded by a donation from Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists on Marsh Road.

Stewardship in Parks and Preserves

2021 Stewardship Volunteer Hours = 592 hours completed

19 Workdays completed removing invasive species, planting native species, and cleaning up trash at preserves and parks

2 new programs were launched in the “Summer Stewardship Series”:

- Wednesday Warriors: weekday workdays to remove invasive species
- Trailside Ecology: 1st Tuesday of every month, to bring residents out in various parks and preserves and familiarize them with local flora and fauna as well as Township properties

Upcoming Programs for release later this year:

- Planting a Native Meridian - education and outreach on native plants and the benefit they bring to our local ecosystems
- Waterways Watch - education and outreach on how to get involved in programs to clean and benefit our local watershed systems

Presented educational programs to the Women's League of Voters (Lansing Chapter), the Meridian Garden Club, and the Green Coffee Sustainability Group

Began updating stewardship & management plans for each preserve; designing and ordering rule signage, tick education signage and name signs.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, Chair Lick adjourned the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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BUDGETED PARK PROJECTS 2013-2021

August 16, 2021

2013 - no projects

Voters approved a 2/3 mil millage for parks! - 2014

Wonch Park Paved Loop Trail - 2014	Park Millage	\$40,000
	MNRTF Grant	<u>\$45,000</u>
		\$85,000
Four Sand Volleyball Courts Nancy Moore Park & North Meridian Road Park with Lake Michigan beach sand - 2015	Park Millage	\$80,000
Wonch Park Pavilion - 2016 (with electricity, tables, drinking fountain and entry sidewalk) - 2016	Park Millage	\$100,000
	LWCF	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
		\$150,000
Wonch Park Fitness Equipment (12 pieces) 2016	Manufacturer Grant	\$27,000
	Park Millage	<u>\$70,000</u>
		\$97,000
Wonch Park Parking Lot Resurfacing - 2016	Park Millage	\$80,000
Hillbrook Park Court renovation including creation of one tennis court, three pickleball courts, and half-court basketball court and new fencing - 2016	Park Millage	\$100,000
Hillbrook Park Parking and Internal pathway Lot Repaving - 2016	Park Millage	\$45,000
Hillbrook Park new play equipment - 2016	Park Millage	\$80,000
Orlando Park Playground - 2016	Park Millage	\$60,000
Constructed four new covered dugouts at Hartrick Park - 2016	Park Millage	\$60,000
Building Generator at HNC - 2017	Park Millage	\$60,000
Towner Road Park Development (2-ball fields, 2-soccer fields, 6-pickleball courts, pavilion restroom building, 1/3 mile paved loop trail)- 2017-2018	Park Millage	\$2,400,000
North Meridian Road Park Pavilion - 2018	Park Millage	\$100,000
	MNRTF Grant	\$50,000
Trailhead and Directional Signs -2018-2021	Park Millage	\$100,000

Small Dog Park - 2018	Park Millage	\$100,000
Tihart Land Preserve 2018 -90-acres	LP Millage	\$600,000
Mandenberg Woods 2018 4-acres	LP Millage	\$63,000
Pondersosa Land Preserve 2018 – 92-acres	LP Millage	\$485,100
	MNRTF Grant	<u>\$514,900</u>
		\$1,000,000
Nemoke Preserve 2018 12-acres	LP Millage	\$3,547
Large Dog Park - 2019	Park Millage	\$150,000
Meridian Senior Center Courtyard Project²⁰¹⁹	Sr. Center Millage	\$50,000
Marketplace on the Green – 2018-2020	General Fund –	\$500,000
	Donations/grants-	\$360,000
	Park Millage	<u>\$1,540,000</u>
		\$2,400,000
Constructed Overflow Parking lot at Towner Road Park – 2020		
	Park Millage	\$25,000
Paved the entry drive to Legg Park - 2020	Park Millage	\$50,000
Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector & Fishing Dock - 2020-2021		
	Park Millage	\$373,000
	MNRTF Grant	<u>\$227,000</u>
		\$600,000
Gateway Walkway and Restroom in Historical Village – 2020-2021		
	Park Millage	\$300,000
	LWCF Grant	<u>\$50,000</u>
		\$350,000
Harris Nature Center Pavilion- 2021	Park Millage	\$150,000
	MNRTF Grant	<u>\$50,000</u>
		\$200,000
HNC Restroom Project – 2021	Park Millage	\$100,000
	LWCF	<u>\$50,000</u>



To: Park Commission
From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: September 1, 2021
Re: Resolution of Declaration and Notice
Accessible Gateway Path and Restroom Development Project
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant – National Park Service

The Township was awarded a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$150,000 to construct the Accessible Gateway Path and Restroom in the Meridian Historical Village. The project is now complete and the final paperwork is being submitted to close the project and receive the final reimbursement.

The grant process with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires the Township to record a “Declaration and Notice” and boundary map with Ingham County Registrar of Deeds.

The purpose of the Declaration and Notice is to assure that the grant funded site remain in the public domain for public use. By recording this document, Meridian Township is confirming its obligation to retain ownership of Central Park and continue its conservation for public outdoor recreation.

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution of Declaration and Notice

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

**Resolution of Declaration and Notice
Central Park**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840, in said Township on the 14th day of September, 2021 at 6 pm, Local Time.

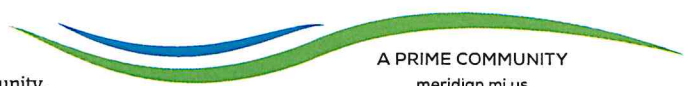
PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution of Declaration and Notice was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian, governing body, hereinafter called Meridian Township, being the owner of all the property described as Central Park:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land located within the East ½ of Section 16 and the West ½ of the Section 15, Meridian Township, T4N, R1 W, Ingham County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southeast 1/4 Corner of said Section 16, thence North along the East line of said Section 495.07 ft. to the intersection of the North right of way line of Central Park Drive and the East Section line and the point of beginning, thence North continuing along said east line 825.0 ft., thence West 1320.20 ft. to the Centerline of Okemos Road, thence North along said centerline 1648.53 ft.; to the South Right-of-Way line of Canadian Northern Railroad, thence northeasterly along said Railroad right of way 3258.15 ft. +/- to the intersection of said South Railroad right of way line and the North 1/8 line of the Northwest ¼ of Section 15, thence south along said 1/8 line 645.03 ft., thence S21°28'30"E 439.73 ft. to the Southwest corner of Nemoke Trails Apartments, thence N68°31'30"E 164.0 ft., thence N21°28'30"W 65.0 ft., thence N68°31'30"E 349.82 ft., thence N32°16'16"E, 698.38 ft., thence N68°31'30"E, 352.0 ft. to the North-South line of Section 15, thence N53°17'58"E 155.98 ft., S21°28'30"E 159.22 ft., thence S33°44'04"E 120.32 ft., thence S02°29'49"E 115 ft. to the Southwest Corner of Meridian Hills Condominiums, thence South 570 ft., thence West 251 ft. to the North-South line of Section 15, thence South along said line 1297.7 ft., thence west 1331.75, thence South 120 ft., thence East 1331.75 ft., which is 60 ft. south of the Center of Section 15, thence South along the North-South line of Section 15, 587.31 ft., thence West 70.56 ft., thence S27°03'27"W 552.66 ft., thence S61°55'26"E 362.10 ft., thence South 8.27 ft. to the West right of way line of Marsh Road, thence along said right of way line S27°43'58"W 1000.27 ft. to the intersection of the West right of way line of Marsh Road and the North right of way line of Central Park Drive, Thence along said North line N70°11'35"W 1420.59 ft., thence on a curve to the left with a length of 998.49 ft., a radius of 665 ft., with a delta of 87.34° and a chord bearing N65°57'36"E with a length of 904.58 ft. to the point of beginning; **except (Municipal Town Hall)** commencing at the South ¼ Corner of Section 15, thence N along the N-S section line 986.23 ft., thence west 162.7 ft. to the West right of way line of Marsh Road and the point of beginning, thence N65°27'30"W 199.73 ft., thence on a curve to the left, with a length of 232.91 ft., having a radius of 150 ft., a delta of 88.96°, and a chord bearing S70°03'33"W with a length of 210.020, thence S25°34'37"W 355.51 ft. thence N66°29'28"W 127.01 ft., thence on a curve to the left, with a length of 235.14 ft.,



having a radius of 150 ft., a delta of 89.82°, and a chord bearing S68°36'03"W with a length of 211.79 ft., thence S23°41'34"W 36.48 ft. to the North right of way of Central Park Drive, thence S70°11'35"E 591.78 ft. to the intersection of the West right of way line of Marsh Road and the North right of way line of Central Park Drive,, thence N27°43'58"E 640.52' to the point of beginning; **also except (Service Center)** beginning at the East ¼ corner of Section 16, thence North along the North- South line 660.14 ft., thence S89°58'36"W 797.65 ft., thence S51°57'03"W 260.39 ft., thence South 496.29 ft. to the E-W Section line, thence East 999.58 ft. to the point of beginning.

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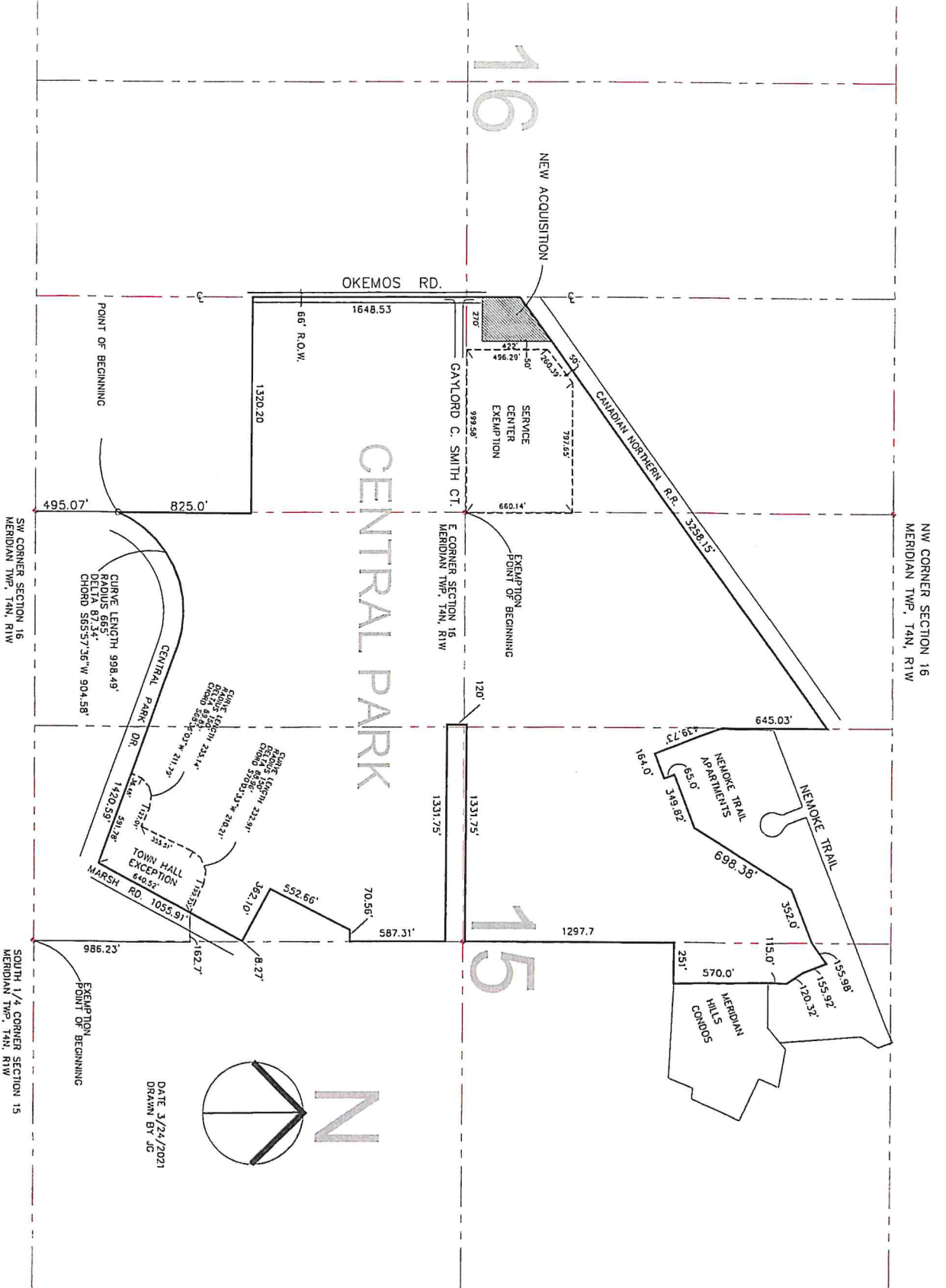
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THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS DEED DEVELOPED BY MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP WITH FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PURSUANT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT LW16-0046 (26-01768), ACCESSIBLE GATEWAY BRIDGE AND RESTROOM DEVELOPMENT, BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, EXECUTED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2018. THE PROJECT AGREEMENT DESCRIBES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF THE

PROPOSED CENTRAL PARK LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 WITH NEWLY ACQUIRED PARCEL 16-200-011





To: Park Commission

**From: LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation**

Date: September 10, 2021

**Re: Resolution of Declaration and Notice
Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant**

The Township was awarded a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$272,500 to construct the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project. The project is now complete and the final paperwork is being submitted to close the project and receive the final reimbursement.

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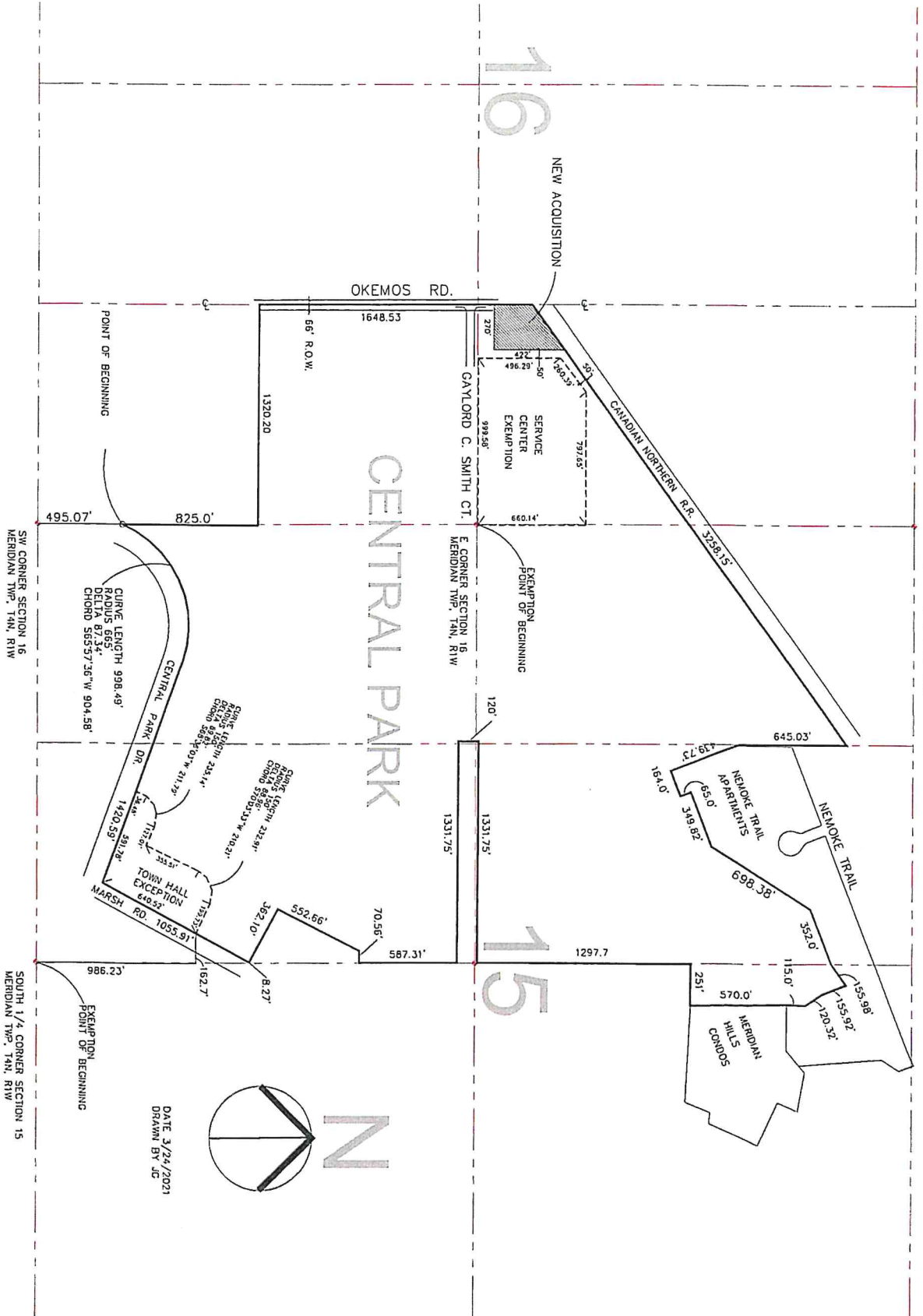
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MERIDIAN TWP. 14N, R1W

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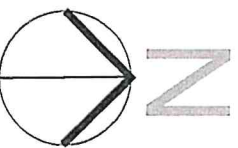
MERIDIAN HILLS CONDOS

MERIDIAN TRAIL APARTMENTS

SERVICE CENTER EXEMPTION

QUINE LENGTH 998.49'
DELTA 89.53'
CHORD 565.57.36" W 90.4.58'

TOWN HALL EXEMPTION
640.52'



DATE 3/24/2021
DRAWN BY JC

PROPOSED CENTRAL PARK LEGAL DESCRIPTION
WITH NEWLY AQUIRED PARCEL 16-200-011



6-C

To: Park Commission
From: Jane Greenway and Emma Campbell
Parks and Recreation Department
Date: September 7, 2021
Re: 2021 - Deer Management Recommendation

The purpose of this memo is to update the Park Commission on the status of the deer management program and to request the addition of the **Sander Farm Natural Area** (31.9 acres) to the program.

2021 Properties Included in the Deer Management Program (see attached map for locations):

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Central Park | 26. Sumbal Preserve |
| 2. Towner Road Park | 27. Red Cedar Glen Preserve |
| 3. Wonch Park | 28. Towner Wetland Preserve |
| 4. Ferguson Park | 29. Meridian Central Wetland |
| 5. Eastgate Park | 30. Red Cedar River East Preserve |
| 6. Legg Park | 31. Forest Grove Preserve |
| 7. Hartrick Park | 32. North Ridge Preserve |
| 8. Ted Black Woods | 33. Mandenberg Woods Preserve |
| 9. North Meridian Rd. Park | 34. Tihart Preserve |
| 10. Red Cedar Natural Area | 35. Ponderosa Preserve |
| 11. Forest Hills Natural Area | 36. Nemoke Preserve |
| 12. Tacoma Hills Natural Area | 37. Glendale Cemetery |
| 13. Orlando Outlot B | 38. Riverside Cemetery |
| 14. Brattin Woods | 39. Ingham County Farm |
| 15. Hillbrook Park | 40. Transfer Station |
| 16. Davis/Foster | 41. ELMWSA |
| 17. Hubbel Preserve | 42. Delta Dental |
| 18. Lake Lansing North Preserve | Total acreage= 2300 acres |
| 19. Newman Equities Preserve | |
| 20. Towar Woods Preserve | |
| 21. Lake Lansing South Preserve | |
| 22. Central Meridian Uplands | |
| 23. Sower Land Preserve | |
| 24. Tihart Cornell Wetland | |
| 25. Southwest Meridian Uplands | |

PROPOSED:
43. Sander Farm Natural Area = 31 ac.

Summary of 2020 Harvest

In 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer. The success this year was due to the effective collaborative efforts of the Township Board, DPW staff, Parks and Recreation staff, Police Department, volunteer archery hunters and the Sportsman Against Hunger Organization. The identification of CWD in Meridian Township in 2014 had a significant impact on our hunters' ability to achieve great success. The United States Department of Agriculture culled a number of deer in an effort to eradicate this disease from our community. This cull took place between 2015 and 2018. After the cull stopped, there was a 16% increase in the car-deer crashes. The continued high number of car-deer collisions and ongoing destruction of vegetation prompted many residents to reach out for answers and action from their elected officials. Manager Walsh set a goal to harvest 300 deer during the 2020-2021 season. With this goal in mind, it was apparent that new measures and additional efforts were required.

Program Statistics:

Volunteer Archery Deer Management Program

- October 1, 2020 - January 1, 2021
- 75 resident volunteers participating
- **176** Deer Harvested from 33 Township properties and 7 private properties
- 2,280 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 9,120 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$25,057
- Estimated 3,500 volunteer hours served in the field

2021 Police Cull

- January 15, 2021 - March 10, 2021
- **150** deer culled
- 4,874 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
- 19,496 meals provided locally
- Dollar amount of venison donated = \$53,565.26

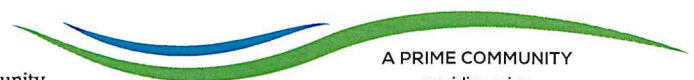
Total Cull - 326 deer

Deer Management Program Statistics

(Collision based on data provided on the MSP "Traffic Crash Reporting System – Crash Statistics Report Selection Criteria")

	Total Hunters	Properties Hunted	Deer Harvested	Reported Deer/Car Collisions
2011	25	7	43	152
2012	50	18	90	153
2013	60	20	127	180
2014	73	21	150	137
2015	30	19	63	144
2016	73	31	73	164
2017	66	30	80	129
2018	74	38	57	129
2019	84	38	88	153
2020	75	42 (2600 acres)	176	-----

Our office continues to field calls regarding deer damage from throughout the Township, but the largest number of complaints come from residents in Tacoma Hills, Briarwood, and Cornell Woods. **It is our hope that by adding the Sander Farm Natural Area that we will be able to help with the deer pressure in that area. A resolution is attached for your review.**



**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
2021 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

At a regular meeting of the Township Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, in said Township on the 14th day of September, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time,

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner ___ and supported by Commissioner ___

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian has documented numerous complaints relative to the issue of the over-population of white-tailed deer including: over-grazing of landscape plants, a high number of deer/car collisions, threats to public health, and threats to the ecological health of natural areas; and

WHEREAS a Deer Management Plan has been developed for the purpose of outlining measures for conducting a highly managed, safe and humane managed deer harvest on township-owned properties; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that controlled hunting may help control the overpopulation of white-tailed deer; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian has authorized staff to conduct a managed deer harvest on township-owned properties that will occur seven days per week during the regular archery season (October 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS the managed deer harvest will utilize qualified, competent, and experienced volunteer hunters; and

WHEREAS the township-owned properties are not open to unauthorized hunting; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to operate under the Deer Management Assistance Program for the purpose of purchasing a large number of antlerless deer permits; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian’s Deer Management Program will comply with all State of Michigan rules and hunting regulations; and

WHEREAS the public will be properly notified of the deer harvest through posted signs on the designated hunting properties, township website postings, press releases in the local newspaper, and letters to owners of properties adjacent to designated hunting properties ; and

WHEREAS the majority of the venison from the harvested deer will be distributed to the hungry through local food banks; and

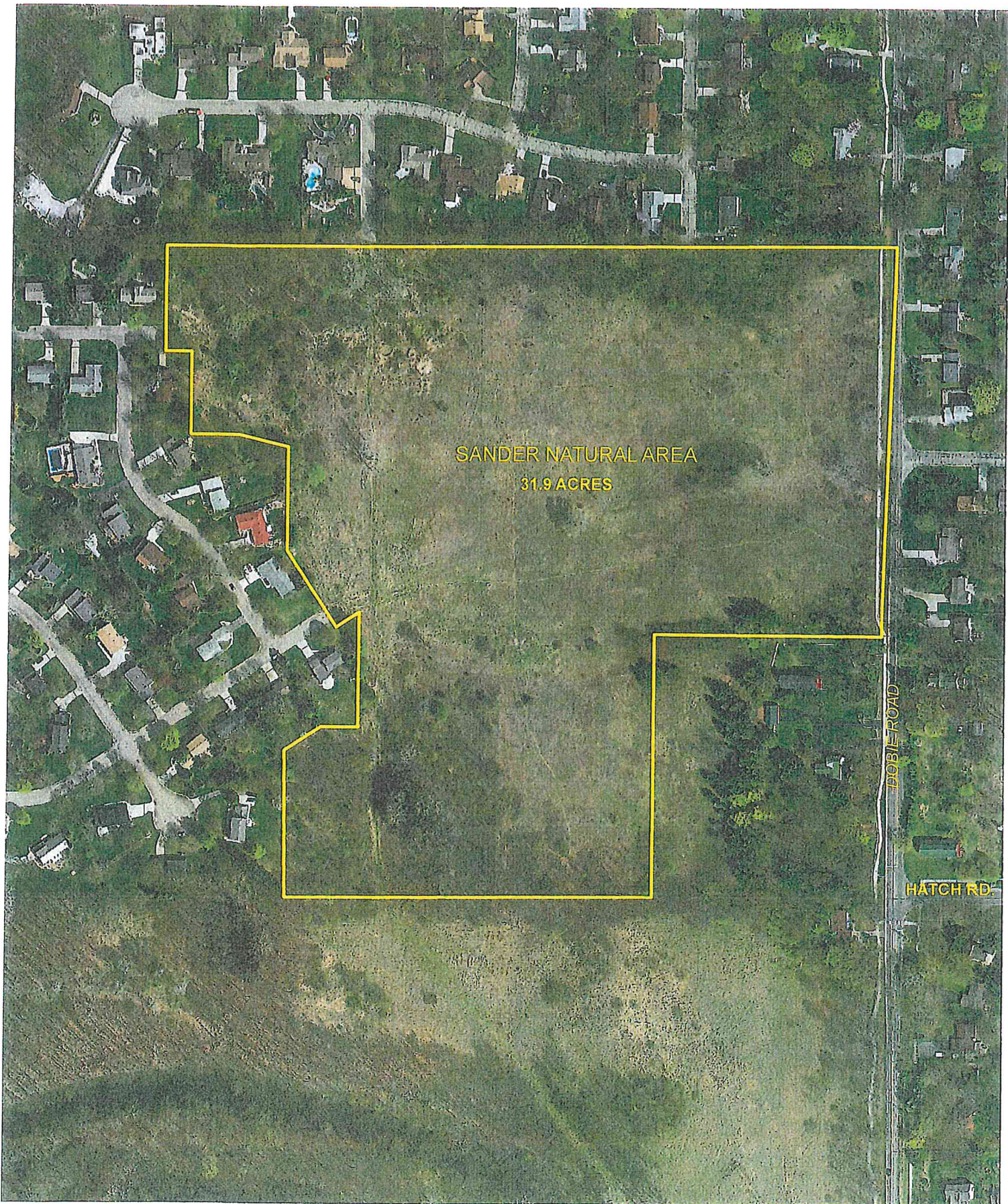
WHEREAS parks and natural areas provide ecological and aesthetic beauty, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian recognizes the benefits derived from parks and natural areas and appreciates benefits of local wildlife

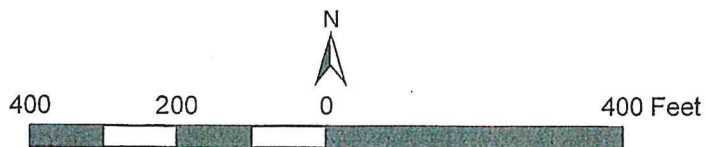
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN THAT THE SANDER FARM PRESERVED NATURAL AREA BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF APPROVED TOWNSHIP-OWNED LAND FOR THE MANAGED DEER HARVEST PROGRAM.

ADOPTED: YEAS:
 NAYS:

Amanda Lick, Chairperson



MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

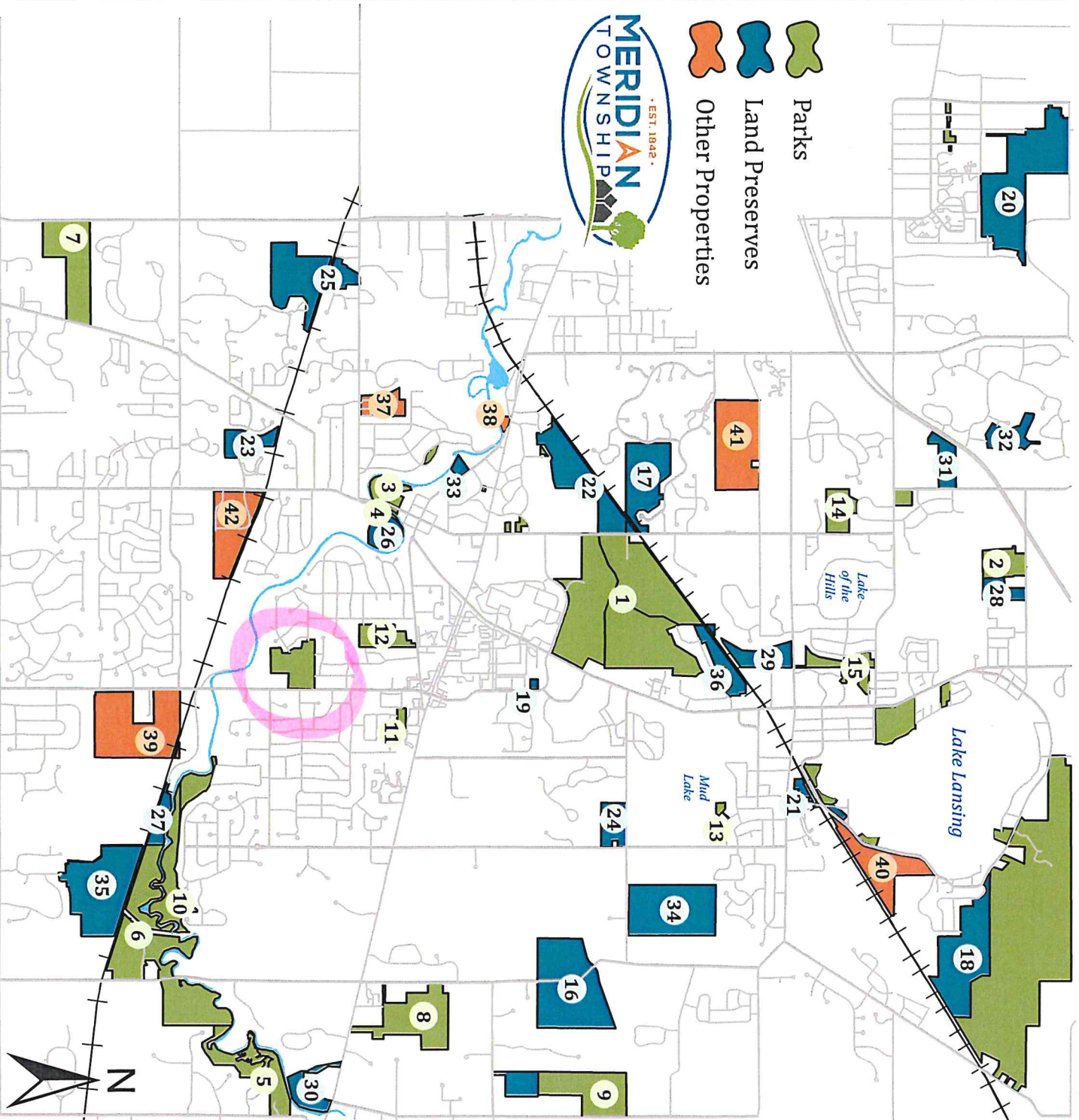


Meridian Township Deer Management Areas 2021

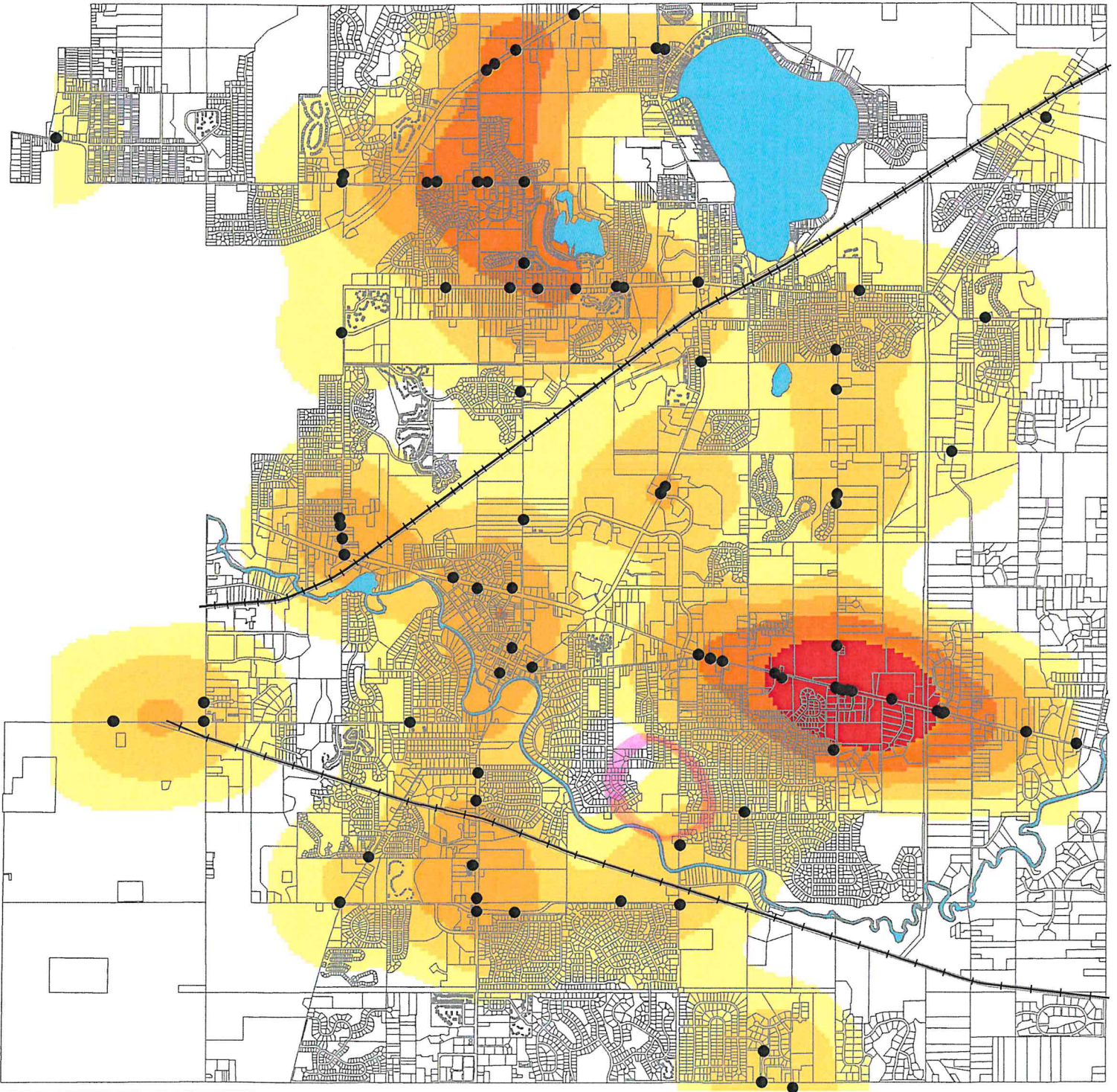
- 1 Central Park
- 2 Townner Road Park
- 3 Wonch Park
- 4 Ferguson Park
- 5 Eastgate Park
- 6 Leggs Park
- 7 Hartrick Park
- 8 Ted Black Woods
- 9 North Meridian Rd. Park
- 10 Red Cedar Natural Area
- 11 Forest Hills Natural Area
- 12 Tacoma Hills Natural Area
- 13 Orlando Outlot B
- 14 Brattin Woods
- 15 Hillbrook Park

- 16 Davis/Foster Preserve
- 17 Hubbel Preserve
- 18 Lake Lansing North Preserve
- 19 Newman Equities Preserve
- 20 Towar Woods Preserve
- 21 Lake Lansing South Preserve
- 22 Central Meridian Uplands
- 23 Sower Woods Preserve
- 24 Tihart/Cornell Wetland
- 25 Southwest Meridian Uplands
- 26 Sumbal Preserve
- 27 Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- 28 Townner Wetland Preserve
- 29 Meridian Central Wetland
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Meridian Township Deer-Vehicle Collisions (2020)



Legend

- Deer-Vehicle Collisions
- High
- Low

Last Update: 9/9/2021





To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: September 10, 2021
Re: Community Input Opportunities - Master Plan Update

Every three years, the Township Board seeks community input on current issues and service satisfaction. Attached are the survey questions that were included in the 2021 survey. As we continue our work of updating the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the results of this survey will assist as part of our overall community input efforts.

The Universal Access Advisory is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 13, 2021 to provide input on opportunities to improve our facilities for use by all visitors.

The Farmers Market is currently hosting 3,000 – 4,000 visitors each Saturday. We may wish to set up a booth as another public input opportunity.

Attachments:

1. 2021 Resident Engagement and Priority Survey



2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study

Thank you for your participation in this study. All answers will remain completely anonymous - your name will not be released or linked with the results provided to the Township without your permission.

Public Safety

First, think about Meridian Township's **fire and emergency medical services** on the following attributes using a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 means "Poor" and 6 means "Excellent." If you are not sure or have no opinion, please mark "Don't Know."

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Fire protection for the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement and educational opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Response time to fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Response time to medical emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respectful interaction with residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please rate Meridian Township's **local law enforcement** (police department) on the following attributes:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Respectful treatment of residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fair and equitable enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety education (DARE, Citizens' Academy, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Response time to emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement with the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transparency in sharing information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the past year, how much contact have you had with the Meridian Township Police Department/Township police officers?

- None
 Fewer than 3 times
 3-5 times
 6-10 times
 More than 10 times

Parks and Pathways

The Township has 30 parks and 70 miles of paved pathways. In the past year, how many times did you use Meridian Township's **parks and pathways**?

- Never
 1-5 times a year
 6-10 times a year
 11-20 times a year
 20+ times a year

Next, rate Meridian Township's **local parks and recreation** facilities and programs on the following attributes:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Parks/facilities meet your needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks/facility maintenance and cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of recreational programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of recreational programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of park amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of park amenities (trails, playgrounds, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marketplace on the Green Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harris Nature Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Transportation and Public Works

6. Please think about the **transportation infrastructure** in Meridian Township and rate it on the following attributes:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Street surface maintenance/repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATA/Redi-Ride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pathway system for biking and walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street tree maintenance and care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Next, rate the **Public Works services** that you use on the following attributes:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Drinking water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Response time to water/sewer emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storm water/drain maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of paying Township utility bills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snow management on trails and pathways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streetlight maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respectful treatment of residents/customer service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Please rate the maintenance of Meridian Township's **facilities and grounds**:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Meridian Township Hall (government offices)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Okemos Library CADL Branch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haslett Library CADL Branch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glendale Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling/transfer station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Development

9. Rate the **economic health** of Meridian Township on the following aspects:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Cost of living	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordability of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of quality jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stability of property values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strength of local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to general health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to mental health care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the following **Township services**:

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	Excellent= 6	Don't Know
Building, plumbing and electrical inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professionalism of code enforcement staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement/property maintenance in your neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of permitting services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plan review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Do you own or operate a business in Meridian Township?

Yes No

2. What would make Meridian Township a better place for small businesses?

Overall

3. Consider your experiences in the last year with Meridian Township. How satisfied are you? Use a 6-point scale, where 1 means "Very Dissatisfied" and 6 means "Very Satisfied."

Very Dissatisfied= 1 2 3 4 5 Very Satisfied= 6

4. On a scale where 1 means "Not Likely" and 6 means "Very Likely," how likely are you to take the following actions:

	Not Likely= 1	2	3	4	5	Very Likely=6
Be a community volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage someone to start a business here	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in community events and festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remain living here five years from now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. What barriers keep you from participating more in the areas above or remaining here five years from now?

6. What types of cultural events would you like to see in our community?

7. On a scale where 1 is "Strongly Disagree" and 6 is "Strongly Agree," to what extent do you agree that Meridian Township is:

	Strongly Disagree= 1	2	3	4	5	Strongly Agree= 6	Don't Know
A safe place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An enjoyable place for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An enjoyable place for young adults (age 18-35)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An enjoyable place for older adults (age 62+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An enjoyable place for people to visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physically attractive/great curb appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A great place to have a business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A community that is growing responsibly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A safe place to bike and walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A safe place to bike and walk at night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A perfect community for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A place that is inclusive and celebrates diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. What do you like most about living in Meridian Township?

9. What are the top improvements the Township should prioritize:

Communication Preference

20. How do you prefer to receive information from the Township (events, programs, updates, etc.)? (Mark all that apply.)

- Email, Township website, Meridian Happenings digital newsletter, Prime Meridian Magazine, Utility bill insert, Township social media (Facebook, etc.), NextDoor, Meridian Township YouTube channel, Text message, HOMTV cable channel

21. What types of information, updates or special topics would you like to receive from the Township? (Mark all that apply.)

- Township news, Township projects, Township meetings, Community events, Budget information, Other (note below)

Empty text box for 'Other' response.

22. Which languages are spoken in your home?

Empty text box for language response.

Broadband Internet Access as a Public Utility

23. The term Broadband is used to describe the maximum amount of data /information transmitted over an Internet connection in a given amount of time. In the context of Internet access, broadband is used to mean any high speed Internet access via multiple types of technologies including fiber optics, wireless, cable, DSL and Satellite.

Which company currently provides your broadband service? (Mark all that apply.)

- No access (skip to 28), ACD.net, AT&T, Comcast/Xfinity, EarthLink, Frontier, HughesNet, Metronet, Spectrum, Starlink, Synergy Internet, Toast.net, Viasat, WOW, Not sure

24. How much do you currently pay per month for your broadband access?

Empty text box for monthly payment response.

25. The Township is considering providing affordable broadband access as a public utility across the Township. Would you support a millage to fund Township wide broadband?

- Yes, No (skip to Q28)

26. What monthly fee do you think is reasonable for this type of service?

Empty text box for reasonable monthly fee response.

27. What is the highest monthly fee you would be willing to pay for this type of service?

Empty text box for highest willing monthly fee response.

28. What Township services would you like to see available online?

Empty text box for online services response.

What is your age group?

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 or over

Which of the following categories best describes your level of education?

- Some high school or less
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Graduate degree(s)

Which of the following categories includes your total household income last year?

- \$25,000 or less
- \$25,001 to \$50,000
- \$50,001 to \$100,000
- \$100,001-\$175,000
- More than \$175,000

Please indicate your marital status:

- Single
- Married/living with partner
- Widowed
- Separated/divorced

Mark the boxes that describe the people living in your house (other than yourself). Check all that apply.

- Child(ren) age 12 or under
- Adult child(ren) age 18+
- Roommate
- None of these
- Child(ren) age 12-17
- Spouse/partner
- Parent age 65 or older

How do you identify (check all that apply)?

- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer to self describe (note below)
- Female
- Prefer not to say

To which group do you consider yourself to belong? Check all that apply.

- Asian
- Black/African American
- Indigenous American
- Other
- White/Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Prefer not to say

What is your ZIP Code?

- 48864
- 48823
- 48840
- 48895
- Other (note below)

If you are interested in participating in potential future Township planning workshops, focus groups, or similar conversations, please enter your name, email, phone number, and address below. Your identity will not be linked with your other answers in this survey.

Thank you for your time. Please return this assessment in the postage-paid envelope provided.

9. Which six Township services, programs or amenities below are the most important to the people living in your household? (Mark up to 6.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and ambulance services | <input type="checkbox"/> Police services | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> Township parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Election and voting process | <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code enforcement/property maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Township Ice Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm water management/flooding prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental inspection | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails and pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> Public water and sewer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permit services | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash/recycling containers in parks | | |

10. Which of the following community amenities below would you like to see **added or enhanced in the future?** (Mark up to 6.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center | <input type="checkbox"/> New gateway signage | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor seating spaces (around fire pit, fountain, game space) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pop up pedestrian spaces (streeteries, parklets, plazas) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor athletic fields/courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor performance space | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, indoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport shooting areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green space | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/bike park | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, outdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor recreational space | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe pedestrian/non-motorized railroad crossings | | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking trails |

11. Residents have shared many ideas for potential improvements throughout the Township. Which of the following potential future community improvements should the Township pursue? (Mark all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve broadband internet access to all areas of the Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand/enhance pedestrian/non-motorized safety features at railroad crossing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve broadband internet service to key business areas of the Township to encourage economic development | <input type="checkbox"/> Establish railroad quiet zones (crossings that eliminate need for safety horns to be sounded) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support installation of 5G cellular services in the Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in upgrading and modernizing our water and sewer facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand solar and other green initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand/enhance trails and pathways | |

12. What other community amenities would you like to see considered for the future?

13. Meridian Township has an over-population of deer that has resulted in an increase of damage to landscaping, reports of vehicle/deer accidents, concern for public health, and a disruption to the ecological balance of our natural areas. In response, the Meridian Township Board directed staff to develop and implement a deer management plan that outlines measures for a highly-managed program to harvest white-tailed deer in a number of selected Township-owned properties. Do you support or oppose continuation of this program?

- Support Oppose

Meridian Township is a welcoming community. The information below helps us improve services for all of our residents. These questions are for analysis only and will not be used in any way to identify you. You may skip any questions that you are not comfortable answering.

How long have you been living in Meridian Township?

- One year or less 1-5 years 6-10 years More than 10 years

Do you own or rent/lease your residence?

- Own Rent/Lease

Where is your place of employment located in Meridian Township?

- Yes No, a different community I am not currently employed I am retired