

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Lick, McDonald, Schaetzl

EXCUSED: Commissioner Stephens

STAFF: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

COMMISSIONER LICK MOVED, COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**3. Public Comment**

- Park Commission Candidate Introductions
  - a) Charles (Bill) Given; Professor, MSU Department of Family Medicine; retired
  - b) Dr. Steven Smith; Learning Management Systems, Jackson National Life,
  - c) Courtney Wisinski; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services- Environmental health
  - d) Charles Lawler; Attorney
  - e) Robert (Bob) Lovell; Karen Barrett; and Amy Salisbury were unable to attend

**4. Presentations**

**a. Eagle Scout Project – Gaga Ball Pit in North Meridian Road Park**

Eagle Scout Candidate Paul Fedorowicz distributed information and summarized his proposed project to construct a gaga ball pit in North Meridian Road Park.

**b. Park Trail Maps Update**

Senior Parks Naturalist Kati Adams distributed a copy of the new Ted Black Woods trail head sign and presented an update for the new park trail map project.

**c. Love a Park Day/Stewardship Report**

Stewardship Coordinator Kelsey Dillon distributed and presented a slide show on the stewardship accomplishments in the parks and land preserves.

**5. Commissioner Reports and Comments**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes**

- a. March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. April 11, 2017 Work Session Minutes

COMMISSIONER LICK MOVED, COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AND APRIL 11, 2017 WORK SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**7. Communications**

Director Maisner distributed a copy of the HNC Foundation 2016 Annual Report.

COMMISSIONER LICK MOVED, COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL SECONDED, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**8. Director's Report**

- a. National Health Senior and Fitness Day

On May 31 nearly 100 seniors attended this event at Wonch Park. They enjoyed lunch (partly donated by Jimmy Johns and Whole Foods) and enjoyed a variety of vendors including Playmakers, Michigan Senior Olympics, Douglas J chair massages, therapeutic yoga instructor, line dancing and instruction on how to utilize our outdoor fitness equipment.

- b. 50 plus Senior Workout Program

This program meets M-W-F from 8:30 to 9:30 at the Food Court in the Mall. New members are always welcome! The seniors like to party and will be celebrating Flag Day tomorrow with donuts.

- c. Hillbrook Park Pickleball and Tennis Backboard

We are starting pickleball clinics at Hillbrook Park at the end of July. There will be various clinics for beginners, intermediates, and families.

- d. Celebrate Meridian

July 1, (fireworks finale at 10:15!) music, children's' games, kiddie rides, business expo, arts and crafts show, food truck rally with 70 food trucks, car show, Civil War reenactment and encampment, Farmers Market and FIREWORKS. Best parking at the mall.

e. Fishing Derby!

67 youth (150 people) attended the fishing derby and painted the tackle storage box. Fun was had by all!

f. Harris Nature Center

The beaver lodge construction has begun!

**g. Towner Road Park Update**

h. North Meridian Road Park Pavilion

Getting ready to release the request-for-bids for the pavilion. Fall 2017 construction. Also looking at plans for expanded parking.

**i. Park Maintenance**

**j. Farmers Market relocation to Meridian Mall site**

k. Director Maisner commended the Park and Grounds Maintenance Staff for their great work.

**9. New Business**

**a. Eagle Scout Project – North Meridian Road Park Gaga Ball Pit**

CHAIR MCDONALD MOVED, COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL SECONDED, TO SUPPORT THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF PAUL FEDOROWICZ TO CONSTRUCT GAGA BALL PIT IN NORTH MERIDIAN ROAD PARK. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**b. Commissioner Baker Resignation**

COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL MOVED, COMMISSIONER LICK SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD BAKER FROM THE PARK COMMISSION. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**c. Commissioner Recommendation**

CHAIR MCDONALD MOVED, COMMISSIONER SCHAETZL SECONDED, TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017 AT 7 PM, AT THE MERIDIAN SERVICE CENTER TO REVIEW THE PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATIONS FOR PARK COMMISSION AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. Voice vote. Motion passed.

**10. Other Business**

None

**11. Discussion Items**

None

**12. Final Comments**

None

**13. Announcements**

- a. Park Commission Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 11, 201
- b. Farmers’ Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays: July – October, 8 am-2 pm; Central Park
- c. Harris Nature Center Friend BBQ, Wednesday, June 14, 6 pm
- d. 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Fun in the Sun Day at Lake Lansing Park South, Friday, June 16, 4-10 pm
- e. Meridian Arts and Crafts Market, Sunday, June 25, 11 am – 4 pm, Central Park Pavilion
- f. Celebrate Meridian Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, July 1, 11 am – 11 pm, Central Park
- g. Harris Nature Center Birthday Celebration, Saturday, July 22
  - Activities and Cake from 10 am – 2 pm (open to public)
  - Turtle Toast Gala from 5-8 pm (tickets required)

**14. Public Comment**

None

**15. Closed Session**

None

**16. Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, Chair McDonald adjourned the regular meeting at 8:35 pm.