



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
TOWN HALL ROOM



SPECIAL MEETING - 6 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. 2014 Park Projects Update
6. 2015 Budgeted Park Projects
7. 2015 Grant Project Considerations
8. Park Naming – Newton Road Park
9. Other
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Park Commission by writing or calling the following: Township Manager Frank Walsh, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198 (517-853-4250) - Ten days notice required.

Budgeted Park Projects for 2014 Projects

1. **Newton Road Park Parking Lot**
 - a. Gravel parking area, landscaping: **Under Construction Now**
 - b. Fencing and signage: **scheduled for after construction**
2. **Wonch Park Loop Trail**
 - a. Tree Removal: **Completed**
 - b. Paved Loop Pathway: **Under Construction**
3. **North Meridian Road Park Sand Volleyball Court**
 - a. Request for Bid Proposal: **Completed**
 - b. Awarded contract: **Completed**
 - c. Construction: **October**
4. **Legg Park Improvements**
 - a. Entry & Small Parking Area Paving – **Completed**
 - b. Entrance Enhancement
 - clearing area for sight distance vision: **NEED TO PLAN**
 - landscaping status: **NEED TO PLAN**
 - c. Enhancements
 - DNR Wildlife Habitat Grant/ \$50,000: will know about **grant awarded October 1, 2014**

1. Legg Park Footbridge replacement	\$ 5,000	Need to Plan
2. Towner Road Park Temporary Security Gate and Sign	\$ 1,500	Completed
3. North Meridian Road Park Disc Golf and Gaga Ball	\$ 6,000	in progress
4. Trail Improvements	\$ 5,000	Need to Plan
5. Trail and Interpretive signage	\$10,000	Need to Plan
6. Tables, benches, grills, trash containers	\$14,000	Ordering now
7. Eagle Scout Support	\$ 3,000	Completed
8. Harris Nature Center Expand Overflow Parking Lot	\$ 5,000	Planning
9. Harris Nature Center Nature Playground	\$10,000	In progress
10. Central Park Master Plan	\$16,000	Need to Plan

Other Park Projects:

1. New Park Millage: passed 8/5/14
2. Nancy Moore Park Garden renovations: underway
3. Orlando Park Turf improvement program: completed in spring

4. Park Rules signs: underway
5. (3) Gaga Ball Pens– purchasing materials for winter construction
6. Disc Golf @ North Meridian Rd Park – meeting set for next week with Renagades
7. Central Park Pond evaluate condition of overlook and identify a renovation plan: NEED TO PLAN
8. Friend of the Park Program improvements: in progress
9. Complete GPS of all existing trails in parks: in progress (Central Park and Ted Black Woods completed)
10. Add Park Trails to Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan: In progress
11. Directional signage for park trails: In progress
12. Develop a Water Trail Master Plan: First draft completed; next step add more launch areas
13. Harris Nature Center New Canoe Landing: platform completed: maybe grant for handicap accessible launch
14. Support fundraising efforts and construction of HNC Foundation for Natural Play Area: provided letters of support for Dart Foundation and Jackson National Life Foundation
15. Invasive species removal and restoration projects in parks: in progress
16. Deer management education: drafted informational poster; updating with additional informational; working with HOM-TV staff on promotional opportunities
17. Community Outreach: worked with a number of civic and religious organizations on a variety of park projects

2015 Budgeted Projects

1.	Hartrick Park roof structure for players benches	\$4,000
2.	Nancy Moore Park Pavilion residing	\$4,000
3.	Nancy Moore Park Safety Fencing	\$6,000
4.	Harris Nature Center engineer and rebuild island drain	\$4,000
5.	Harris Nature Center crack seal drive and parking area	\$5,250
6.	Ferguson Park crack seal drive and parking area	\$5,250
7.	Eagle Scout Projects	\$1,500
8.	Wonch Park Pavilion grant support	\$250,000
9.	Wonch Park parking lot paving	\$100,000
10.	Orlando Park swing/slide	\$35,000
11.	Legg Park parking area, dog park, stewardship	\$170,000
12.	Towner Road Park Phase I	\$224,000
13.	Hillbrook Park accessible playground	\$90,000
	Total	\$899,000

Possible Grant Requests for 2015

September 19, 2014

1. **Meridian Riverfront Park Trail Pavilion - \$250,000**
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Tree removal / landscaping / rain garden
 - Concrete pad and pathway

2. **Meridian Riverfront Park Restroom - \$200,000**
 - Electricity
 - Water
 - Concrete pad and pathway
 - Tree removal / landscaping / rain garden

3. **Wonch Park Renovation – \$250,000**
 - Restroom building improvements

4. **Hillbrook Park Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts - \$100,000**



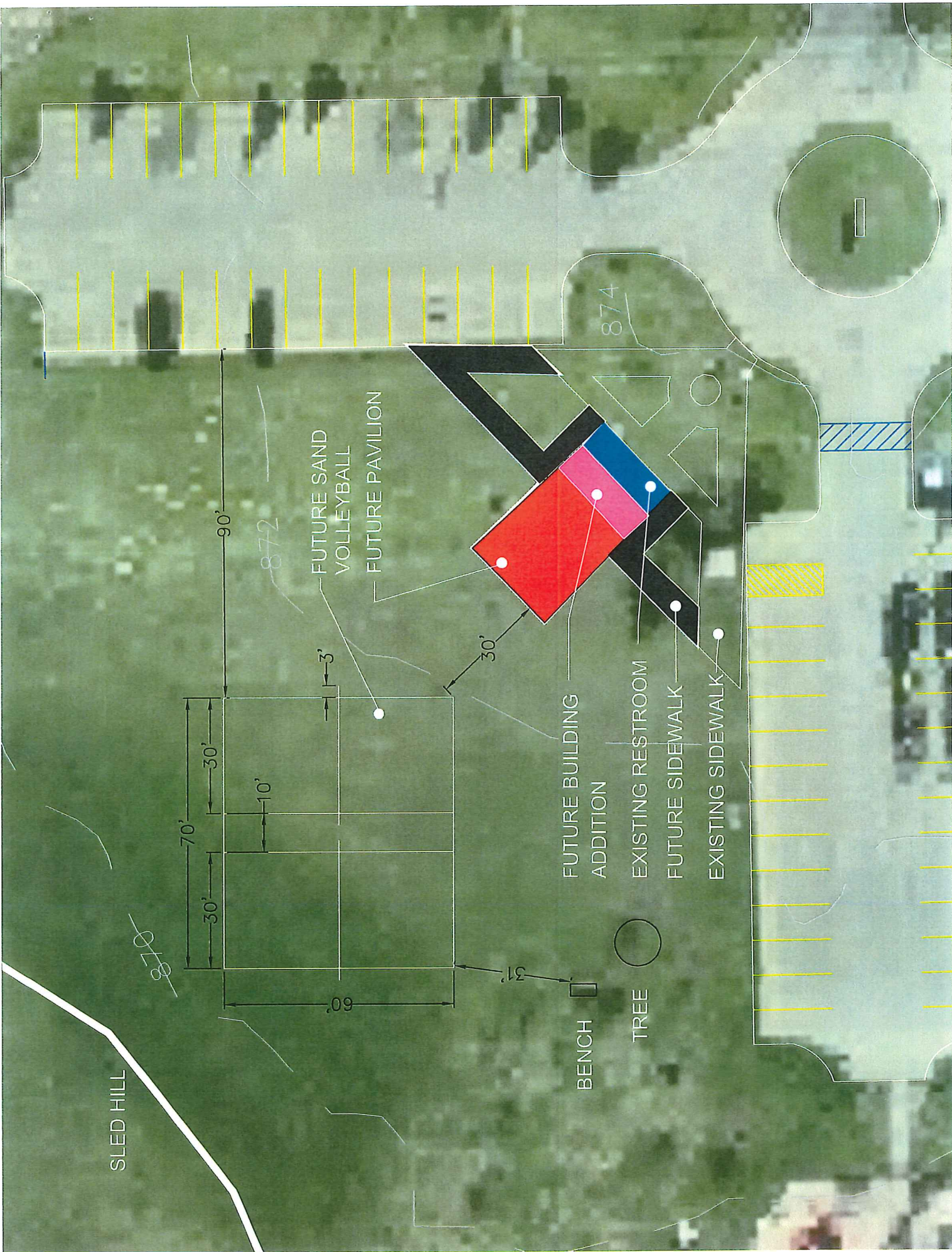
WONCH PARK – paving was completed on September 22, 2014. Restoration is in progress.



NEWTON ROAD PARK – entry and parking area under construction



LEGG PARK – entry and small parking area has been paved



SLED HILL

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70'

90'

30'

30'

60'

30'

31'

BENCH

TREE

FUTURE SAND VOLLEYBALL FUTURE PAVILION

FUTURE BUILDING ADDITION

EXISTING RESTROOM

FUTURE RESTROOM

FUTURE SIDEWALK

EXISTING SIDEWALK




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EXISTING SIDEWALK



Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Grants Management Section

RECREATION GRANT PROGRAMS

	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	PREREQUISITE TO APPLY/MATCH	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	APPLICATION DEADLINE	MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM GRANT REQUEST AMOUNTS	AWARD RECOMMENDATION DATE	SITE CONTROL REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *State and Local units of government authorized to provide public outdoor recreation. *Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities. *School Districts that are the primary provider of outdoor recreation for their area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Applicant must have a current, five-year recreation plan that has been approved by the DNR prior to the application deadline. Match - minimum 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Acquisition Projects: acquisition of land or specific rights in land (i.e. easements). AND *Development Projects: for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, campgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts and restrooms. *Development Projects (only): for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend) Submitted electronically online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Acquisition Projects: no minimum or maximum grant request. *Development Projects: \$15,000 minimum and \$300,000 maximum grant request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *In early December, the MNRTF Board makes final recommendations to the Legislature for funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private land not eligible. Public land not owned by applicant must have a minimum of 25-year lease and landowner commitment to long-term maintenance and perpetual encumbrance.
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *State and Local units of government authorized to provide public outdoor recreation. *Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities. *School Districts that are the primary provider of outdoor recreation for their area. *Federally-recognized Native American Tribes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Applicant must have a current, five-year recreation plan that has been approved by the DNR prior to the application deadline. Match - 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Development Projects (only): for public outdoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend) Submitted electronically online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Development Projects: \$30,000 minimum grant request and \$100,000 maximum grant request. <i>(Total Project cost is \$200,000)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DNR Director announces projects selected for LWCF funding in November. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private land not eligible. Public land not owned by applicant must have a minimum of 25-year lease and landowner commitment to long-term maintenance and perpetual encumbrance.
Recreation Passport (RP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Local units of government authorized to provide public outdoor/indoor recreation. *Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Regional Recreation Authorities. *School Districts, if certain conditions are met 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Current annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): OR *Approved five-year recreation plan on file with the DNR. Match - minimum 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Development Projects (only): for public outdoor and indoor recreation such as: trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access and fishing areas. Renovation of existing facilities is emphasized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *April 1 (unless this date falls on a weekend) Submitted electronically online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Development Projects: \$7,500 minimum grant request and \$45,000 maximum grant request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DNR Director announces projects selected for Recreation Passport funding in November. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private/public lands. If private, applicant must have site control for 20 years for non-structures and 40 years for enclosed structures.

For more detailed information, please go to www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on Grants or call (517) 284-7268 (517-28-GRANT)

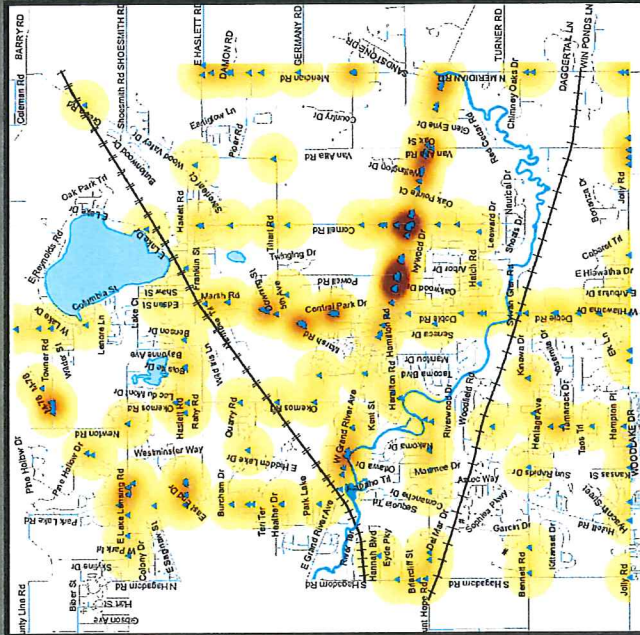
A Deerwise Community

On the road

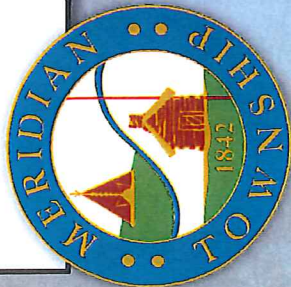
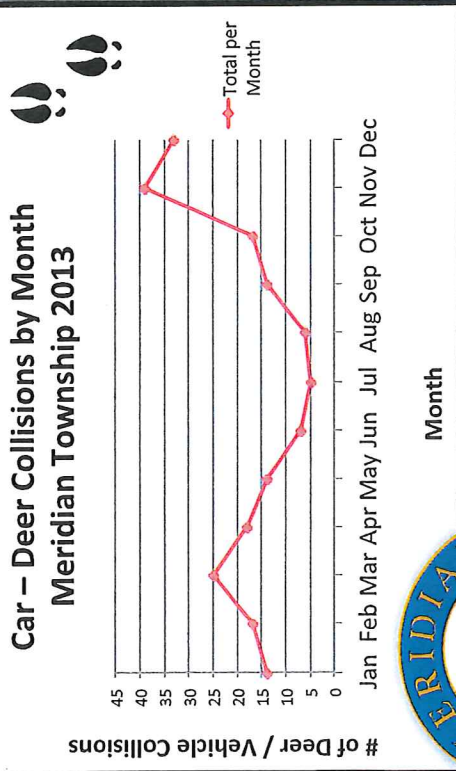


- Always wear a seatbelt
- Limit distractions
- Be alert, especially at dawn & dusk
- Watch for movement and reflective eyes
- Slow down, especially when you notice a deer
- Never swerve to try and miss hitting a deer
- Always expect more than one deer to cross the road
- Use your high beams when possible
- Pay attention to other drivers in front of you, their behavior could indicate a hazard

A car-deer collision can occur anywhere, but pay special attention to these high density car-deer collision areas.



Car – Deer Collisions by Month
Meridian Township 2013



Keep our wildlife Wild...

The feed typically put out for these animals does not contain the nutrients that come from their natural diet in the wild. Supplemental feeding and landscapes with deer preferred plants encourage deer herds to settle within residential areas, causing conflicts and increasing car-deer collisions.

To learn more about living with wildlife in Meridian Township visit us online at www.meridian.mi.us