



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Service Center Meeting Room
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Vice Chair, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Amanda Lick; Commissioner, Mark Stephens; Commissioner, Mike McDonald arrival at 4:41 pm
ABSENT: None
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bridget Cannon, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nardo-Farris called the meeting to order at **4:32 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. All park commissioners present at time of roll call, except Commissioner, Mike McDonald - arrival at 4:41 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lick moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 22, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Lick.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Meridian Conservation Corps October Schedule
- B. Snell Towar Rec Center October Schedule

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS PRESENTED ON FILE. Seconded by Commissioner Lick.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2024 Sign Project

COMMISSIONER MCDONALD MOVED TO RECOMMEND A 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE PARK MILLAGE-PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO COMPLETE THE PARK IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE PROJECT.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Proposed 2024 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

**Park Commission Meeting Dates
2024 Meeting Schedule**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, in said Township on the 10th day of October 2023, at 4:30 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Vice Chair, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Amanda Lick; Commissioner, Mark Stephens; Commissioner, Mike McDonald

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Lick and supported by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

WHEREAS, the Park Commission desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission deems the 2024 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board's Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board's Global Ends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that the Park Commission adopts its regular 2024 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 9	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
February 13	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
March 12	Town Hall **	4:30 pm televised regular meeting
April 16	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
May 14	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
June 11	Town Hall **	4:30 pm televised regular meeting
July 9	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
August 13	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
September 10	Town Hall **	4:30 pm televised regular meeting
October 8	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
November 12	Town Hall **	4:30 pm televised regular meeting
December 10	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

8. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

9. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens, Nothing additional to report.

Land Stewardship Update from Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator

- 2023 Deer Management Program started on October 1
- 44 Township Properties and 27 private properties; 67 Hunters
- Current Projects: Fall Stewardship, Invasive Shrub Removal and Seed Collection

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Deer Management -26
- Ingham Co Parks and Trails Grant amendment, Presentation on November 13
- Village Building Maintenance update. Painting of Chapel and School House
- New Park Sign Update – installing now at 8 parks
- HNC façade update – paint, stonework taking place now, siding in the spring
- Cricket Field usage update – Met with residents at Towner Road Park
- Senior/Community Center Update
- Ferguson Park Restroom Roof replacement
- Rotary interest in funding accessible launch
- Red Cedar Celebration on Saturday September 30
- Heritage Festival October 7
- Farmers Market 50th anniversary in 2024 – working on a logo
- Drainage work completed at Central Park pavilion – waiting on site restoration.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Lick excited about potential cricket field in the township. She is also looking forward to strengthening the Park Commission's relationship with Nokomis. The commissioners are saddened to hear of the conflict overseas and their hearts go out to those affected.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nardo Farris adjourned the meeting at **6:18 pm.**

The next scheduled meeting is **November 14, 2023**, at Township Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. MI 48864, 4:30 pm, and will be televised.