



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building
Okemos, MI 48864

DATE: December 10, 2019
PRESENT: Amanda Lick (phone), Michael McDonald, Ami VanAntwerp
EXCUSED: Mark Stephens
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lick moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. Seconded by Commissioner Lick

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public

None

B. Commission Information

1. 2020 Township Board Meeting Schedule Resolution

2. Press Releases:

a. Begin Holiday Celebration with Old Fashioned Traditions – Meridian Historical Village Hosts Christmas in Village Event; 11/18/19; 11/25/19; 12/2/19

b. Meridian Township Park Commission Looks to Fill Vacancy – Interested Individuals Encouraged to Apply; 11/25/19; 12/2/19

- c. Meridian Township Winter Farmers' Market Opens December 7th – Stay Warm While Shopping for Home Grown & Homemade Goods
 - d. Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Hosts Holiday Hounds Event – Holiday Themed Dog Party to Take Place at Nancy Moore Park
- C. Staff Inquiries/Response
None

Chair McDonald moved TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE.
Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Marketplace on the Green
Permits are now approved and construction should begin later this month.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Harris Nature Center Grant Projects – Contract Award:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTROOM BUILDING AT HARRIS NATURE CENTER FUNDED BY THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARK MILLAGE TO LJ TRUMBEL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair McDonald moved, TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PAVILION AT HARRIS NATURE CENTER FUNDED BY THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND AND THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARK MILLAGE TO LJ TRUMBEL CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,700. Supported by Commissioner Van Antwerp

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. 2020 Meeting Calendar:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO APPROVE THE 2020 MEETING CALENDAR RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM WITH NO WORK SESSIONS AND THE MARCH MEETING WAS MOVED TO MARCH 17. WORKS SESSIONS WILL BE CALLED AS NEEDED. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

Roll call:

AYES: Commissioner Lick, Van Antwerp, Chair McDonald

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. Review/Recommend Park Commission Applications for Public Service-
After review and consideration of the applications received of residents interested in serving on the Park Commission, the Commission took the following action:

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved, TO RECOMMEND MARY NARDO FERRIS TO THE PARK COMMISSION TO COMPLETE THE TERM VACATED BY ANNIKA SCHAETZL THAT EXPIRES AT THE END OF 2020. Supported by Commissioner Lick.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Marketplace on the Green Permit Status – will receive permit on Monday with construct to follow soon after.
- B. Acquisition Grant Status- MNRTF – Awards will be announced Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Comments
- B. Events Calendar:
1. Christmas in the Village, Sunday, December 8, 2-4 pm, Meridian Historical Village
 2. Howl at the Moon,, Friday, December 13, 7-8 pm, Harris Nature Center
 3. Polar Bear Run, Sunday, January 26, race time 10 am, pre-registration at 9 am, Central Park
 4. Farmers' Market:
 - a. Thanksgiving Market, November 27, 10 am-2 pm
 - b. Winter Market, 1st and 3rd Saturday, December – April, 10 am – 2 pm, J. C. Penney Coordinator, Meridian Mall

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

13. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, at 6:30 pm.