



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Administrative Conference Room

Date, Time May 8, 2018; 7 pm

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda item #7-Action Items, D - Fencing Bid Award – Off Leash Dog Areas was removed from the agenda.

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. April 10, 2018 Regular Minutes
- B. April 10 13, 2018 Work Session Minutes

Commissioner Wisinski moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10 2018 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Items to/from the Public
  - 1. From: MParks, RE: Area Parks & Recreation Directors & Commissioners Forum – May 17, 2018
  - 2. The Role of Biocontrol of Emerald Ash Borer
- B. Commission Information
  - None

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- C. Staff Inquiries/Response  
None

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE**. Seconded by Commission Schaetzl.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Construction up and running at Towner Road Park
- Bids received for Professional Services for the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector
- Project and restroom/Gateway footbridge Project in Central Park
- Storybook Walk in Orlando Park opens on May 14 with a new story Monday, May 14. The first book is *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev, a delightfully illustrated story about kindness, tolerance & inclusion
- North Meridian Road Park Pavilion installation is underway Monday, May 14.
- Grant received for boardwalk on Okemos Road from the ICTM \$975,000
- Recently purchased two electric lawn mowers 60" mower deck
- Off-Leash dogs
- Dog park update
- Bike share program – feasibility study
- Welcome new intern Corey Patrick
- Celebrate Meridian Saturday, June 30; Meridian Mile race Friday, June 29.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Professional Services Bid Recommendation – Central Meridian Trail Connector  
B. Professional Services Bid Recommendation – Central Park Gateway Footbridge and Restroom Facility

Commissioner Wisinski recused herself from discussion and voting on this agenda item as she disclosed a possible conflict of interest regarding her relationship with one of the bidders. The Commission accepted her request.

Commissioner Stephens moved **to approve the bid from Wolverine Engineer in the amount of \$65,464 for the purpose of providing design, engineering, bidding and construction administration for the Central Park Regional Trail Connector Project and Gateway Footbridge/restroom project in Central Park pending confirmation of deliverables**. Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

RECUSED: Commissioner Courtney Wisinski

Motion passed.

- C. Emerald Ash Borer Study in Meridian Parks

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Director Maisner reported MSU is continuing their research.

- D. Fencing Bid Award – Off Leash Dog Areas  
This item was removed from the agenda.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

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

- A. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018  
B. Meridian Farmers' Market: Saturdays May 5-October 27; 10 am – 2 pm  
C. Event Calendar:  
1. Saturday, May 12; Nature at Night Campfire, Harris Nature Center at 7 pm  
2. Friday, May 18; Meridian Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Central Park Pavilion, from 9 am-1pm  
3. Friday, May 18; Howl at the Moon, Harris Nature Center, at 9 pm  
4. Saturday, May 19; Love a Park Day, Township Parks and Land Preserves; 9:30am-Noon  
5. Sunday, May 20; Bird Watching in Our Parks, North Meridian Road Park, at 8 am  
6. Wednesday, May 30; National Senior Health and Fitness Day; Wonch Park, 11am-1pm  
7. Friday, June 29; Meridian Mile Race in Central Park  
8. Saturday, June 30: Celebrate Meridian 11am-11pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lick moved, **TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING.** Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

**12. NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 10, 2018** in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI. Work Session at 6 pm and Regular Meeting at 7 pm.