



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 4:30pm  
Service Center Meeting Room

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**REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. August 13, 2024 Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. September Stewardship Calendar
  - B. September Snell Towar Calendar
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS  
Budget Update – September 3, 2024 Board Meeting
8. ACTION ITEMS  
None
9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens
11. PUBLIC COMMENTS
12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

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Meeting Location: Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Service Center Meeting Room  
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 4:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Chair, Mary Nardo-Farris; Commissioner, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Michael McDonald; Commissioner, Mark Stephens  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner, Amanda Lick - unexcused  
**STAFF:** Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Bridget Cannon, Administrative Assistant

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at **4:36 pm**.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioner Ami VanAntwerp, Commissioner Mark Stephens, Commissioner Michael McDonald and Chair Mary Nardo-Farris were present. Commissioner Lick absent.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2024**. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. August Stewardship Calendar: Director Wisinski reviewed the Stewardship calendar and Commissioners discussed the upcoming stewardship events. Commissioner McDonald noted the additional preserve signage installations are seen as great progression.
- B. August Snell Towar Calendar: Director Wisinski updated the Commissioners on upcoming events and stated the rec center has maintained good attendance at events throughout the summer months. Commissioner Van Antwerp stated that the puzzle competitions are a nice addition to the recent calendars and she is happy to see activities for all age groups, including adults. Commissioner McDonald offered that the laundry service near the rec center has offered posting flyer advertisements in their store.

Commissioners were interested in introducing new games, for example air hockey, and other amenities for the Snell Towar Recreational Center.

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE**. Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[see attachments in Park Commission Meeting Packet]

2025 Budget Priorities

Boards and Commissions Liaison Assignments

Commissioner Lick absent today's meeting. Open discussion is postponed until January, 2025

Red Cedar Water Trail Overview

Community & Senior Center Update

Additional Discussion: Commissioner Van Antwerp suggests an additional committee or liaison between Parks and Pathways, and Township Trails, possible volunteering? Commissioner Van Antwerp feels this additional committee is needed for potential place making signs on trails, etc., mile markers, and ideas to improve.

Commissioner Van Antwerp would like a dog park member survey to go out to current and past dog park members to ask how to improve the dog parks.

Chair Nardo-Farris left the meeting at 6:10 pm

Bridget Cannon left the meeting at 6:30 pm

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Community Center Update**

- See attached summary document
- Manager Schmidt scheduled to be in attendance to answer questions

**Marshall Park** punch list items have been completed. A ribbon cutting date to be decided.

**Cricket update**

- Budgeted Engineering Plans in 2025
- Searching for temporary field for April of 2025

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**Central Park Pavilion Roof/Landscaping**

- Central Park Pavilion structure improvements are complete
- Landscaping to occur in fall 2024

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meridian Township Pride Celebration**

- Nearly 50% more vendors
- Approximately 700-900 attendees
- Family friendly compliments

**Pickleball Trespass Subpoena Update**

**Robo Mower Update**

**Budget Priorities and updated CIP0**

**Red Cedar Waterway Updates**

- Director has paddled from Williamston (McCormick Park) to Red Cedar natural Area
- Many small and medium obstructions and 4 very large obstructions
- September 8, 2024 Williamston Waterway Celebration
- Wonch kayak launch to be installed once clearing is completed
- See attached map

**Upcoming Events**

- Davis-Foster Land Preserve Signage Ribbon Cutting tomorrow at 6:00 pm, including a nature walk, coffee and snacks.
- Historical Village Beer in the Barn fundraiser is 8/15 from 3:30 – 6:00 pm.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a Rotary sponsored Mural Painting at the 8/17 Saturday Market
- Summer Concerts on Wednesday evenings continue through end of September

**10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens**

NONE

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

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

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Van Antwerp adjourned the meeting at **7:25 pm.**

The next scheduled meeting is **September 10, 2024**, at the Township Hall Meeting Room, 4:30 pm and will be televised.

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# SEPTEMBER

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**STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS | 9:30 AM - 12 PM**  
 These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

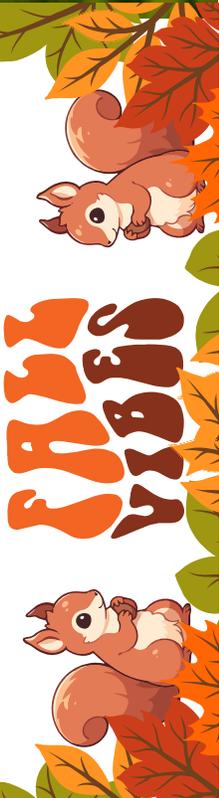
- September 7th, Red Cedar Glen (end of Sylvan Drive), native planting
- September 21st, Lake Lansing North Preserve (1000 Wild Ginger Trail)  
 Join us to celebrate the start of fall with cider donuts and & native planting!

**WEEKDAY WARRIORS: Occurs every other Thursday**

- September 12th, Sander Farm (end of Sago Way), native seed collection
- September 26th, Davis Foster (5120 Van Atta Rd.), native seed collection

**VOLUNTEER THANKQUET | 6 PM - 8 PM**  
 A celebration of our hardworking community!

- Join us at the Central Park Pavilion (5151 Marsh Rd.) for a night of food, refreshments, lawn games, and good conversation! BYOB; alcohol is allowed in the park, just no glass please.



# STEWARDSHIP



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# SNELL TOWAR

## September

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CENTER HOURS OPEN FROM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM