



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Town Hall Room

Date, Time: November 13, 2018, 2018; 6 pm

PRESENT: Chair Michael McDonald; Commissioner Amanda Lick; Commissioner Annika Schaetzl; Commissioner Mark Stephens

EXCUSED: Commissioner Wisinski

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

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

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. NORTH MERIDIAN ROAD PAVILION RIBBON CUTTING – SCHEDULE

Director Maisner stated that the new pavilion at North Meridian Road Park was completed and ready to present to the community. Now that the colder weather is here, it was suggested that we host the celebration with a small bon fire and hot chocolate. Staff will provide possible dates for the event via email to get it scheduled.

5. OKEMOS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Ingham County Road Department mailed correspondence related to the upcoming bridge replacement on Okemos Road over the Red Cedar River. The plan includes removing the southbound two lane bridge and replacing it with one four-lane bridge. The Commissioners expressed deep concern with the safety of the vehicular and pedestrian access to Ferguson and Wonch Parks and how those would be addressed by the Road Department including the right and left hand turns into Ferguson and left hand turns into Ferguson Park. The Commission also feels the new plan should include and fund a pedestrian walkway under the new bridge structure to connect the parks. It was unclear what the future of the camelback bridge would be. The bridge is the responsibility of the County Road Department.

6. PARK COMMISSION RULES AND PROCEDURES – REVIEW

The Commissioners discussed the timing and scheduling of their monthly meetings and agreed to the following:

- Continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month

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- Conduct a televised meeting once per quarter; there will be a work session starting at 6 pm followed by the televised portion at 7 pm.
- Conduct the remaining monthly non-televised meeting at the Service Center or other locations throughout the community as regular meetings starting at 6:30 pm.
- If a work session or special meeting is required, it will be called by the Chair.

Commissioners asked staff to prepare a meeting schedule for 2019 for action at the December 11, 2018 regular meeting.

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REVIEW

This item was not discussed based on time constraints and was moved to the December meeting.

8. FRIEND OF THE PARK VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DISCUSSION

Based on time constraints, this item was moved to the regular meeting agenda.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Since Commissioner Wisinski was missing from the meeting, this item was moved to the December 11, 2018 meeting.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

Chair McDonald adjourned the work session at 7:03 pm.