



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Virtual via Zoom Meeting  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 4:30 PM

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**PRESENT:** Amanda Lick attended from Okemos; Ami Van Antwerp attended from Okemos; Mark Stephens attended from Haslett; Mary Nardo-Farris attended from Haslett; Mike McDonald attended from Haslett at 4:40pm.

**EXCUSED:** None

**STAFF:** LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation, attended from Haslett; Jane Greenway, Senior Parks & Land Management Coordinator, attended from Okemos.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Lick called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Maisner requested to add 6B – Election of Officers. Commissioner Stephens moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Supported by Commissioner Nardo-Farris.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Nardo-Farris moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

Supported by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Thank you and donation check

b. Grettenberger thank you

c. Recreation Master Plan Community Survey Press Release

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER VAN ANTWERP TO ACCEPT THE LISTED COMMUNICATIONS AND PLACE ON FILE.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Set Public Hearing Date – 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2022-2026**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER VAN ANTWERP TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE FIVE –YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026 FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 4:30PM VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Election of Officers**

Following discussion, Mary Nardo-Farris was nominated for the position of Chair and Ami Van Antwerp was nominated to serve the next year as Vice Chair. Both commissioners accepted their nominations.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY NARDO-FARRIS AS PARK COMMISSION CHAIR AND AMI VAN ANTWERP AS VICE CHAIR TO SERVE FROM DECEMBER, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 2022.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**c. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

Following discussion regarding the legal ability to meet over zoom beginning in 2022, the proposed Park Commission meeting schedule for 2022 was amended from ZOOM to in-person at the Meridian Service Center.

Commissioner McDonald motion to approve 2022 meeting schedule with changes and Commissioner Van Antwerp supported.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PARK COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

**Park Commission Meeting Dates  
2022 Meeting Schedule**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held via Zoom, in said Township on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, at 4:30 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Amanda Lick attended from Okemos; Ami Van Antwerp attended from Okemos; Mark Stephens attended from Haslett; Mary Nardo-Farris attended from Haslett; Mike McDonald attended from Haslett at 4:40 pm; LuAnn Maisner attended from Haslett; Jane Greenway attended from Okemos.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner McDonald 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 2022 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 2022 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 11	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
<b>January 25*</b>	<b>Town Hall Room</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Township Board at 6:00 pm</b>
February 8	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
March 8	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
April 12	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
May 10	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
June 14	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
July 12	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
August 9	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
September 13	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
October 11	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
November 8	Service Center	4:30 pm regular meeting
December 13	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

The above meetings shall be held in-person at Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840, (517) 853-4600, with exception of January 25, 2022 Joint Meeting with Township Board at 6:00 pm to be held in the in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, (517) 853-4000.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Amanda Lick, Ami Van Antwerp, Mark Stephens, Mary Nardo-Farris,  
Mike McDonald

NAYS: None

Resolution declared adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 9th of November, 2021.

*Amanda Lick*

Amanda Lick, Chair  
Park Commission

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**a. 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Director Maisner and Parks and Land Management Coordinator Greenway discussed the progress made on completing the base information in the draft plan and also shared the current 2022-2026 Public Improvement Plan for Parks; a report listing projects completed from 2016-2021; and results of the Townships Community Survey conducted earlier this year. Staff also confirmed that the parks and recreation survey monkey survey closes on November 16 and will make those results available as soon as possible. Director Maisner is also meeting with department staff to obtain input for the plan as well. The draft plan will be available for the thirty-day public review period from November 30-December 30. The Commission and Township Board will approve the plan in January for submittal to the DNR by the February 1 deadline. This plan is required by the DNR for state and federal grant eligibility.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- LEAP Art Reveal – Friday, Nov 19 @ 11:30am Marketplace
- Consumers Energy Easement in Wonch Park – Agreed to \$1,000 for two benches
- Artificial Ice Rink install: lights this week; rink next week; soft opening Saturday, Nov 20, Grand opening Event – Saturday, Dec 4.
- Working with Dicks Sporting Goods on a discount shop day for skates; they do skate sharpening.
- 439 survey responses
- 73 deer
- Closing on Okemos Rd Parcel – on or before Dec 15.
- Asbestos inspection this Thursday
- Obtaining quotes for demolition – must be done within 90-days of closing

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Lick opened public remarks.

Richard Miksicek, resident of 5319 Bear Lake Road, said he was interested in hearing about future park projects and is supportive of local parks.

Chair Lick closed public remarks.

**10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 4:30 pm. .