



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TELEVISED PARK COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 4:30pm
Township Hall Meeting Room

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. September 10, 2024 Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. October Stewardship Calendar
 - B. October Snell Towar Calendar
 - C. Budget Updates
 - D. Towner Road Pickleball Thank You
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
None
8. ACTION ITEMS
None
9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. Community Center Updates
 - B. Red Cedar Waterway Project Updates
 - C. HNC, Marshall Park and Ted Black Woods Parking Lot Replacement
 - D. Farmers' Market Murals
 - E. Upcoming Events
10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens
11. PUBLIC COMMENT
12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Meeting Location: Meridian Township Hall Meeting Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Service Center Meeting Room
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 4:30pm**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo-Farris; Commissioner, Ami Van Antwerp; Commissioner, Michael McDonald; Commissioner, Amanda Lick arrived late
ABSENT: Commissioner, Mark Stephens - excused
STAFF: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at **4:38 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioner Ami VanAntwerp, Commissioner Michael McDonald and Chair Mary Nardo-Farris were present. Commissioner Lick arrived at 5:09 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Introduction of three MSU Law students attending Park Commission Meeting for course credit: Jessie Ding, Daniella Toma and Jack Barber.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved **TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2024**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. September Stewardship Calendar: Director Wisinski reviewed the Stewardship calendar and Commissioners discussed the upcoming stewardship events, including the upcoming Volunteer Thankquet scheduled for September 27.
- B. September Snell Towar Calendar: Director Wisinski updated the Commissioners on upcoming events

Commissioners were interested in introducing new games, for example air hockey, and other amenities for the Snell Towar Recreational Center such as water and snacks provided at Open Center times.

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Update – September 3, 2024 Board Meeting

B. Dogs Off Leash

8. ACTION ITEMS

None

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Community Center Update

- New Task Force meeting Tuesday, 9/24/2024 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall

Marshall Park

- A ribbon cutting date to be decided.
- After other amenities complete?

5280 Okemos Rd and American House Trail Hubs

Red Cedar Waterway Updates

- September 8, 2024 Williamston Waterway Celebration
- \$100K (\$33K/year) in addition to grant
- Assessment complete and work to develop clearing RFP

Dogs Off Leash Campaign

- Meet with Comms/PD tomorrow

Able Eyes in Parks

- Meet with Comms/PD tomorrow

Gleaning Grant

- **From:** David Batten <dbatten049@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 7:04 AM
To: farmersmarket <farmersmarket@meridian.mi.us>
Subject: Saturday and beyond, Market Money
- Hi Tom. Another good Saturday. 95 pounds from shoppers, 322 from vendors, 417 total. Season total 3640.

Trail Maps – 7,000 printed from grant funds and ready to distribute to residents at Town Hall and Parks Office.

10. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens

NONE

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

12. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Van Antwerp will not be in attendance at November's Park Commission meeting, due to a schedule conflict.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Antwerp adjourned the meeting at **7:01 pm**.

The next scheduled meeting is **October 8, 2024**, at the Township Hall Meeting Room, 4:30 pm and will be televised.

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STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

- October 5th, Davis Foster Preserve, Native Seed Collection
 - 5120 Van Atta Rd, Okemos MI
- October 19th, Lake Lansing North Preserve, Native Shrub Planting & Seed Collection
 - 1000 Wild Ginger Trail, Haslett MI
- November 2nd, Ted Black Woods, Invasive Shrub Cutting
 - 4714 Van Atta Rd, Okemos MI

WEEKDAY WARRIORS | 1 PM - 3 PM

Occurs every other Thursday

- October 10th, Heron Creek Preserve, Native Seed Collection
 - End of Creekstone Trail in Okemos
- October 24th, Township Service Center, Seed Sorting Party
 - 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett MI

TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY FANTASTIC FUNGI WALK

- Back by popular demand, we will once again hike Legg Park to oogle at fungi this fall! We are excited to host graduate students from MSU's Plant, Soil, & Microbial Science department to talk about their research & share some fun(gi) facts!
 - 3900 Van Atta Rd, OKemos, MI



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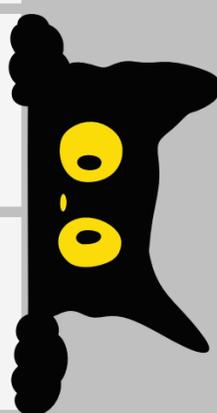
***ALL EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT & MAY BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF**

SNELL TOWER

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27 L	28	29 HALLOWEEN EVENT AT MARKETPLACE	30 PUZZLE COMPETITION	31 HALLOWEEN PARTY!		

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



October 2024 Park Commission Budget Update

Description	Source of Funds	FY24 Budget	\$ Encumbered	% Encumbered	Notes
Marshall Park	General Fund	\$150,000	\$168,000	112%	Board Appropriated - Budget amendment to cover additional costs
Red Cedar River Water Trail - Grant	Ingham County Parks and Trails	\$500,000	\$0	0%	IC HOLD until FY28
Red Cedar River Water Trail - Interim Funding Grant	Ingham County Parks and Trails	\$100,000	\$0	0%	To be shared with Williamston and Williamstown Twp as determined by needs.
Wonch Park Kayak Launch Design	Park Millage	\$100,000	\$0	0%	Awaiting Red Cedar clearing
Trail Head - 5280 Okemos Rd.	Park Millage	\$10,000	\$0	0%	Awaiting Management approval
Harris Nature Center - Exterior Rehab	Park Millage	\$10,320	\$10,320	100%	Complete
Central Park Pavilion Rehab	Park Millage	\$300,000	\$193,000	64%	Complete
Park Signs	Park Millage	\$92,500	\$92,500	100%	Complete

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Just a quick thanks for your wonderful program supported by Sally and Sandy. Their instruction and passion for the game, creates such good times and wonderful community. Even as this season wraps up, I look forward to next years with anticipation with these amazing teachers/coaches!!

Carol Way LMSW, ACSW

I'm sending an email to express my appreciation for Sally and Sandy. They have contributed so much to the pickleball community. I can't express enough how grateful I am to them! They run an amazing program! I'm blessed to have them here in our community!!

Kim Winston

I have been a regular participant in Towner Park pickleball classes and round robins for the last 3 summers. The programs that Sally and Sandy run are such a blessing. The influence they have had on the participation numbers, skill advancement, while providing a framework and scheduling for an inclusive, respectful and fun pickleball environment is amazing.

Just wanted to give them a big shoutout for their enthusiasm, knowledge and hard work. We are lucky to have them. I'm excited to see what next summer brings.

Lisa Messner

I am writing to express my appreciation for all of Sandy and Sally's work to encourage, teach and grow the game of Pickleball.

As a brand new pickleball player last summer, Sandy was instrumental in teaching the basics of the game and offering ongoing support to help me improve enough to feel comfortable playing in open play at various courts.

This year, Sally has been instrumental in helping me improve my game. Both ladies adapt their instruction and practice to meet the needs of each group and make themselves available to answer questions and offer support while building a supportive pickleball community.

Towner has offered so many players great pickleball experience.

Thank you,

Margy Dewey

I just wanted to say thank you for allowing Sally and Sandy to offer pickleball training at Towner. I've been attending their drills for a couple of years and have learned so much! Again thank you for allowing this opportunity so that we can better learn the game of pb.

Carla McCarrick

[No one advocates for the sport of pickleball in our community like Sally and Sandy! They will do whatever it takes to continue to grow the sport and will work with the township to continue

to acquire upgrades to facilities such and the wonderful pavilion and sidewalk at Towner. They will tirelessly support the people who play. Our mentors are exceptional, and we feel fortunate to have them as ambassadors in our community.]

Casey and Mark Bain

Just a quick note to share how valuable Sally Hudgins and Sandy Swekard have been to the functioning of the game and the township courts. Their lessons help players and keeps them enthusiastic as they learn and play. The organization and ground rules for the courts supported enjoyable play. At a few times, their face-to-face with certain players diffused potential misunderstandings.

Thank you for your support of Sally, Sandy, and pickleball!

Christine Shafer