



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 4:30pm  
Service Center Room

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**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
November 14, 2023 Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. January Stewardship Calendar
  - B. January Snell Towar Calendar
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - A. Marshall Park Improvements
8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
9. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

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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: Meridian Township Service Center Room, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**

**PARK COMMISSION TELEVISED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Township Hall Room**

**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Vice Chair, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Mark Stephens; Commissioner, Mike McDonald  
ABSENT: Commissioner, Amanda Lick - Excused  
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bridget Cannon, Administrative Assistant; Kati Adams, Parks & Land Superintendent; Tom Cary, Farmers Market Manager; Allison Goodman, Park Naturalist; Mike Devlin, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Nick Wing, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Nardo-Farris called the meeting to order at **4:30 pm**.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. All park commissioners present, except Commissioner, Amanda Lick.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**.  
Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. November Stewardship Calendar
- B. November Snell-Towar Calendar

**COMMISSIONER MCDONALD MOVED TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS PRESENTED ON FILE**. Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Snell-Towar Recreation Center Planning Session

The Township has identified possible grant programs that may assist the Park Commission in funding renovation efforts, therefore, staff is recommending this topic be added to a future work session agenda to allow for greater in-depth discussion and action steps. The commissioners agreed the future discussion was a great idea and recognize the opportunity at the center.

Commissioners are happy to see programming taking place at Snell-Towar Rec Center. The center is open to the public most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, so there is opportunity for the park commissioners to view the center. Commissioner McDonald suggested brown directional signs from the DNR be installed surrounding the center.

## 8. MARSHALL PARK PLAYGROUND REQUEST

Based on information received during a recent Township Board listening session in Haslett, the Township Board discussed a possible opportunity to work with the Park Commission to fund a replacement play structure in 2024 with a contribution from the General Fund.

Commissioners would like to see an ADA accessible playground at Marshall Park and also suggested asking if Ingham County Parks would be interested in partnering for the upgraded playground, due to its proximity to Lake Lansing Park South.

Commissioner Stephens **MOVED TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO REPLACE THE PLAY STRUCTURE IN MARSHALL PARK UTILIZING GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, FOR INSTALLATION IN SPRING, 2024.** Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

## 9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### 2023 Parks and Recreation Highlights

The Parks staff shared various highlights from their perspective areas of expertise. Staff thanks LuAnn Maisner for her 24 years of service to the township. This is Director Maisner's final Park Commission meeting.

## 10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens

Recent Land Preservation Advisory Board items were discussed in the 2023 Parks and Recreation Highlights with Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

**12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioners shared personal stories and reminisced with Director Maisner on her personal accomplishments in the township over the last 24 years.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Nardo Farris adjourned the meeting at **6:30 pm.**

The next scheduled meeting is **January 9, 2023**, at the Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840, 4:30 pm.

# JANUARY

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## STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS 9:30 AM - 12 PM

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

- January 13th, Eastgate Park, Invasive bittersweet removal | 4203 Meridian Road, Okemos
- January 27th, Foster Crouse Preserve, Invasive bittersweet removal | Please park on Buttercup Lane in Okemos along the road

## WEEKDAY WARRIORS: Bi-weekly, 1 - 3 PM

- Workdays may be subject to last minute changes due to weather, and size of volunteer group
- January 4th, Nancy Moore Park, Invasive shrub removal
  - Please meet us at the end of Nemoke Trail in Haslett
- January 18th, Native seed sorting, at the Township Service Center
  - Help sort a small amount of seed left for the season for spring sowing!

## TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY: Night Hike Edition

- Join us for a second night hike at Red Cedar Glen Preserve! We will head out at dusk & listen for local owls, which are often sighted at this preserve & are in their breeding season. We will have red lights available for use while supplies last as well as a hot cocoa station!



# STEWARDSHIP



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Happy New Year	1 OFFICES CLOSED	2 OFFICES CLOSED	3	4 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12 PM
14	15 MLK DAY OFFICES CLOSED	16	17	18 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	19	20
21	22	23 TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY 5:30-7 PM	24	25	26	27 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12 PM
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# SNELL TOWAR

## January

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	1 OFFICES CLOSED	2 OFFICES CLOSED	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 OPEN CENTER	12	13
14	15	16 OPEN CENTER	17 VINYL NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM	18 OPEN CENTER	19	20
21	22	23 OPEN CENTER	24 EUCHRE NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM	25 OPEN CENTER	26	27
28	29	30 OPEN CENTER	31 POOL NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM			

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CENTER HOURS OPEN FROM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

