



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Service Center Meeting Room
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 4:30pm**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo-Farris; Commissioner, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Michael McDonald; Commissioner, Amanda Lick arrived late
ABSENT: Commissioner, Mark Stephens - excused
STAFF: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at **4:38 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioner Ami VanAntwerp, Commissioner Michael McDonald and Chair Mary Nardo-Farris were present. Commissioner Lick arrived at 5:09 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Introduction of three MSU Law students attending Park Commission Meeting for course credit: Jessie Ding, Daniella Toma and Jack Barber.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2024**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. September Stewardship Calendar: Director Wisinski reviewed the Stewardship calendar and Commissioners discussed the upcoming stewardship events, including the upcoming Volunteer Thankquet scheduled for September 27.
- B. September Snell Towar Calendar: Director Wisinski updated the Commissioners on upcoming events

Commissioners were interested in introducing new games, for example air hockey, and other amenities for the Snell Towar Recreational Center such as water and snacks provided at Open Center times.

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved **TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Update – September 3, 2024 Board Meeting

B. Dogs Off Leash

8. ACTION ITEMS

None

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Community Center Update

- New Task Force meeting Tuesday, 9/24/2024 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall

Marshall Park

- A ribbon cutting date to be decided.
- After other amenities complete?

5280 Okemos Rd and American House Trail Hubs

Red Cedar Waterway Updates

- September 8, 2024 Williamston Waterway Celebration
- \$100K (\$33K/year) in addition to grant
- Assessment complete and work to develop clearing RFP

Dogs Off Leash Campaign

- Meet with Comms/PD tomorrow

Able Eyes in Parks

- Meet with Comms/PD tomorrow

Gleaning Grant

- **From:** David Batten [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 7:04 AM
To: farmersmarket [REDACTED]
Subject: Saturday and beyond, Market Money
- Hi Tom. Another good Saturday. 95 pounds from shoppers, 322 from vendors, 417 total. Season total 3640.

Trail Maps – 7,000 printed from grant funds and ready to distribute to residents at Town Hall and Parks Office.

10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens

NONE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Van Antwerp will not be in attendance at November's Park Commission meeting, due to a schedule conflict.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nardo-Farris adjourned the meeting at **7:01 pm**.

The next scheduled meeting is **October 8, 2024**, at the Township Hall Meeting Room, 4:30 pm and will be televised.

All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

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