

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners: Banas (left at 8 pm), Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens, Wilson
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

ABSENT: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

2. Roll Call

Chair Wilson noted the following Commissioners were present: Teri Banas, Melanie Jaramillo, Mike McDonald, Mark Stephens, Todd Wilson

3. Approval of Agenda

Hearing no objection, Chair Wilson accepted the agenda as issued.

4. Public Comment

None

Chair Wilson stated the following two agenda items will be discussed simultaneously since the CIP projects are needed to approve a budget. The discussion will include the possibility of a budget if the proposed Millage is passed or not passed.

5. Proposed 2015 Park Millage Budget-Capital Improvements Program (CIP) 2015-2020

Director Maisner summarized how budgets for parks are divided. Parks owned by the Township prior to 1984 are paid for by the General Fund. All parks acquired in 1984 and after are funded by the Park Millage. If the Park Millage ballot proposal passes in August, the General Fund will continue to fund maintenance but the Park Millage will fund park renovation and development of all the Township's parks.

Director Maisner explained information that was included in the meeting packet including a draft 2015-2020 CIP and the 2015 budget request for discussion. The proposed budget was prepared to reflect the millage passing. If the millage is defeated, the projects planned in the Park Development budget would be

eliminated as well as the full-time utility worker position. Capital projects listed in the Park Development budget are reflected in year 2015 in the CIP.

Park Millage Budgets include: Parks and Recreation Administration; Park Maintenance; Park Development and Harris Nature Center.
 General Fund Budgets include: Park Commission; Parks and Recreation Administration; Park Maintenance.

The following Capital Projects are listed in the CIP for 2015:

Wonch Pavilion	\$250,000	(\$62,500)
Wonch Parking lot paving	\$130,000	
Legg Park Improvement Plan	\$170,000	
Orlando swings & slide	\$ 35,000	
Hillbrook Accessible Playground	\$ 90,000	
Towner Rd Park Phase I, II, III	\$225,000	

Additional Projects for 2015 Budget:

Crack fill, seal parking lots HNC & Ferguson	\$10,500	
Engineer and rebuild Center Island Drainage at HNC	\$ 4,000	
New siding Nancy Moore Park pavilion	\$ 4,000	
Eagle Scout Projects	\$ 1,500	
Player Bench Covers Hartrick	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	
TOTAL		\$899,000

Proposed 2015 Budget Summary

Park Maintenance:	\$225,000	
HNC	\$200,000	
Admin	\$150,000	
Park Development	<u>\$899,000</u>	\$1,474,000

Note: These amounts are estimated as final salary and benefit information has yet to be posted.

Other:

- Need multi-purpose pathway connection between Central Park, Nancy Moore Park and Central Park South; need the east/west connection
- Start working on Central Park Master Plan. Commissioner Banas will research a facilitator from MSU or Tri-County Regional Planning; like to see businesses involved.
- Need to identify projects for grant support. Projects for 2015 and 2016 grant years to be discussed at a future work session

By consensus, the Commission approved the budget and CIP plan as recommended by staff. These two documents will need to be amended if the millage fails.

6. Other Comments

Township Supervisor LeGoff invited the Park Commissioners to attend a gathering at her home on July 25 to discuss the proposed millage

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjourn

Hearing no objection, Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.