



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

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. June 11, 2024 Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. July Stewardship Calendar
 - B. July Snell Towar Calendar
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 2025 Budget Priorities
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - None
9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens
11. PUBLIC COMMENTS
12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

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, Courtney Wisinski: 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48864 or 517.853.4600 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Central Park Pavilion
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Commissioner Mike McDonald
ABSENT: Commissioner, Amanda Lick arrived at 4:40 pm
STAFF: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nardo-Farris called the meeting to order at **4:35 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioner, Ami Van Antwerp and Commissioner Mark Stephens –excused/absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lick moved **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2024**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

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

Commissioner Lick moved **TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS ON FILE**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Central Park Pavilion Tour with Commissioners

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Park Commission Chair, Nardo-Farris and Commissioners McDonald and Lick expressed their pleasure with the renovations to the Central Park Pavilion. Specifically, the lighting, bathrooms, paint and the overall look of the building. Director Wisinski explained that the bathroom roof and landscaping are still to be completed.

B. 5280 Okemos Road Parcel

Director Wisinski has reached out to Meridian Township’s Communications Department to assist in developing a draft site plan including proposed amenities to use to secure a landscape architect for site concept plan.

C. Potential Land Transfer of the American House Development

Director Wisinski provided an update on the potential land transfer of the American House development located at the southwest corner of Marsh and Haslett Roads. During the development process, there was an agreement between the developer and the Township to develop a trail head as the south end of the property to provide access and parking for the Inter-Urban Pathway located adjacent. Director Wisinski will reach out to the development/management team to discuss specifics about the potential transfer and development of the parcel.

8. ACTION ITEMS

NONE

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Parks and Recreation and Meridian Township Police Department are working together to provide a pilot education and outreach program within the parks regarding the Dog Leash Ordinance through the police Department’s cadet program. Communications is assisting with messaging and the pilot program will begin as soon as materials are ready.

Director Wisinski is working with a local Cricket league to develop a long-term Cricket facility within Meridian Township or in partnership with an adjacent community. The size of the Cricket field has proven challenging to find new space for a permanent Cricket field within Meridian Township. Chair Nardo-Farris recommended that we find a temporary location to be ready for the next Cricket season with a plan for a permanent Cricket field to be completed within the next couple years. Commissioners Lick and McDonald supported this recommendation. Commissioner Lick added that a permanent field should consider easily accessible locations for the Cricket community. Chair Farris recommended that we research an existing developed park field to be converted into a Cricket field to expedite the temporary and/or permanent search process. Director Wisinski will research existing field locations, use and feasibility for a Cricket field, both temporary and permanent, and report findings at the next Park Commission meeting.

10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT

NONE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nardo Farris adjourned the meeting at **6:17 pm**.

The next scheduled meeting is **July 9, 2024**, at the Service Center, 4:30 pm.



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STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round

- July 13th, Native Planting at Davis Foster Preserve (5120 Van Atta Road)
- July 27th, Native Planting at Tihart Preserve (1000 Tihart Road)
 - We will be transplanting wintergreen, bristly greenbrier, showy goldenrod & smooth blue aster

WEEKDAY WARRIORS: Occurs every other Thursday

- July 18th, hand pull Japanese hedge parsley from along the trail at Red Cedar Glen Preserve (End of Sylvan Glen Drive in Okemos)

TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY RIVER WALK EDITION

Learn about our local flora & fauna, get to know our parks & preserves personally!

- Meet at Red Cedar Natural Area (1455 Oscoda Road) and take a river walk with us as we identify wildlife, plants, fungi, and insects! Get up close with a local native plant called green dragon - This is one you won't want to miss!



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