



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Central Park Pavilion
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Commissioner Mike McDonald
ABSENT: Commissioner, Amanda Lick arrived at 4:40 pm
STAFF: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nardo-Farris called the meeting to order at **4:35 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioner, Ami Van Antwerp and Commissioner Mark Stephens –excused/absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lick moved **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2024**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. July Stewardship Calendar
- B. July Snell Towar Calendar

Commissioner Lick moved **TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS ON FILE**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Central Park Pavilion Tour with Commissioners

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Park Commission Chair, Nardo-Farris and Commissioners McDonald and Lick expressed their pleasure with the renovations to the Central Park Pavilion. Specifically, the lighting, bathrooms, paint and the overall look of the building. Director Wisinski explained that the bathroom roof and landscaping are still to be completed.

B. 5280 Okemos Road Parcel

Director Wisinski has reached out to Meridian Township’s Communications Department to assist in developing a draft site plan including proposed amenities to use to secure a landscape architect for site concept plan.

C. Potential Land Transfer of the American House Development

Director Wisinski provided an update on the potential land transfer of the American House development located at the southwest corner of Marsh and Haslett Roads. During the development process, there was an agreement between the developer and the Township to develop a trail head as the south end of the property to provide access and parking for the Inter-Urban Pathway located adjacent. Director Wisinski will reach out to the development/management team to discuss specifics about the potential transfer and development of the parcel.

8. ACTION ITEMS

NONE

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Parks and Recreation and Meridian Township Police Department are working together to provide a pilot education and outreach program within the parks regarding the Dog Leash Ordinance through the police Department’s cadet program. Communications is assisting with messaging and the pilot program will begin as soon as materials are ready.

Director Wisinski is working with a local Cricket league to develop a long-term Cricket facility within Meridian Township or in partnership with an adjacent community. The size of the Cricket field has proven challenging to find new space for a permanent Cricket field within Meridian Township. Chair Nardo-Farris recommended that we find a temporary location to be ready for the next Cricket season with a plan for a permanent Cricket field to be completed within the next couple years. Commissioners Lick and McDonald supported this recommendation. Commissioner Lick added that a permanent field should consider easily accessible locations for the Cricket community. Chair Farris recommended that we research an existing developed park field to be converted into a Cricket field to expedite the temporary and/or permanent search process. Director Wisinski will research existing field locations, use and feasibility for a Cricket field, both temporary and permanent, and report findings at the next Park Commission meeting.

10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT

NONE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nardo Farris adjourned the meeting at **6:17 pm**.

The next scheduled meeting is **July 9, 2024**, at the Service Center, 4:30 pm.