



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

Date, Time January 16, 2018

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 meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Received LWCF Grant award notification \$50,000 for Restroom facility at Harris Nature Center
- 80 total deer were harvested in the Deer management program. Sharpshooters will begin on Jan 22
- MSU Deer Study – MSU PhD Student, Jonathan Trudeau is conducting research in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to identify deer movement patterns. They will be affixing GPS collars to the deer over a four-county area. He has requested to use some of our parks for his study. Director Maisner will obtain additional details about the process and respond back to Mr. Trudeau with an approval letter.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Proposed Grant Projects for 2018

Commissioner Lick moved to **SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE MDNR FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

- **MICHIGAN NATURAL TRUST FUND PROGRAM – CENTRAL PARK PAVILION**
- **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND – TOWNER ROAD PARK PLAYGROUND AND AMENITIES**
- **MICHIGAN RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM – OTTAWA HILLS PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA.** Seconded by Commissioner

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

9. CLOSED SESSION

None

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Friend of the Park Ceremony, Tuesday, January 30, 2018

B. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 (February meeting canceled)

C. Public Hearing for Proposed Grant Projects, Tuesday, March 13, 2018

D. Farmers' Market:

1. Winter Market: 1st & 3rd Saturday, December – April, 10 am – 2 pm, JC Penney Corridor, Meridian Mall

E. Township Offices closed Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

F. January/February Winter Family Fun Events:

1. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, January 20; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
2. Winter Wonderland at Harris Nature Center, Saturday, January 27; 10 am – 3 pm
3. Meridian Moonlight Sledding, Saturday, January 27; 6-8:30 pm; North Meridian Road Park
4. Polar Bear 5 K Run/Walk, Sunday, January 28; 10 am; Central Park/Nancy Moore Park
5. Howl at the Moon, Friday, February 2; 7 pm; Harris Nature Center
6. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, February 10; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
7. Meridian Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, February 17; 9am-Noon, Central Park pond
8. Chinese New Year Celebration, Sunday, February 18; 1-3 pm, Meridian Mall
9. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, February 24; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
10. Meridian Moonlight Sledding, Saturday, February 24; 6-8:30 pm; North Meridian Road Park
11. Meridian Swims at MAC, Tuesday, February 28; 6:30-8 pm; Michigan Athletic Club

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

13. NEXT MEETINGS:

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The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13, 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.

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