

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners: Deschaine (6:05 pm), Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens, Wilson
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

EXCUSED: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Due to time constraints, the Central Park Master Plan was moved to the end of the Work Session agenda creating the following agenda shift:

- item #3, Newton Road Parking Lot
- item #4, Dog Rule Discussion
- item #5, Historical Village Furnace Replacement
- New item added #6, Facebook Page
- item #7, Central Park Master Plan Update
- item #8, Other
- item #9, Public Comment
- item #10, Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson accepted the agenda as amended.

3. Newton Road Parking Lot

Director Maisner reported on August 4th, the Township Board held a public hearing on a special assessment district to pave Newton Road between Lake Lansing and Saginaw/BL-69/M-78. The property owners and the Township will share in the paving costs. The park portion is approximately \$8,608. Staff has asked for a cost estimate to pave the parking lot of Newton Road Park at the same time as the road paving. Director Maisner will forward the cost to the Commission for consideration.

4. Dog Rule Discussion

Commissioner McDonald asked the Commissioners to consider visiting the rules for dogs in the parks. Ottawa County Parks and Recreation dog rules were distributed as an example.

Discussion:

- Use of retractable leashes
- Increasing leash length to 10-12 feet
- Designate off leash areas

This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion

5. Historical Village Furnace Replacement

The Friends of Historic Meridian currently have their office in the Brick House/General Store and it now requires a new furnace. They have ordered one for installation. Staff is recommending reimbursement in the amount of cost. \$3,114. This item will be added to the regular meeting agenda for action.

6. Central Park Master Plan Update

Director Maisner distributed the power point presentation created by the consultant, OCBA (copy in minute book), and stated she will be using some of these pages for her presentation during the regular meeting. Director Maisner summarized the park elements for the four (4) main areas for development: Central Park/Historical Village, Ledebuhr site, Nancy Moore Park, and Farmers' Market relocation.

OCBA will present the final plan during the September regular meeting. Any additional Commissioner comments will be forward to her for inclusion into the plan.

7. Other

None

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson adjourned the work session at 7:05 pm.