



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

Date, Time: April 10, 2018, 2018; 6 pm

PRESENT: Chair, Michael McDonald; Vice Chair Amanda Lick; Commissioner Annika Schaetzl;  
Commissioner Mark Stephens; Commissioner Courtney Wisinski

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

**1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS**

Shane Goodale reported on his progress for hosting a kickball tournament fundraiser in honor of his son Will, with music and food trucks as part of the grand opening ceremony for Towner Road Park. The funds raised will go into his foundation to fund scholarships for Haslett students wishing to pursue a career in law enforcement.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**4. PARK PROJECTS SCHEDULE**

Commissioners reviewed the following park projects schedule:

A. 2018 Budgeted Projects:

- Design, engineer and bid the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project in Central Park. \$40,000 (construction in 2019)
- Design, engineer and bid the footbridge and restroom building in the Historical Village. \$30,000 (construction in 2019)
- New park signs with the new Township Brand to replace worn out or absent signage. \$25,000
- Pave Eastgate Park parking lot – \$40,000
- Expand parking lot at North Meridian Road Park – \$50,000
- Farmers' Market Relocation Project - \$75,000
- Dog Park – \$80,000

Total for 2018 - \$340,000 for projects

B. 2019 Proposed Projects:

- Construction of the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector \$82,500
- Construction of the footbridge and restroom building in the Historical Village -\$120,000

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- Design, engineering and planning for restroom and pavilion at HNC - \$22,000
  - Farmers' Market Relocation Project- \$90,000
  - Ottawa Hills Playground - \$75,000
- Total Project Costs for 2019 - \$389,500

### C. 2020 Proposed Projects:

- Construction of Pavilion and restroom at HNC
  - Construction of Playground at Towner Road Park
  - Renovation of former Farmers' Market Pavilion in Central Park/Landscaping -
  - Nancy Moore Park Playground and Loop Trail Project - \$200,000
- Total Project Costs for 2020 - \$9,000

These projects form the planned capital expenditures for the next 2.5 years. This information important to finalize as completing and updating the six-year capital improvement plan (CIP) and the 2019 Budget Request processes will be taking place in the next 6-8 weeks. Director Maisner asked the Commissioners to review the proposed schedule for action at the May 8, 2018 meeting.

## 5. OTHER

Commissioner Lick inquired about the status of the dog park. Commissioner McDonald suggested the Commissioners review the program from Ottawa County and to add this topic to the next Work Session Agenda.

## 6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

## 7. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

Chair McDonald adjourned the work session at 7:05 pm.