



A Prime Community

Appendix E:

2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program

2022-2027 CIP - PARKS

<u>2022</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
2022	Towner Road Park Playground	\$400,000	MNRTF/Park Millage
2022	Parking Lot repaving/expansion (Central Park South, N. Meridian Rd Park HNC, Marshall)	\$200,000	Park Millage
2022	New Park Signs and site furnishings	\$50,000	Park Millage
2022	Shade Structure at Towner	\$20,000	Park Millage
2022	Floating Islands Purification System	\$18,000	Park Millage
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<u>2023</u>			
2023	Central Park Pavilion Renovation, Landscaping	\$150,000	Park Millage
2023	Marshall Park Playground Replacement	\$150,000	Park Millage, Grants
2023	Okemos Road Parcel Development	\$400,000	Park Millage, Grants
2023	New Park signs	\$20,000	
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<u>2024</u>			
2024	Ottawa Hills Playground Replacement	\$ 75,000	Park Millage, Grants
2024	New Park Signs	\$20,000	
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<u>2025</u>			
2025	Nancy Moore Park Playground	350,000	Park Millage/grant
2025	Nancy Moore Park Pavilion	\$300,000	Park Millage/grant
2025	Nancy Moore Park Loop Trail	<u>\$90,000</u>	Park Millage/grant
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<u>2026</u>			
2026	Hillbrook Park Restroom Building	\$250,000	Park Millage, Federal and State Grants
2026	Wonch Park Improvements – Restroom, Streambank, launch, WiFi	\$500,000	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
2026	Snell-Towar Recreation Center Improvements	<u>\$185,000</u>	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
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<u>2027</u>			
2027	Central Park Improvements-Splashpad	\$500,000	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
2027	Meridian Riverfront Park Trail Improvements	\$1,000,000	Park Millage, Pathway Millage, Federal/State Grants

Other items for future discussion/consideration: Skate Park; Disc golf course; Cricket field



Appendix F:

Public Meeting Notices



Appendix G:

Meridian Township Board Goals for 2022



2022 GOALS ACTION PLAN- DRAFT

A. INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Work with Ingham County to facilitate a successful replacement of the Okemos Road Bridge. Place an emphasis on traffic control in the adjacent neighborhoods.

Complete year three of the Meridian Township Local Road Improvement Plan. Our PASER rating at the end of 2022 shall be a minimum of 5.50.

Work jointly with the Michigan Department of Transportation to minimize the impacts of the Okemos Road/Grand River Avenue Enhancement Project.

Determine the feasibility of implementing of a Railroad Quiet Zone in the northern portion of the Township.

Continue to work with Ingham County officials to determine the most effective process to enhance the community's Broadband.

B. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Continue to work with Michigan State University, and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, to foster a workplace that adheres to the highest standards of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Update the Township's 2015 Personnel Handbook with an emphasis on building equity for all.

Continue to offer DEI training opportunities across the organization.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Continue our efforts to bring vitality to the Village of Okemos with the assistance of the Meridian Redevelopment Fund, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing Authority.

Continue our efforts to revitalize downtown Haslett with the Pine Village development. Assistance available shall include the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Meridian Redevelopment Authority.

Work cooperatively with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Meridian Township Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to recertify our Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) status.

Work in partnership with CBL Properties to forge a plan to accommodate a Meridian Mall Commercial Planned Unit Development.

D. COMMUNITY PLANNING

With the support of the Planning Commission, Township Board and residents, formulate a process to update the Township's 2017 Master Plan.

In a cooperative manner with our Parks Commission, and the Department of Natural Resources, develop a 2022-2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Develop a policy, criteria and procedure for expanding both permanent and temporary public art installations within the Township.

Continue to seek a common sense approach to broaden our affordable housing opportunities.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

With the support of the Environmental Commission, develop a site and implementation for the Township's fourth solar project with a goal of 100% solar energy by 2035.

Work with the Environmental Commission to bring about a successful Wetland Campaign and Green Projects Initiative.

Continue to place a significant emphasis on community recycling events and improvements to Meridian's Recycling Center.

F. FACILITIES, PARKS AND GROUNDS

In cooperation with our Information Technology (IT) consultant, use our vast budgeted resources to bring substantial enhancements to our township's IT infrastructure.

Work closely with our community partners to construct Phase I and II of the MSU to Lake Lansing Regional Pathway.

Demolish house on Okemos Road in preparation of building support facilities for the MSU-Lake Lansing Trail.

Improve capacity and safety by expanding parking at North Meridian Road Park and Central Park South

Pending grant approval, move forward with development of inter-generational play and fitness area Towner Road Park.

To improve water quality at Central Park South pond, install two Floating Natural Purification Islands planted with live vegetation.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY

Determine the cost/benefit of extending our existing police services contract with Williamstown Township.

Continue our commitment to implementing bold recruiting methods to maintain a police force of 41 and firefighter/paramedic of 34.

Purchase a new 2023 Pumper to replace Engine 93 built in 1999

Review and update our accreditation through the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs.

H. TOWNSHIP FINANCES

Continue our 2017 pledge to voters by investing an additional \$1,500,000 into MERS to help reduce our underfunded pension liability.

Implement a thorough process for the distribution of the \$4,500,000 American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

I. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Promote new features and build awareness for added functionality of the newly refreshed Township website. Encourage additional use of the Township's online services.

Strengthen and reinvigorate community support of the Township's brand through a multitude of platforms: Prime Meridian Magazine, new Township signage, digital channels and additional print materials.

Enhance the Town Hall Room audio and visual equipment to improve meeting room capabilities and better serve multimedia usage.

Foster an effective communication plan to renew the Community Services Millage.

J. RETENTION, RECRUITMENT AND WELL-BEING

Focus on implementing the 2022 Township Retention and Recruitment Program.

Develop creative ways to focus on and improve the team's well-being.

In an effort to foster teamwork, continue to offer programs and events such as team picnics, holiday parties and Lugnuts games.



Appendix H:

Plan Adoption Information



Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 30-Day Public Review Corrections and Input

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 DRAFT was made available for public input November 30 - December 30, 2021. The hard copy version was available to the public at the Parks and Recreation Office, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840 and at Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 and on-line on Meridian Township's website, www.meridian.mi.us. During this time, staff has also reviewed the document and identified a few necessary changes to the draft. The following indicate the proposed changes:

1. Page 12 – Administrative Structure was updated with the following to the Role of the Environmental Commission:

D. Role of the Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission advises the Township Board, officials, and staff on matters pertaining to environmental protection, management of natural resources, water conservation and preservation of open space. The commission is also responsible for the duties of the wetland board; thus it serves in an advisory role in setting policy guidelines on wetland issues, reviews wetland use permits, and develops and promotes wetland education and stewardship.

2. Page 70 -- Commissioner Van Antwerp asked to clarify our listed recreation uses of the Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area during the December 14, 2021 virtual Park Commission meeting. In response to her inquiry and further information obtained from Chad Fedewa, Rose Lake State Wildlife Area, the official name of the wildlife area was changed in the plan to read:

Rose Lake State Wildlife Area, State of Michigan.

The description of recreational activities at this location now reads "...Existing facilities provide activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing, bird watching and nature observation."

3. Page 84 – Land Preserve Inventory acreage was edited to 956 acres.
4. Page 97 – Deer Management photo was edited to show hunter with harvested does.

5. Page 113 – Goals and Objectives

Continue to focus on Environmental Sustainability, Education and Land Stewardship.

Added:

- i. *Support the Environmental Commission’s “Protect Our Wetlands” initiative including “Build Back the Buffer”, education, community outreach, marketing and restoration projects, in an effort to mitigate negative impacts of flooding.*

6. Page 118 – Quality of Life Initiatives - “Climate Sustainability Plan” – Adopted by Meridian Township Board was edited to include adoption date of 10.24.2017.

<https://www.meridian.mi.us/home/showpublisheddocument?id=12317>

7. Page 118 – Quality of Life Initiatives

Added:

Protecting Our Wetlands - Environmental Commission initiative

8. **Appendix A. VII. Wetland Outreach & Restoration Plan**

*Changes adopted by the Park Commission at a Regular Meeting January 11, 2022.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARK COMMISSION ADOPTING THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026

At a regular meeting of the Township 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 11th day of January, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., Local Time,

PRESENT: Mary Nardo-Farris, Mark Stephens, Mike McDonald, Ami Van Antwerp

ABSENT: Amanda Lick

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

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Park Commission has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update which describes the physical features, existing parks and recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2022 to 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Park Commission began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Meridian Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource plan, and

WHEREAS, the community was given a well-advertised opportunity to review the final draft plan for at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 virtual via Zoom, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan draft, and

WHEREAS, This 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan describes the park and recreation opportunities in Meridian Township and establishes goals, objectives and an overall vision for our community's parks and recreation future. It is intended to be a planning tool and guide for future decision making and application of resources.

WHEREAS, the Plan once approved will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to meet eligibility requirements for state and federal grants administered by the MDNR from 2022-2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PARK COMMISSION OF MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HEREBY RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026 AS A GUIDELINE FOR IMPROVING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP.

Roll Call:

AYES: Mark Stephens, Mike McDonald, Ami Van Antwerp, Mary Nardo-Farris
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

State of Michigan)
) ss:
County of Ingham)

I, Mary Nardo-Farris, Chair of the Meridian Township Park Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Park Commission of the Meridian Charter Township at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of January, 2022.

Mary Nardo-Farris
Mary Nardo-Farris, Chair
Meridian Township Park Commission



TO: Township Board

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

DATE: January 12, 2022

RE: Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

In order to maintain eligibility for state and federal grants administered through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), communities must have a parks and recreation master plan on file and updated every five years. This document, more importantly, serves as a planning tool for future development opportunities based on community input, current uses and future trends.

Public input for the plan included a public hearing at the Park Commission, a community-wide survey, meetings with staff, meeting with the Universal Access Advisory Board, and questions relative to parks and recreation on the larger Cobalt community survey. The draft plan was available for review on our website, Meridian Service Center and in the Clerk's Office for the required thirty-day review period. The Park Commission voted unanimously to approve the plan during their January 11, 2022 regular meeting.

Following your action on January 25, 2022, the plan will be submitted to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources prior to the February 1, 2022 deadline. The plan will also remain available to the public on the Meridian Township website.

Motion for Board Consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026.

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTING THE
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN 2022-2026**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Town Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48840 in said Township on the 25th day of January, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time,

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Trustee _____ and supported by Trustee _____.

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Park Commission has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan update which describes the physical features, existing parks and recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2022 to 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Park Commission began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities, and

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WHEREAS, This 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan describes the park and recreation opportunities in Meridian Township and establishes goals, objectives and an overall vision for our community's parks and recreation future. It is intended to be a planning tool and guide for future decision making and application of resources.

WHEREAS, the Plan once approved will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to meet eligibility requirements for state and federal grants administered by the MDNR from 2022-2026.

WHEREAS, the Park Commission approved and adopted the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 on the 11th day of January, 2022 Regular Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HEREBY RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026 AS A GUIDELINE FOR IMPROVING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP.

Roll Call:

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

State of Michigan)
) ss:
County of Ingham)

I, Deborah Guthrie, Clerk of the Meridian Township Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Meridian Charter Township at a regular meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2022.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian



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January 19, 2021

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
3135 Pine Tree Road, Suite 2C
Lansing, MI 48911

RE: PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN: 2022 - 2026 - LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Enclosed is a copy of the Meridian Township Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 for your review and to place in your files. The Plan was completed by Meridian Township staff. The Township Board unanimously adopted the plan on January 25, 2022.

A copy of the plan is also being submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for grant eligibility. Please feel free to contact me at 517-853-4604 or at maisner@meridian.mi.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LuAnn Maisner
Director of Parks and Recreation