



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
TUESDAY MAY 13, 2014
TOWN HALL ROOM



WORK SESSION 6PM

(salmon)

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area
5. 2014 Park Millage Ballot Proposal Update
6. Orlando Park Future Amenities Pricing
7. Other
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Presentations
5. Public Comment
6. Commissioner Reports and Comments
 - a. Friends of the Parks Volunteer Recognition Ceremony Recap
7. Approval of Minutes (blue)
 - a. April 8, 2014 Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - b. April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

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8. **Communications** (tan)
9. **Director's Report** (yellow)
10. **New Business** (pink)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Peter Miklavcic – Final Report on HNC/Eastgate Boardwalk Eagle Scout Project
 - b. Kyle Nusdorfer – Proposed Eagle Scout project - North Meridian Road Park boardwalk
 - c. Dog Park Grant
11. **Unfinished Business** (green)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Orlando Park Turf
12. **Other Business** (cherry)
PUBLIC COMMENT
13. **Discussion Items** (lilac)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Park Millage Ballot Proposal
14. **Final Comments**
15. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Town Hall
 - b. Farmers' Market – Saturdays 8am-2 pm Central Park
 - c. Van Atta Road closed from Grand River south to bridge; access to Harris Nature Center from Jolly Road
 - d. Meridian Fishing Derby – Saturday, June 7, Central Park
16. **Public Remarks**
17. **Adjournment**

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WORK SESSION

6. Orlando Park Future Amenities

MEMORANDUM

TO: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jane Greenway, Parks and Land Management Coordinator

DATE: May 8, 2014

RE: Orlando Park
Future Amenities Pricing

The Park Commission requested staff to obtain prices for future amenities at Orlando Park including additional play equipment and a shade structure. Below are some estimates for the improvements:

1. Swings, slide, and spinners
Price ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000

2. Shade structure
Shade structure (consists of three poles and a kite type of covering)
Price \$16,500

In addition, staff met with Commissioner Banas and Haslett Kiwanis President, Alanna Harvey, on April 28, 2014 and reviewed future plans for park maintenance. The Kiwanis have generously offered to adopt and maintain the park. Our future plans include greatly reducing the size of the gardens and replanting the garden areas with grass seed. The Kiwanis will maintain the flowers around the gazebo and play structure. Their intention is to add "sensory" plants and labels (meaning plants with interesting smells and textures).

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7. MINUTES

- a. April 8, 2014 Work Session Minutes
- b. April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners: Aronoff, Banas, Jaramillo, Stephens, Wilson
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Land
Management Coordinator Jane Greenway; Parks and Recreation
Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

ABSENT: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Wilson called the work session to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present: Marilyn Aronoff, Teri Banas, Melanie Jaramillo, Mark Stephens, Todd Wilson

3. Approval of Agenda

Under item #6, add item #a. Revised Aldi Development Plan and #b, Orlando Park Improvements.

COMMISSIONER BANAS MOVED, COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO SECONDED TO APPROVE THE WORK SESSION AGENDA AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

4. Friend of the Park Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

Director Maisner distributed and summarized the following information on the Friend of the Park Volunteer Recognition Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 12 at 6:15 pm in the Central Park Pavilion.

- Invitations will be mailed out the week of April 28
- Will be planting three (3) deciduous trees in Central Park with a plaque honoring the 2013 volunteers, will include a QR code leading to a complete list of volunteers and their projects
- There will be no certificates, but everyone will receive a tree seedling(s) to take home. Jane will research tree prices and also gardening spades.
- The event will be held like an outdoor picnic.
- Activities to include Park Millage discussion with display board; disc golf; soccer nets for target practice; bean bag toss; suggested having something competitive between staff and park volunteers such as a kickball game
- Conclude event with a tour of the fishing area

5. 2014 Park Millage Ballot Proposal Update

Commissioner Banas offered the following:

- Liked the millage pages in the Family Fun Guide
- Did interviews with HOM-TV staff
- Working on the website and it is almost completed; web address is www.yesformeridianparks.com; adding a PayPal button for donations; will have contact information
- Have contacted Okemos and Haslett school principals and booster groups inquiring about presentations to their parent groups
- Obtaining the list of neighborhood organizations and will be breaking up the list between the millage group to ask about speaking to their organizations; have presented to the Haslett Kiwanis, LINC and Meridian Leadership Group; upcoming speaking dates at the St. Luke's senior luncheon; Indian Hills Neighborhood Association; Okemos Kiwanis; could also present at Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on April 19; Earth Day/Park Cleanup on April 19; Fishing Derby on June 7; Celebrate Downtown Okemos on June 14
- Working on the Facebook page; suggested posting messages weekly; "did you know...; want to see...; history of parks...; etc."
- Currently have 29,600 registered voters, in August 2010, voter turnout reached 9,337; absentee ballots will be mailed out first week of July.
- Working on fundraising letter and looking for email addresses; will be holding fundraising open house parties in May.
- Director Maisner reported the presentation at the Meridian Leadership Group with Commissioner Banas was well received; there were very supportive comments from attendees.

6. Other

a. Revised Aldi Development Plan

Commissioners reviewed the revised development plan. The parking lot has been shifted; the emergency access location has been relocated and appears to be more functional. When asked the tree size, Parks and Landscape Coordinator Greenway replied 2.5" caliper is the minimum required by the Township. Director Maisner reported this item is on the Township Board's next week Tuesday meeting agenda.

b. Orlando Park Improvements including research on costs for a shade structure

The flower beds were trimmed last fall and a plan developed for reducing the garden size on the east and eliminating the garden on the west. If additional play equipment is planned, it would be best to hold off on major turf improvements until a final determination has been made.

Discussion:

- We are aware of neighbors' concerns.

- Treated the area last fall on east side of park and will treat weeds again this spring and then will fill area with grass and necessary mulch
- Staff was asked to provide cost for the swings, slide and shade canopy for the next meeting
- Commissioner Banas suggested planting wild strawberries around the gazebo
- Commissioner Stephens will be working with Vern Stephens and Nick Sanchez on plantings and spraying

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson adjourned the work session at 7:04 pm.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners: Aronoff, Banas, Jaramillo, Stephens, Wilson
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Land
Management Coordinator Jane Greenway; Parks and Recreation
Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

ABSENT: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:14 pm

2. Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present: Marilyn Aronoff, Teri Banas, Melanie Jaramillo, Mark Stephens, Todd Wilson

3. Approval of Agenda

New item #5, add Presentation by Haslett Kiwanis Club.

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED, COMMISSION ARONOFF
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED. Voice
vote. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Presentations

Haslett Kiwanis Club members Alana Harvey and Phil Deschaine stated the Haslett Kiwanis Club supports children, families and the community, have volunteered and donated to park activities and will be adopting Orlando Park this year. For Ms. Banas' years of dedication and exceptional volunteer efforts to improve our community, the Haslett Kiwanis Club presented Commissioner Teri Banas with their "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" Award.

Chair Wilson stated the Park Commission concurs that Commissioner Banas has a passion and drive in so many efforts to improve the community and also appreciates the Haslett Kiwanis Club for their many efforts to improve the Township.

Commission Banas thanked and supports the Haslett Kiwanis Club. They are a wonderful, fun group.

Phil Deschaine stated the Haslett Kiwanis are currently working on the community room at the Haslett Library and invited everyone to come and see it.

Chair Wilson stated the Haslett Kiwanis have been very supportive of the Haslett Robotics Club, in addition to other Haslett community events.

Commissioner Stephens suggested the Club reach out to the Haslett High School students, especially the previous 5th graders who originally planted in Orlando Park. It would be a great way for them to reconnect with Orlando Park.

6. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Banas stated she recently attended the Meridian Leadership Group breakfast meeting which is comprised of Township Board Trustees with Chairs and Vice Chairs of each of the Boards and Commissions. This group has previously met once or twice a year during Township Board meetings but is now meeting monthly. At the April meeting, she and Director Maisner presented on the Park Millage Ballot. She thanked EDC Chair Marsha Madle for starting these meetings and for Township Manager Walsh for taking the leadership role with this group to help improve services and programs in the Township.

Commissioner Stephens stated he recently attended the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association Community Service Award banquet where resident Kelly Colflesh was honored for his community service in Meridian Township.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 11, 2014 Work Session Meeting Minutes: Page 2, second bullet; change website to www.yesformeridianparks.com; and under #8, change "Okemos" to "Haslett"
- b. March 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – no changes

COMMISSIONER BANAS MOVED, COMMISSIONER ARONOFF STEPHENS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MARCH 11, 2014 WORK SESSION AS AMENDED AND MARCH 11, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

8. Communications

A. Items to/from the Public

1. To: Michigan Recreation and Park Association, RE: Community Service Awards Ceremony booklet - Kelly Colflesh to receive MRPA Community Service Award at ceremony on March 19

B. Commission Information

1. April Calendar of Events for Parks & Recreation
2. Towne Courier: **March 16:** Native garden program at HNC; Campfire program to be held at HNC; Native plants pre-orders taken; Discover Walking at HNC; HNC offers Scouts badge programs; Qigong class to be

held Saturdays; Okemos Boy Scout headed trail project; earns Eagle;
March 23: Okemos snowman wins township contest; **March 30:** Meridian Twp to host community clean-up; Harris Nature Center offers native plants; Meridian Twp plan to conduct controlled burns in natural areas

3. Okemos Life Magazine: March issue
4. Okemos Life Magazine: April issue

C. Staff Inquiries/Response
None

D. Distributed at Meeting

1. Legal Notice for Commission Review #14043 (Meridian Township); paved pathway in Wonch Park

Chair Wilson stated the Okemos Life Magazine is very impressive and covers a good mix of community events. Director Maisner reported she just received communication from the editor that Hibu will no longer be publishing this magazine.

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED, COMMISSIONER BANAS SECONDED TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Voice vote. Motion passed.

9. **Director's Report**

- **Wonch Park Pathway Progress** – submitted material for site plan review; Section 61 Review and Special Use Permit to the Planning Department; it goes to the Planning Commission on Monday, April 28 at 7 pm.
- **Fourth of July Celebration** - Staff is exploring partnership with Ingham County Parks to cross promote concert and activities with our fireworks program.
- **Legg Park Entry Drive** – working with engineering department on spec development for paving the entry drive. Once approved, the project will go to bid; re-paving is a necessary maintenance issue; will have a paved apron entry and will add landscaping to improve entrance.
- **Newton Road Parking Lot** – submitted entry drive and parking area plans to Planning Department for review; once approved it will go out to bid for construction in late summer.
- **Multi-Cultural Heritage Festival** – the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 20; have been partnering with the Friends of Historic Meridian and Nokomis Learning Center for the past 17 years; adding new cultures this year.
- **Friend of the Park Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony** – we value our volunteers and will be bringing them together for a picnic in Central Park on Monday, May 12; trees will be planted in their honor.
- **2014 Family Fun Guide** – was recently mailed out to residents; this issue covers activities until the end of December; the guide takes a lot of time and effort by staff and will become a once a year publication; next issue will be

going out to residents the second week in January 2015; received positive feedback on this issue

- **Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt** – will held be held in Nancy Moore Park on Saturday, April 19; entry gate opens at 7 pm and the egg hunt will begin at 9:20 pm
- **Van Atta Road Bridge** – due to the weather, the work is six weeks behind but when it is complete there will be a new canoe launch at Harris Nature Center; the Nature Center is open and can be accessed from Jolly Road; thanks to Road Commission for the signage
- **Township Brush Pick Up** – ice storm brush pick up is scheduled to begin on April 14; Township has been split in half with Grand River Avenue as the dividing line; pick up in the northern portion begins April 14 and the southern portion May 5; information is available in the Meridian Monitor and on the Township website
- **Farmers Market** – the last Winter Farmers Market in the Meridian Mall is this month; the Spring Farmers Market to begin on Saturday, May 3 in the Central Park Pavilion; Spring Market is Saturdays in May through June from 8 am to 2 pm
- **Seasonal Maintenance Crew Positions** – please apply online on the Township website.
- **Meridian Recycling Event** – the event will take place at Chippewa Middle School on Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to 2 pm; LeRoy Harvey is the Coordinator and information is on the Township website.
- **Earth Week Activities** – the Township is hosting activities during Earth Week to include park clean-up day on Saturday, April 19; please post pictures to our Facebook page.
- **Michigan Recreation and Park Association Community Service Award** – Meridian Township submitted Kelly Colflesh to receive the MRPA Community Service Award for his dedicated volunteer service including monitoring Central Park pond, the fishing equipment box, volunteers at the annual fishing derbies and sharing his love of fishing with visitors to our park.

10. Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. New Business (pink)

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Natural Buffer Project – Historical Village Pond

Coordinator Greenway stated the Central Park fishing dock was two years ago and has been very popular. With the recent article in the Lansing State Journal about Monarch butterflies and their habitats, the Meridian Garden Club has suggested planting garden area for the butterflies by the pond in the Historical Village. Jane met with Garden Club representative Mary Lou Hatfield and Vern Stephens, Designs by Nature, LLC, to design a buffer to deter the geese and the area would flower from spring to fall to attract the butterflies. The area would be approximately 6000 square feet total, with 15

feet butter area surrounding the pond's edge. The project would include children from Haslett Schools. Cost estimates are being determined together with possible donations to identify final costs. She will also be working with Commissioner Stephens to designate fishing areas into the plan. The final plan will be presented at a future meeting before proceeding.

b. Park Clean-up Day – April 19, 2014 9-noon

Coordinator Greenway reported a park clean-up day has been scheduled as part of the Earth Week activities on Saturday, April 19. Volunteers will be beginning at 9 am at various locations and end with pizza at Central Park pavilion at noon. We are asking volunteers to collect debris, trash, brush, etc. and bring to the roadside for pick up. Please post pictures on our Facebook page and we hope that everyone will get out and help us and your neighbors.

Director Maisner asked volunteers to rsvp to the Parks Office so we know which parks people are working at and we will provide trash bags if requested. If you come across any big trees down, please call the office and let us know.

12. Other Business (green)
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. Discussion Items (lilac)
PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Park Millage Ballot Proposal Update

The new Park Millage Ballot Proposal is schedule for a vote on August 5. The request is for 2/3rds mill to continue operations and also support park renovation and development projects. The Park Commissioners offered an update on the Park Millage Ballot Proposal.

14. Final Comments

Commissioner Stephens reported on the salmon release by Haslett, East Lansing and Laingsburg schools. He encouraged everyone to come out and watch children in waders release their fish and to visit www.projectfish.com to check on the dates of the fish releases.

Chair Wilson thanked HOM-TV staff for the new mugs and pens.

15. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 Town Hall
- b. Farmers' Market – J C Penney Corridor of Meridian Mall, Saturday, April 19 and opening day outside May 3 8am-2 pm
- c. Van Atta Road Closed from Grand River south to bridge; access to Harris Nature Center from Jolly Road

- d. Park Clean-up – April 19, 2014 9-noon
- e. Friends of the Parks Volunteer Recognition Ceremony – Monday, May 12, 2014 at Central Park.

16. Public Remarks

None

17. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO MOVED, COMMISSIONER BANAS
SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Park Commission Meeting

May 13, 2014

8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public

1. From: Barbara Bradford, Meridian Garden Club; RE: Invitation to National Arbor Day planting in Meridian Historical Village
2. To: Barbara Bradford, Meridian Garden Club; RE: Thank you for donation of a "River Birch" tree to the Historical Village
3. From: Drain Commissioners Office; RE: Controlled/Prescribed Burn in Towar Gardens Neighborhood
4. From: Jule Stafford, DNR Grant Coordinator; RE: Wonch Park Development
5. From: Eckhart Dersch; RE: Eastgate Park Report No. 2
6. From: Scooter Nowak, MSU Department of Entomology; To: Jane Greenway; RE: Permission to do research at Legg Park
7. From: Kristie Hannon, Howell Schools; To: Robin Faust; RE: Permission to release salmon in Ferguson Park
8. To: Roland Hames, Jr.; RE: Welcome to Land Preservation Advisory Board

B. Commission Information

1. May Calendar of Events for Parks & Recreation
2. Okemos Life Magazine: May issue

C. Staff Inquiries/Response

1. From: Martha Wyatt, Meridian Township Associate Planner/Landscape Architect; RE: Site Plan Review #14-07 (Meridian Township Parks & Recreation/Wonch Park proposed pathway)
2. From: Richard Brown, Meridian Township Associate Planner; RE: Special Use Permit (Meridian Township/Wonch Park proposed pathway)
3. From Richard Brown, Meridian Township Associate Planner; RE: Commission Review #14043 (Meridian Township) – Section 61 Review: Wonch Park Pathway



Todd Wilson, Chair
Meridian Parks Board
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In honor of National Arbor Day, April 25 the Meridian Garden Club is donating a tree to be planted, a multi-stemmed Heritage River Birch. Jane Greenway, Parks and Land Management Coordinator, recommended the historically correct and hardy tree for placement in a site consistent with the overall plan for the Historic Meridian Village.

You are invited to join us for dedication of the tree at 11 AM, Friday, April 25th by the pond in Meridian Historical Village. You will be recognized and included in the photos submitted to local media.

The Garden Club recognizes your role in making our township beautiful and livable. We hope to make planting a tree for Arbor Day an annual event. After the short ceremony we have reservations for lunch at the Olive Garden. Please join us.

Please let me know if you will be attending and if you wish to join us for lunch.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Bradford".

Barbara Bradford
Arbor Day Chair
Meridian Garden Club

Park Comm.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

Elizabeth Ann LeGoff	Supervisor
Brett Dreyfus	Clerk
Julie Brixie	Treasurer
Frank L. Walsh	Manager



Milton L. Scales	Trustee
Ronald J. Styka	Trustee
John Veenstra	Trustee
Angela Wilson	Trustee

May 1, 2014

Ms. Barbara Bradford
Meridian Garden Club
5686 Bayonne
Haslett, MI 48840

Dear Ms. Bradford:

We would like to express a very warm "thank you!" to you and the Meridian Garden Club for the recent donation of a River Birch tree to the Meridian Historic Village. It was fun to work with you and other club members on the project and I hope that the tradition of planting a tree on Arbor Day continues in years to come. Hopefully next year we will have better weather!

We look forward to working with you again to improve and maintain the beautiful gardens in the village.

Yours truly,

Jane L. Greenway
Parks and Land Management Coordinator

cc: Jane Rose, Director Meridian Historical Village
Susan Leahy, President, Meridian Garden Club



Patrick E. Lindemann

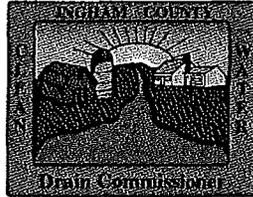
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

PO Box 220
707 Buhl Avenue
Mason, MI 48854-0220

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Chief of Engineering and Inspection

Sheldon Lewis
Administrative Assistant

NEWS RELEASE

CONTROLLED/PRESCRIBED BURN TOMORROW!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Angie Cosman
517-676-8395 or 517-719-5431

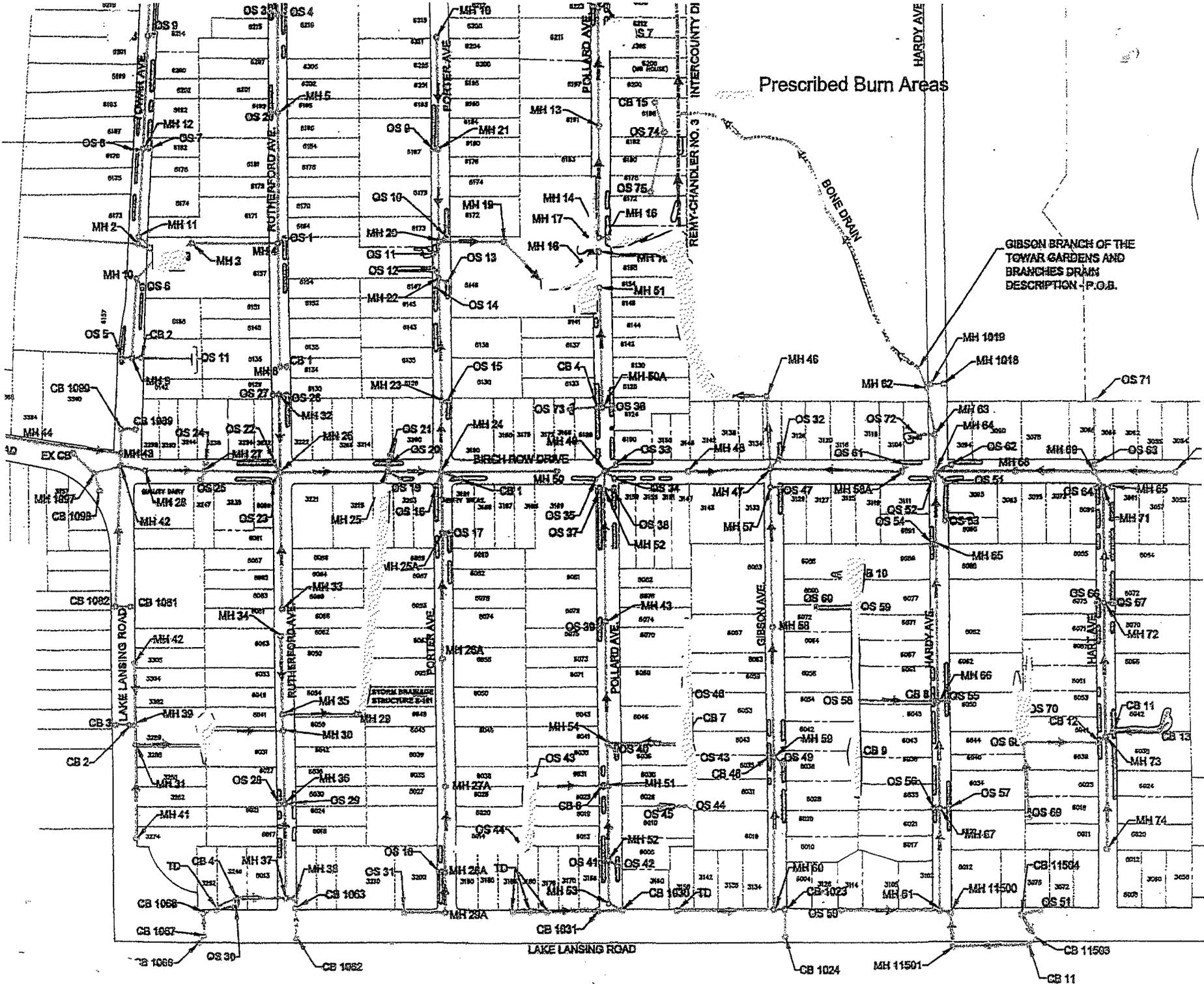
Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann will conduct a controlled/prescribed burn in the Towar Gardens neighborhood between **11 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 23, 2014**. The burn areas are shown in the attached map.

“This buffer area planted in native flowers and grasses will thrive better after the controlled burn which targets the early season invasive and non-native vegetation,” according to Drain Commissioner Lindemann. Native plants are important because they filter and cleanse the runoff before it enters the water. They also have deeper root systems that hold the soil and increase its porosity.

Historically, fire was a common feature of the midwest landscape. Reintroducing fire helps to curb the non-native invasive species and give the native fire-adaptive plants a chance to renew.

The burn will be conducted by David Borneman, LLC. David Borneman, its President, has over 26 years of professional experience conducting prescribed, ecological burns on thousands of acres.

The whole procedure should take only a few hours. The Meridian Township Fire Department will be in attendance. The neighborhood has received notice of this event by mail. Additional information or questions can be directed to Deputy Drain Commissioner Carla Clos at the Drain Office, 676-8395 or Project Coordinator Angie Cosman at 517-719-5431.



Prescribed Burn Areas

GIBSON BRANCH OF THE
TOWAR GARDENS AND
BRANCHES DRAINS
DESCRIPTION - P.O.B.

LAKE LANSING ROAD



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

April 28, 2014

Ms. LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation
Meridian Charter Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear Ms. Maisner:

SUBJECT: TF12-024, Wonch Park Pathway Development

I received your submittal of the plans, specifications and bidding documents for the above-referenced project. These documents covered some scope items for the project as listed in the Project Agreement and further defined in your approved grant application.

The plans, specifications and bidding documents are **approved for the following scope items:**

All scope items

You may proceed with contracting or begin construction by force account labor. All scope items listed in your Project Agreement must be completed within the project completion period allowed in your Project Agreement.

Our review of the plans and specifications is limited to the Grants Management staff verifying the work covered by the documents is consistent with the scope of work in the Project Agreement or modifications to the project scope previously approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

You and your Prime Professional are solely responsible for ensuring the plans meet engineering standards and all appropriate federal, state and local requirements, including compliance with state and federal barrier-free requirements and the Playground Safety Act, P.A. 16 of 1997. Deficiencies found during the final inspection must be remedied prior to audit and final payment. If no grant funds remain, corrections must be made at the grantee's expense. The grantee is also solely responsible for obtaining the required permits needed prior to construction of project.

Ms. LuAnn Maisner
Page 2
April 28, 2014

Our office will retain the plans and specifications until the project is completed. Please note that any changes to these plans and specifications that significantly change, add, or delete scope items must be approved by our office prior to implementing the change. Also, if significant changes are made to this project, a revised set of plans and specifications, sealed by the project's Prime Professional, should be submitted to our office.

Once you have received bids for this project, you must submit the *Notification of Contract/Vendor Selection and Bid Tabulation Approval* form (PR 1911-1) along with the bid tabulation, for DNR approval before you award the contract. This form can be found in Appendix G of the *Development Project Procedures* booklet (IC 1912). Please remember that for contracts/purchases over \$10,000, you must advertise for competitive bids. For contracts between \$2,500 and \$10,000, you must solicit three quotes. Also, if your award includes alternates, please remember that they must be selected in the order listed in the bid documents. The award must be to the lowest qualified bidder, as determined by your Prime Professional.

Please refer to the *Development Project Procedures* booklet for additional information on the requirements for successfully completing this project. Forms for requesting reimbursement under your grant can be found in Appendix H of the procedures booklet. Please refer to the procedures booklet for guidance on completing a request for reimbursement.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or project procedures, please contact me at the telephone number or email address below. You may also write to me at Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.

Sincerely,



Jule E. Stafford, Grant Coordinator
Grants Management
517-284-5965
staffordj@michigan.gov

JES:lh
Enclosure (PR1911 executed)



CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND BID DOCUMENTS FOR RECREATION GRANT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

This information is required by Authority of Act 299, P.A. 1980 as amended, for reimbursement of project costs

Instructions:

Please complete the non-shaded portions of both sides of this Checklist, and include with the submission of one set of plans, specifications, and bid documents for the completion of this project.

These documents must be approved by the DNR prior to advertising for bids or beginning construction by force account labor.

Grantee:	Marquette Charter Township			Date:
Project #:	TF12-024	Project Title:	Woods Park Pathway Development	Package #:
Project Scope	Accessibility Guidelines Used* 1-ADA 2-ODA 3-Other	Changed from Application**	Included in this package***	Construction by: C=Contract FA=Force Account
1 Asphalt Trail	1		X	C

* Use the following numbers to indicate the accessibility guidelines that were used to design each project scope item:

- 1 = ADA 2010 -- ADA Standards for Accessible Design 2010
- 2 = ODA -- Proposed Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas Final Report, 2009
- 3 = Other -- Provide the name of the accessibility guidelines used to design the scope item and a justification for their use.

** If a project scope item has changed from how it is listed above (based on the approved grant application), please indicate with an "X" in this column and attach a written description of the change, reason for the change, and positive and negative impacts to the project.

*** If the documents included with this package are for less than the full scope of the project, please attach a short explanation of the documents for the remaining scope items that will be submitted and a schedule for their submittal.

All changes are subject to DNR approval and may require an amendment to the Project Agreement.

This Package Includes: (Package will not be approved if all the items below are not included.)

- Sealed plans, sealed specifications, and bid documents
- Itemized cost estimate
- Brief project implementation schedule
- Signed Prime Professional Certification (PR-1903)

Permits: The Grantee and Prime Professional are solely responsible for obtaining all necessary federal, state, and local permits for constructing the facilities included in this project.

Grantee Certification: I hereby certify that the enclosed plans, specifications, and bid documents have been prepared by a professional engineer, architect or landscape architect, licensed in Michigan. These documents are for the completion of project scope items indicated above and included in the Project Agreement bearing DNR project # TF12-024 and consistent with the approved grant application. By signing this form, the grantee and Prime Professional are also assuring the DNR that they have obtained all required permits, or will obtain them prior to beginning force account construction or awarding the bid.

Grantee's Signature: 	Title: Director of Parks & Rec	Date: 4-18-14
Prime Professional Signature: 	Title and Firm: Chief Engineer - Township <small>Meridian Township</small>	Date: 4-18-2014

For DNR Use Only

Grant Coordinator Certification

Partial Scope
 Complete Scope
 Includes Changes to Project Scope-- Approved as of: _____

Package Complete
 Project Agreement Executed
 Includes Changes to Project Scope-- Requires Project Agreement Amendment

Notes:

Grant Coordinator: 	Date: 4/22/14
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Return Completed Checklist with Document Package to:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT SECTION
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 PO BOX 30426
 LANSING, MI 48909-7926

**FRIEND-OF-THE-PARK
OCCASIONAL REPORT
TO THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION**

DATE: April 28, 2014

SUBMITTED BY: Eckhart Dersch

PARK VISITED: Eastgate Park: Report No. 2

OBSERVATIONS AND/OR ACTIONS:

September 20, 2013:

1. Considerable trash accumulates around the pump track. Within a week of picking it up its right back again.
2. I cleared trails of small amounts of trash and fallen branches.
3. This is a good time of the year to see where sand is accumulating at the bottom of sloping trails and use this information to determine where trail durability needs to be improved with gravel and/or wood chips. If this is not done, roots and rocks will be increasingly exposed and become hazards to bikers and hikers.

April 28, 2014 UPDATE:

1. All of the above still applies.
2. The forest floor is a luxuriant green, with many spring flowers in bloom and many more on the verge of blooming. This is a great time to see:
 - Dutchman's britches
 - Spring beauty
 - Trout lily
 - Wood poppy
 - Yellow violets
 - Trillium
 - Blood root
 - Anemone
 - Hepatica
 - And a few others I could not identify
3. The trails are being more heavily used than I have ever seen before. This I can see by the absence of leaves and pulverized leaves on the trail this early in the season.

PROBLEMS:

September 20, 2013:

1. The first large depression in the river trail west of the picnic shelter was partially filled during the trail repair following removal of the large log jam. This depression is actually a secondary channel where the Red Cedar flows during high

water periods. All of the filled material will be washed out very rapidly and again leave a muddy obstacle for hikers. **April 28, 2014 UPDATE: Most of this material washed away with Spring high-water.** Although there is no way to stop the Red Cedar from flowing through this location, this would be an excellent place for a future Eagle Scout project involving the installation of a bridge, perhaps similar to the bridge now contemplated for the muddy stretch in Legg Park. **April 28, 2014: This would be a nice Scout project this summer of fall.**

2. The partial removal of the large log jam in the Red Cedar by the Drain Commissioner has gone a long way toward slowing the massive loss of soil into the river. And the plantings on the bank are doing well. However, the logs remaining in the river are still directing the flow toward the river bank, and in particular, toward the exposed bank just below the retaining wall of logs placed at the river's edge. This area needs to be re-examined because it appears that we will have continuing rapid erosion below the log-reinforced bank and directly behind the log-reinforcing when the river is high. **April 28, 2014 UPDATE: As feared, extensive scouring occurred behind the logs and some logs floated loosely during high water.**
3. Hikers are now using the Scrimger bridge even during dry periods. However, a small wash-out has occurred on the northeast end of the bridge and it will get worse if crushed stone hardening is not added soon. **April 28, 2014: No change.**
4. The lawn on the north and west side of a Chimney Oaks property (Devito) continues to extend into park property. It appears that the garden shed on the west side of the property is also partially on park land. **April 28, 2014: No change. This needs to be examined by Nick Sanchez or Code Enforcement.**
5. A lawn at 4160 Trillium Court now appears to extend northward into park property 10 to 20 feet. **April 28, 2014: No change.**
6. The lawn on the east side of 4149 Trillium Court appears to extend about six feet into park property; and a park trail at this location is so strewn with yard waste that park users no longer use the trail. **April 28, 2014: No change except considerably more yard waste was deposited on park property.**
7. The trail behind 4137 Trillium Court has been cleared of yard waste, but hikers abandoned the trail when it was first made impassable, and now it is overgrown and needs to be cleared for safe public passage. **April 28, 2014: No change.**
8. **April 28, 2014: A new log jam extending across the entire river is forming approximately adjacent to Keenan Scribner's bridge. Another new log jam is forming just upstream of the stairs up the bluff.**
9. **April 28, 2014: Trash is gathering around the picnic shelter (no trash barrel), and autumn's leaves are still in the shelter and on the roof.**

Recommendation:

April 28, 2014: The encroachments from Trillium Court and Chimney Oakes must be addressed before they get even worse. With leaves still down, it will be easy for Nick Sanchez or Code enforcement to sight from corner post to corner post to see the full extent of the problem. ((My fear is that these people could eventually claim a prescriptive right (by adverse possession) to this encroached upon parkland. I would be glad to go out there with him at his convenience)).

LuAnn Maisner

From: Jane Greenway
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 11:50 AM
To: Scooter Nowak
Cc: Eric Benbow
Subject: RE: Permission to do research at Legg Park

Dear Scooter,

Could you please remove ALL of the mosquito larvae from Legg Park! Just kidding. You've probably heard that joke before.

This letter will serve as permission for you to utilize Legg Park in 2014 for research associated with an entomology project at MSU.

You may already know that they are working on the bridge on Van Atta Road that is next to the Harris Nature Center. You will have to access the park from the south on Jolly Road.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Good luck with your project.

Jane

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Parks and Land Management Coordinator
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From: Scooter Nowak [<mailto:nowakger@msu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2014 10:47 AM
To: Jane Greenway
Cc: Eric Benbow
Subject: Permission to do research at Legg Park

Jane,

My name is Scooter Nowak. I'm a graduate student at MSU. As part of a research project under the Benbow Lab, Entomology Department, Michigan State University, I would like to get permission to collect mosquito larvae and aquatic insects from the flooded woodland areas of Legg Park on Van Atta Road. The only

specimens that will be kept are mosquito larvae and aquatic macro-invertebrates. All other specimens that might be collected during those efforts will be immediately returned to the environment unharmed.

I have also requested permission from the City of East Lansing for Abbot Road and Whitehills park (approved) and the DNR for Sleepy Hollow State Park and Rose Lake (pending). The application I submitted to the DNR has a lot of detail so I've attached it for your information.

The plan is to perform one collection in the next few weeks, followed by a second collection late summer and if time permits a third collection in the fall. It is very likely that that collection pattern will be repeated next calendar year as well.

Please let me know if there are any forms I should fill out or if you have any questions.

Scooter

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East Lansing, Michigan 48824
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Robin Faust

From: HANNON, KRISTIE <hannonk@howellschools.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:56 PM
To: Robin Faust
Subject: Re: May 21 salmon release

Thank you! I would love that. I am still working out details, but I have about 110 8th grade students that will be rotating through 4 stations-one station is the actual release, second-aquatic sampling to gage the health of the river, third-a game called Go Fish, and fourth maybe a nature walk with someone from your office. I so appreciate your help with this. This is my first time with this program and May 21 is approaching very quickly. I am still working on arrival time-but I am thinking about 9 am and leaving about 1:30.

Thank you again,
Kristie Hannon

I will be in touch. :)

On Tue, May 6, 2014 at 2:33 PM, Robin Faust <faust@meridian.mi.us> wrote:

Hi Ms. Hannon

I spoke with Park Commission Mark Stephens about your request to release salmon from Ferguson Park on May 21. He stated this would be a great release location for your school and you will be obtaining the necessary release permit from the DNR.

Commissioner Stephens also mentioned you may want someone from our office to be on site to talk about the park, the river and possibly go on a nature walk. If this is your plan, please let me know and the necessary arrangements will be made.

THANKS!

Robin J. Faust, Administrative Assistant II

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court

Haslett MI 48840

(517) 853-4608

<https://www.facebook.com/MeridianTwpParksRec>

Robin Faust

From: Jane Greenway
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 1:51 PM
To: harmesr@aol.com
Cc: Robin Faust; Kielbaso, James (kielbas3@anr.msu.edu); JON MAYES (jtmayes@sbcglobal.net)
Subject: Welcome to the Land Preservation Advisory Board

Dear Mr. Harmes,

I would like to welcome you to the Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB). My name is Jane Greenway and I serve as staff to the Board. I am also cc-ing our chairperson, Jim Kielbaso, and vice-chair, Jon Mayes, on this email.

The next LPAB meeting is this **Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6 pm**. The LPAB typically meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Meridian Service Center in Nancy Moore Park. The physical address is 2100 Gaylord Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840 and the main phone number at the parks and recreation department is 517-853-4600. My direct line is 517-853-4610 and cell phone 517-388-3917.

If you haven't done so already, you will need to officially be sworn in by the Clerk at the Town Hall. But even if you cannot do so prior to next Wednesday, you may attend the meeting but cannot vote.

We will provide you with a binder that will familiarize you with the program. It will provide information about the review process, management guidelines, and other LPAB procedures. Most of this information is also available on our township website, www.meridian.mi.us, click on Boards and Commissions, then click on Land Preservation.

You will typically receive emails from me and Robin Faust, our Administrative Assistant. The meeting packets and agenda are distributed to you on the Friday before each month's meeting. Occasionally we email the packet but typically we mail the material or have it delivered to your home by the police department cadets.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

We look forward to meeting you!

Jane

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Board

FROM: Elizabeth LeGoff
Elizabeth LeGoff, Township Supervisor

DATE: May 2, 2014

RE: Land Preservation Advisory Board Resignation and Appointment

The following motions are offered for Board consideration:

MOVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEVEN WEBSTER FROM THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

MOVE TO APPOINT ROLAND HARMES, JR. TO THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

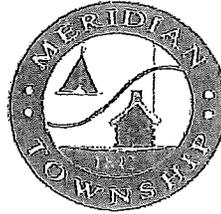
Attachment:

Application for Public Service with Résumé – Roland Harmes, Jr.

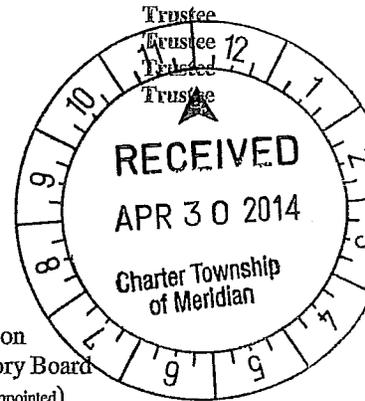
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Elizabeth Ann LeGoff
Brett Dreyfus
Julie Brixie
Frank L. Walsh

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Manager



Milton L. Scales
Ronald J. Styka
John Veenstra
Angela Wilson



I am interested in service on one or more of the following public bodies as checked below:

- | | |
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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assessing Board of Review*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Building and/or Fire Board of Appeals and Building Hearing Officer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cable Communications Commission*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Capital Area Transportation Authority (C.A.T.A.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Resources Commission</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Development Authority*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> East Lansing-Meridian Water & Sewer Authority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elected Officials Compensation Commission*</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Commission</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Preservation Advisory Board</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Park Commission (elected/appointed)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pension Trustees</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Township Board (elected/appointed)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lake Lansing Watershed Advisory Committee*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> |
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(*Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment)

Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:

Summarize your reasons for applying for this type of public service:
*To support Twp. Nat. Res. protection efforts.
 A special calling!!*

Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed. (Attach resume if available)

Name: ROLAND HARMES, JR.

Occupation: CONSULTANT Place of Employment: _____

Home Address: 5120 CORNELL RD OKEMOS MICH 48864

Phone: (days) 517-881-2068 (evenings) _____ E-mail harmesr @ aol.com

Signature Roland Harmes, Jr. Date May 1, 2014

Other than the Downtown Development Authority Board, persons appointed to Meridian Township boards and commissions must be a resident and elector (if of voting age) of the Township during the term of office. Excessive absences may be cause for review of appointment.

(PLEASE USE BACK IF NEEDED)

The policy for appointment of candidates to the various public service positions is based on the following criteria: desire to serve, experience, expertise, availability of time to serve, and maintenance of equitable geographic representation. In most instances it will be desirable to develop further information through a personal interview. This application will be retained in township files for two years. Please return this form to the Office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Meridian.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date Received	7.30.14	Distro: EL MK	Application # LPAB 1401
Registered Voter:	(Y)N	FW JG	
Date Appointed:		BD MEMBERS	

Revised: May 29, 2013

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ROLLIE HARMES
5120 Cornell Road
Okemos, Michigan 48864
Phone 517-881-2068
harmesr@aol.com

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Serves as general coordinator for land developments utilized for residential estates, commercial, or industrial sites.
- Formulates and negotiates successful land and mineral exchanges between the private sector and government.
- Negotiates successful work plans and environmental closures for contaminated properties.
- Established successful Environmental & Natural Resources Consulting Services Corporation providing dispute resolution, public relations, and technical advice to the private sector in securing permits, variances, and negotiated regulatory compliance with government.
- Represent various companies in securing permits, lease reclassifications, and resolving notices of violation, to allow oil, gas & mineral exploration and production in Michigan.
- Provided leadership to 3,700 State employees, with an annual budget of \$350 million.
- Extensive knowledge in federal, state, and local government regulations, real estate law, and legislative process.
- Possesses excellent communication, organization, policy-making, and problem solving skills.
- Experienced in implementing organizational training and development, departmental policies and procedures, administration, strategic planning, team building, and public relations.
- Proven progressive business initiative by promoting natural resources for economic development while protecting those resources at the same time.
- Effective public speaker, leader, and trainer on the state and national level.
- Served as a member of Governor Engler's Michigan Cabinet for four consecutive years.
- Honored with numerous awards for excellence.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

HARMES CONSULTING, INC. (517-349-2968)

Meeting Environmental, Natural Resources, and Real Estate Challenges

- **President**, 1996-2014

STATE OF MICHIGAN (Department of Natural Resources)

- **Director**, (Executive Office) 1991-1995
- **Member**, (Gov. John Engler's Cabinet) 1991-1995
- **Division Chief**, (Real Estate Division), 1981-1991
- **Acquisition Supervisor**, (Lands Division), 1976-1980
- **Review Appraiser**, (Lands Division), 1975-1976
- **Land Appraiser**, (Lands Division), 1965-1975

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS

- **Forester**, 1964-1965

EDUCATION

- B.S. Forestry, Michigan Technological University (MTU), 1964
- Department of Natural Resources Management Academy, 1985
- State of Michigan Executive Development Series, 1970-1985
- Management I & II, Michigan State University, 1973 & 1974
- U.S. Department of Interior, Organization Management and Training, 1970
- American Appraisal Institute, 1967 & 1968

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Past President, Eastern Lands and Resources Council.
- Executive Board Member, Eastern Lands and Resources Council.
- Member, Wild Turkey Federation.
- Director, Michigan Bear Hunters Association.
- Member, Ducks Unlimited.
- Member, Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
- Member, Safari Club International, Lansing Chapter.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- "Award of Appreciation", Pathway Family Center, (Teen Drug and Alcohol Rehab) 2000
- "Dedicated Service Award", Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 1996
- "Special Contribution Award", Natural Resources Trust Fund, 1996
- "Commendation", Michigan Conservation Officers Fire Arms Team, 1995
- "Commendation", Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Wisconsin, Historic Elk Translocation, 1995
- MTU "Honor Academy" School of Forestry and Wood Products Class, 1995
- MTU "Outstanding Alumnus Award", School of Forestry and Wood Products, 1994
- Governor's Certificate of Merit (Cooperative Bioremediation Research for Michigan Project), 1993
- Department of Interior "Take Pride in America" Leadership Award, 1992
- State Performance Rating of "Exceptional" as Division Chief, 1981-1990
- Eastern Lands and Resources Council "Leadership Award", 1990
- Civil Service Executive Development Continuing Education Award, 1988
- Federal Bureau of Land Management Records Preservation and Maintenance Award, 1988
- Safety Leadership Award, 1987
- Skegemog Lake Wildlife Association Award, 1986
- "Outstanding Service Award", Natural Resources Trust Fund, 1986
- International Right of Way Association Award, 1984
- "Arkansas Traveler & Ambassador Designee", Governor Bill Clinton, Arkansas, 1983
- Honorary Citizen Award, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1983
- Civil Service Executive Development - Public Speaking Award, 1976
- Civil Service Executive Development - Top Student Award, 1976

HOBBIES

- Big Game Hunting, Fishing, International Travel

Patricia Sarones

Qualifications & Accomplishments

- As former head of the DNR, provided leadership to 3,700 state employees, with an annual budget of \$350 million.
- Extensive knowledge in federal, state, and local government regulations, real estate law, and state and federal legislative process.
- Excellent rapport with news media and conservation leaders across North America.
- Possesses excellent communication, organization, policy making, and problem solving skills.
- Experienced in implementing organizational training and development, departmental policies and procedures, administration, strategic planning, team building, and public relations.
- Direct experience with identifying and preserving critical lands and protecting endangered plants and wildlife.
- Proven progressive business initiative by promoting natural resources for economic development while protecting those resources at the same time.
- Effective public speaker, leader, and trainer on the state and national level.

Employment History

State of Michigan - Department of Natural Resources

- Director, 1991-1995
- Division Chief - Real Estate Division 1981-1991
- Acquisition Supervisor - Lands Division 1976-1980
- Review Appraiser - Lands Division 1975-1976
- Land Appraiser - Lands Division 1965-1975

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks

- Forester 1964-1965

Education

- B.S. Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 1964
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Meeting Environmental

&

Natural Resource Challenges

- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Matters
- Oil & Gas & Minerals
- Public Relations
- Dispute Resolution
- Inter-governmental Relations
- Environmental Resolutions

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COMPANY HISTORY

Harmes Consulting was incorporated in 1996 by Rollie Harmes as a consulting firm to assist the private sector in their dealings with state government bureaucracy on environmental and real estate matters

Mr. Harmes has over 30 years experience working for the Department of Natural Resources and has knowledge of the internal operations of several state organizations. He also has vast experience in working with state legislators, local units of government, and Congress in soliciting support for state environmental and natural resource projects, including expansion, development and mitigation.

The clients have been varied. A convenience store chain trying to get through the maze of government bureaucracy in order to comply with underground storage tank regulations. A lake association of homeowners needing assistance with a farmers runoff into their lake. A realty company, stymied by a slow moving government agency, asking for assistance to get the needed permits to begin construction of condominiums.

An oil and gas company came to Rollie seeking his expertise to expedite government decisions to develop new oil and gas fields. In addition, an Indiana company sought his assistance in dealing with state government and was successful in obtaining a license to utilize their aquatic herbicide in Michigan.

LAND USE PLANNING

Currently Mr. Harmes is serving as a general contractor for the construction of an \$8 million estate, complete with a 65 acre manmade lake and 27 acre mitigated wetland area. He hired all subcontractors and obtained all permits to complete the project.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Rollie possesses over 32 years of experience in dealing with real estate matters and the entire bundle of rights associated with land involving federal, state, and local projects, including 4.5 million acres of land and 6 million acres of mineral ownership under DNR jurisdiction. He has appraised, bought, sold and traded fee simple or associated rights for the State of Michigan in excess of \$100 million for expansion of state or local projects. He is currently completing several land exchanges between private owners and government to consolidate ownerships and improve access.

OIL & GAS & MINERALS

Consults for major Antrim gas production companies in planning new oil and gas fields. Experienced in meeting with state and local officials in all forums to obtain necessary permits and meet regulations for production facilities and resolve sensitive environmental and natural resources issues. Has worked with citizens, activists, and leaders of special interest groups to gain support for private projects.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rollie frequently conducted public meetings across Michigan as a part of the various boards and commissions served on, as a representative of the Governor, and as Director of the DNR. Experience with television, radio, and newspaper interviews. This experience has served his clients well as shown by the success in dealing with governmental agencies.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Continues to negotiate with State DEQ to find "win-win" solutions due to their enforcement actions against a pickle brining operation, convenience stores with leaking underground storage tanks and responsible parties owning former manufacturing operations now deemed contaminated. Rollie continues to negotiate wetland and land use issues with state and federal governments on behalf of landowners.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS

Presently coordinating the construction of a new \$15 million slag recycling plant on a brownfield site at the Port of Monroe for Marteq Corporation. Mr. Harmes serves as the environmental consultant for 25 Quick Sav convenience stores and gas stations in Michigan for the purpose of meeting all underground fuel tank regulations.

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

May Calendar of Events

May 1 – Preschool Science Exploration: Amazing Amphibians

May 2 – Weekday Science Programs: Sweet on Bees

May 2 – Ladies “Night Out” Clinics and Golf— Getting Started and On May Way, Registration Deadline

May 3 – **Harris Nature Center Native Plants Day**

May 3 – First Class Dog Training Basic Obedience Class

May 3 – **Spring Farmers Market** begins

May 4 – Bird Watching in our Parks: Tahoma Hills Park



May 5 – First Class Dog Training Basic Obedience Class

May 6 – Stories in the Garden

May 6 – Bootcamp for Real Janes and Joes

May 6 – Weekday Wildflower Walks

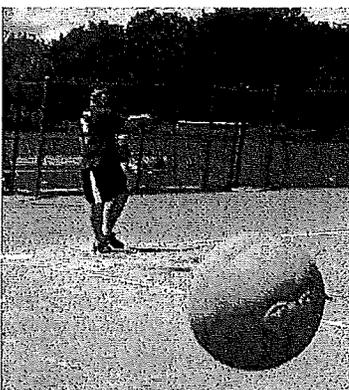
May 6 – Fitness Fusion

May 9 – Drills for Skills Boys and Girls Spring Football Camp

May 9 – 4 on 4 Adult Spring/Summer Sand Volleyball League
Registration Deadline

May 11 – Sunday Wildflower Walks

May 15 – Chipmunk Story Time: Stars in the Grass



May 16 – Co-Ed Adult Kickball League Registration Deadline

May 16 – Howl at the Moon

May 16 – **Meridian Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**

May 17 – HNC Stewardship Mornings

May 20 – Stories in the Garden

May 21 – Couples “Night Out” Golf Scrambles Registration
Deadline

May 22 – FHM Lecture Series, page 48

May 23 – MRPA Grand Experience at Grand Hotel Registration
Deadline

May 25 – Bird Watching in our Parks: Davis-Foster Land Preserve

May 31 – Frog Forage and Campfire

May 31 - QiGong for Health

May 31 - Be a Tourist in Your Own Town in the Village

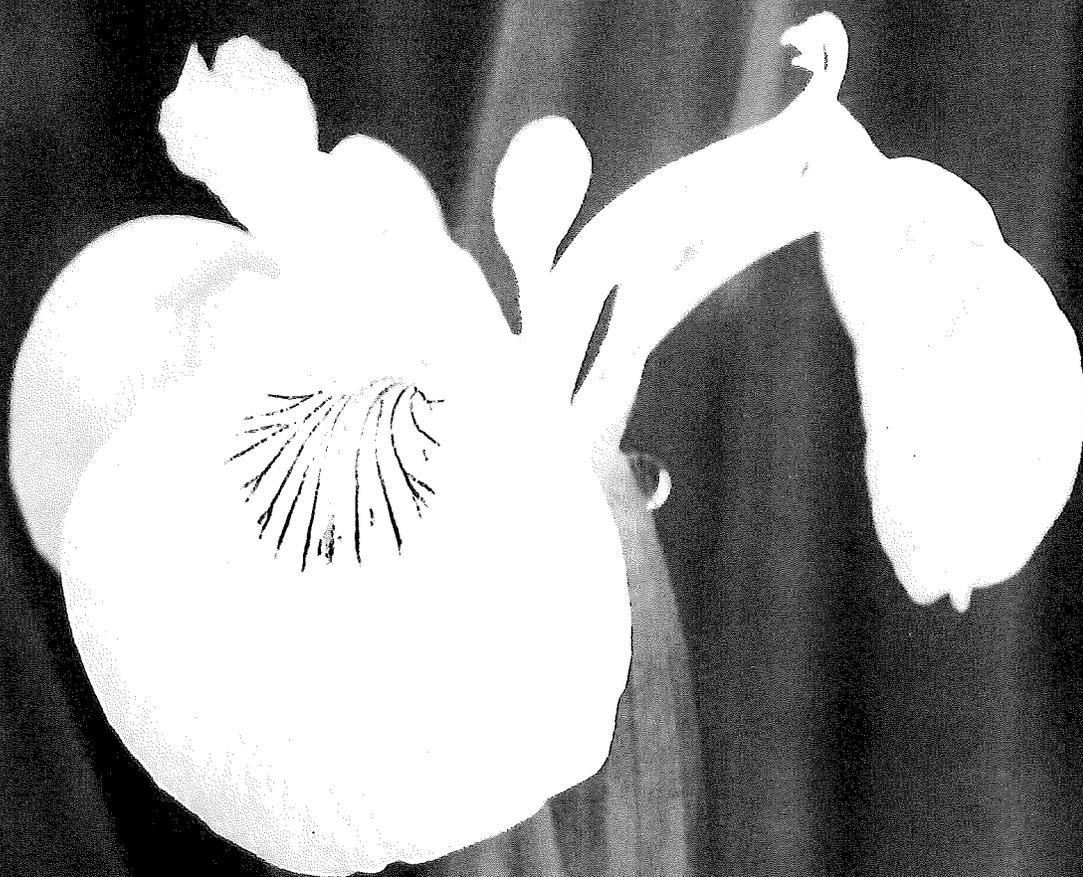


Questions, call Meridian Township
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May 2014

Exploring Nature

Check Out the Sites of Okemos

Native Plant Sale

Attract birds and butterflies with native plants.

Information provided by Meridian Township

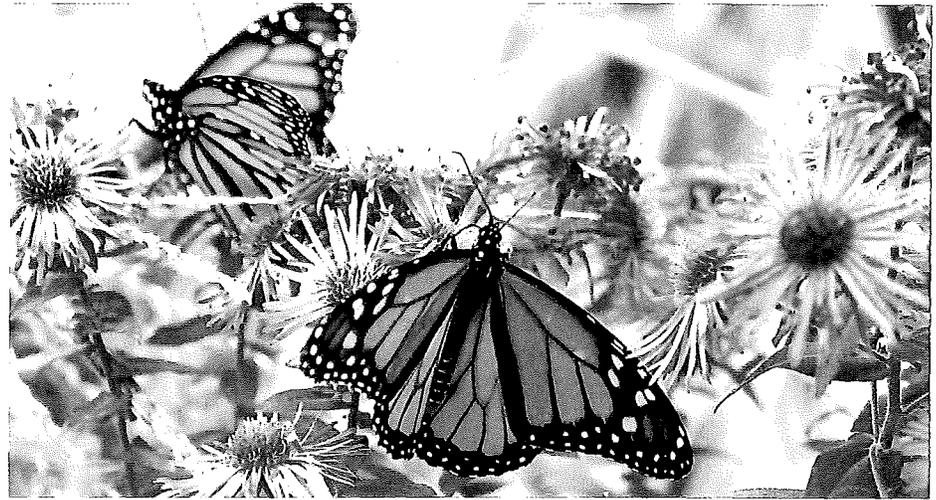
Discover the value and versatility of our native Michigan plants on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, in Meridian Township.

Plants will also be available to purchase and proceeds from the sale support the Harris Nature Center.

"Native plants thrive in Michigan and will attract birds and butterflies to your garden," said Kit Rich, Harris Nature Center Coordinator. "Our Native Plants Day is an opportunity for people to talk to the growers about the different plants."

"We hold this sale every year to help people discover the variety and versatility of using native plants in their gardens," she said.

There will be wildflowers, grasses and ferns available. People who have pre-ordered plants can pick them up on this day. The plants are grown locally by Designs by Nature in Laingsburg.



Harris Nature Center's annual Native Plant Sale is set for Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Photo courtesy of hibu

Harris Nature Center

Harris Nature Center is located at 3998 Van Atta Road. For more information visit meridian.mi.us or facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter

The pre-order forms for the Harris Nature Center's Annual Native Plants Sale are available through April 21. Pre-ordered plants can be picked up on May 3 at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, in Meridian Township.

Other ways to help

Its always Earth Day at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road in Okemos and they are looking for volunteers to help in the park on Saturday,

May 17 at 9-11 a.m.

Volunteers will work in the flower beds, restore habitats and maintain trails.

"In order to maintain the natural beauty of our park, we have to remove invasive plants, maintain habitat areas and garden around the nature building," Rich said.

Harris Nature Center Coordinator. "We are encouraging people to become stewards of Meridian Riverfront Park, home of the Harris Nature Center, by volunteering at least one morning this year." Additional Stewardship Mornings are June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 8.

For more information about this and other programs offered at the Harris Nature Center, call (517)349-3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us and find out more online at meridian.mi.us.

19th Century

High School graduation in Okemos was not a given for many years. Residents hoping to attend school past the 8th grade had to travel to East Lansing or Mason for their higher education. This continued until 1923, when a new two-story brick school was constructed at the intersection of Okemos and Mount Hope Roads. All students in



Meridian Historical Village's school house. Photo courtesy of Jane Rose

Okemos attended the school from grades first through eighth and, for the first time, classes were offered for grades 9 through 12.

The first group completing the additional four years and eligible for graduation was the Class of 1926. There were twelve students in that class.

—Jane Rose, executive director at Meridian Historical Village

May 10



Photo courtesy of hibu

Petals & Vines to Benefit Woldumar

This spring Woldumar is kicking off the season with its third annual evening of Michigan beer and wine tasting. Petals & Vines is set for 4-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. It's a night dedicated to celebrating the beauty of Michigan. Set on a beautiful backdrop of Woldumar's property, the night will offer a variety of beer and wine from around our lovely state, featuring wine from Burgdorf's Winery, Sandhill Crane Vineyards & Chateau Aeronautique Winery. Beer from Sleepwalker Spirits and Ales, Eaglemonk Pub and Brewery, BAD Brewing, Perrin Brewing, and Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales. Also enjoy a delicious dinner along with live music. —*Amiee Woodrow, naturalist and public relations at Woldumar Nature Center.*

Tickets are \$30 each and include a pint glass, four tokens for beer and wine tasting, dinner and live music. Tickets must be purchased in advance at woldumar.org.

May 2-3



Photo by Jennifer Linn-Hartley

Explore Grand Ledge History at Victorian Days

The first weekend in May, Grand Ledge celebrates Michigan artists, local culture, and our rich Victorian heritage by inviting visitors to join us for historical demonstrations and themed activities in our beautiful downtown, overlooking the river and picturesque ledges. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our unique geography, learn about our rich history, and meet our friendly residents and shop-keepers. victoriandays.org
(517)627.9843

May 6 and 11

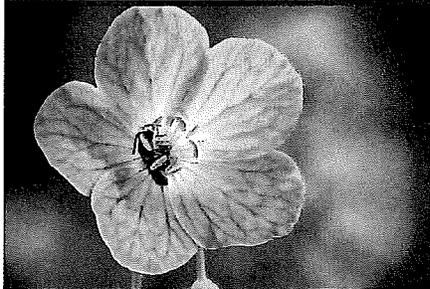


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Explore Nature's Beauty with Wildflower Walks

Harris Nature Center hosts several wildflower walks throughout the spring and summer. This month look for wildflowers with a naturalist at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road in Meridian Township. There is also a Mother's Day wildflower walk scheduled for Sunday, May 11, at 3 p.m. There is a \$3 per person fee due at the time of the walk. meridian.mi.us
(517)349-3866

May 17 - 18



Photo courtesy of City of East Lansing

Kick off Summer at East Lansing Art Festival

The ELAF is mid-Michigan's first major art show of the spring and kicks off the summer festival season. Known for featuring the highest caliber fine art and fine craft, this highly anticipated festival attracts tens of thousands of art lovers from across the region and beyond. Ranked as one of the top 100 fine art festivals in the nation. More than 200 artists from across North America participate. elartfest.com
(517) 319-6804

Forage for Frogs at HNC

Learn about frogs during campfire event May 31.

Information provided
by Harris Nature Center

Did you know that Michigan has thirteen different species of frogs and many of them live right here? Find out more while enjoying a campfire on Saturday, May 31 at 7 p.m. at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road in Okemos. There is a \$7 per family fee due at the time of the program.

"Nothing's more fun than following the sound of a frog and catching it before it disappears into the water," said Kati Adams, park naturalist at Harris Nature Center. "One of the lessons we teach is that amphibians and reptiles must be returned to their home after observa-

tion, so this will be a catch and release program."

"Nothing's more fun than following the sound of a frog and catching it before it disappears into the water."

—Kati Adams, HNC

For more information about this and other programs offered at the Harris Nature Center, call (517)349-3866 or email hnc@meridian.mi.us.



There are thirteen species of frogs living in Michigan.

Photo courtesy of hibu

Discover the Birds of Meridian Township



A birdwatching event is planned for the Davis-Foster Preserve this month.

Photo by Jennifer Linn-Hartley

Information provided by
Meridian Township and the Michigan Audubon Society

Meridian Township Parks and the CAAS have teamed up to promote bird watching in Meridian Township.

Enjoy bird watching with an experienced Capital Area Audubon Society (CAAS) leader on Sunday May 25 at 8 a.m. at the Davis-Foster Preserve on Van Atta Road (north of Grand River Avenue) in Meridian Township. There is no fee for this walk and participants must provide their own binoculars. For more information contact the Harris Nature Center at 349-3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us.

"Many of the Township parks have great bird habitats and the CAAS has enthusiastic birding leaders," said Kit Rich, Harris Nature Center Coordinator. Birding is currently the second fastest growing hobby in the United States after gardening, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. In 2011, there were 47 million birdwatchers (birders) ages 16 or older in the United States, making up roughly 20 percent of the nation's population. Birders spent an estimated \$41 billion on trip related expenditures and equipment, added \$107 billion dollars to the economy, supported 666,000 jobs and generated \$6 billion in

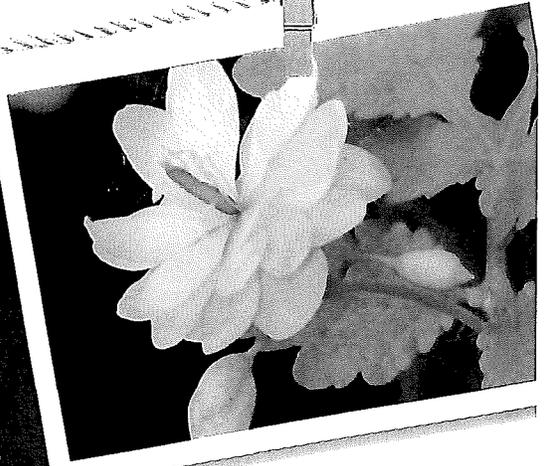
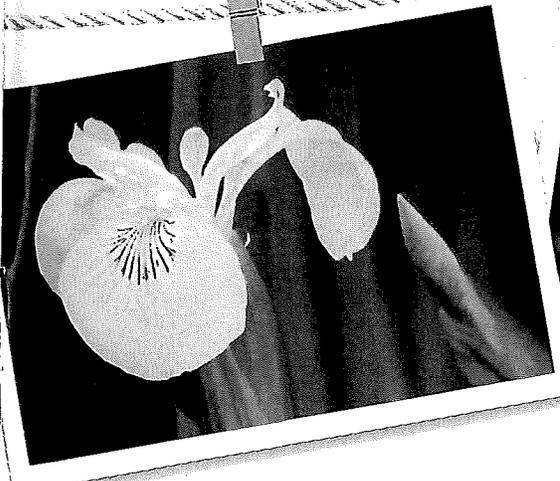
State tax revenue and \$7 billion in Federal tax revenue.

The number of Michigan residents who classify themselves as birdwatchers exceeds 2 million — roughly a quarter of the state's population — according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service report *Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis* (December 2013). The report is an addendum to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation which shows that birdwatching now outnumbers fishing and hunting in Michigan. The report states that 1,700,000 Michigan residents fished and 529,000 residents hunted in 2011.

Exploring Nature's Beauty

Want to show the community what you're up to? If you'd like to see your event or group featured on this page send your photos to the email address above.

Photographer Alan Jones has spent some time enjoying nature at Okemos' Harris Nature Center. He's been able to capture some beautiful wildflower images while exploring the trails and area around the nature center.
All photos courtesy of Alan Jones



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April 28, 2014

Luann Maisner, Director
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Meridian Township
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court
Haslett, MI 48840

**RE: Site Plan Review #14-07 (Meridian Township Parks & Recreation)
 4555 Okemos Road**

Dear Ms. Maisner:

Staff has reviewed the plans for the proposed 8-foot wide paved pathway, approximately 2,100 lineal feet, to be constructed in Wonch Park. Prior to receiving site plan review approval the following items shall be addressed:

Planning

1. The proposed project requires an approved special use permit for work in the 100-year floodplain and an approved commission review. Special Use Permit #14051 and Commission Review #14043 are scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2014.
2. Variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals will be necessary from Section 86-471(b) and Section 86-471(c) for those portions of the pathway to be located within the 50 foot water features setback from the Red Cedar River and those areas where the proposed pathway enters the required 25 foot natural vegetation strip part of the setback from the river.
3. Approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is required for the project.
4. A Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permit is required from the Township Engineering Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-853-4580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha K. Wyatt".

Martha K. Wyatt
Associate Planner/Landscape Architect

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Director of Parks & Recreation
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RE: Special Use Permit #14051 (Meridian Township)

Dear LuAnn:

At its regular meeting held on April 28, 2014, the Planning Commission voted to approve Special Use Permit #14051, a request to construct a 2,100 foot paved pathway in the 100-year floodplain in Wonch Park. Approval was granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval is subject to the revised Wonch Park Pathway plan prepared by the Meridian Township Department of Public Works & Engineering, dated March 25, 2014, and the related materials submitted as part of Special Use Permit #14051, subject to revisions as required.
2. The applicant shall obtain all permits and approvals from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Township prior to any work taking place related to the project. A copy of all permits and approvals shall be provided to the Department of Community Planning & Development.
3. The applicant shall obtain all necessary variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to any work taking place related to the project or revise the plans so no variances are required.
4. In no case shall the impoundment capacity of the floodplain be reduced.
5. Fill placed in the floodplain as part of the project shall be protected against erosion pursuant to a soil erosion permit from the Department of Public Works & Engineering.
6. The applicant shall properly dispose of all excess materials from the compensating cut areas to an off-site location subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning & Development.

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Ms. LuAnn Maisner

April 28, 2014

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7. The disposed materials at an off-site location shall be protected from erosion and reseeded subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning & Development.

Decisions by the Planning Commission regarding special use permits may be appealed to the Township Board. An appeal must be filed within ten (10) days of the date of the Planning Commission's action and be in accordance with Section 86-189 of the Code of Ordinances. Consequently, your special use permit will not become valid until May 9, 2014.

This letter shall act as the Special Use Permit. The use permitted by the granting of the special use permit must have commenced within two years after issuance or the permit shall be void. All construction related to the special use must be completed within three years from the effective date of the special use permit.

Submitting a site plan review application to the Department of Community Planning and Development is the next step in the process. If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-853-4568 or by e-mail at brown@meridian.mi.us.

Sincerely,



Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, CBSP
Associate Planner

cc: Jane Greenway
Martha Wyatt

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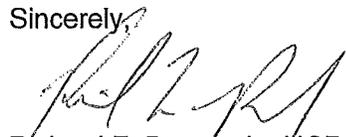
**RE: Commission Review #14043 (Meridian Township)
Section 61 Review: Wonch Park Pathway**

Dear LuAnn:

At its regular meeting held on April 28, 2014, the Planning Commission voted to approve Commission Review #14043 for the location, character, and extent of an approximate 2,100 foot paved pathway in Wonch Park.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,


Richard F. Brown, Jr, AICP. CBSP
Associate Planner

cc: Jane Greenway



Park Commission Meeting
May 13, 2014

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Peter Miklavcic - Final Report on HNC/Eastgate Boardwalk Eagle Scout Project
- b. Kyle Nusdorfer - Proposed Eagle Scout Project - North Meridian Road Park Boardwalk
- c. Dog Park Grant



Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan



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Eagle Scout candidate's name: Peter Miklavcic

Project start date: 5/16/2013 Projected completion date: 4/27/2014

Eagle Scout requirement 5 says you must "plan" and "develop" your service project. Though this final plan is a tool for your use, and is not approved or signed, it is important in helping to show you have done the required planning and development. Note, however, that it is not necessary to provide details that are not necessary to the accomplishment of your project.

A Scout who is prepared will complete the final plan and ask a project coach to review it with him. The council or district representative who approved your proposal may have agreed to serve as your project coach, or someone else may take on this important role. His or her involvement and review of your final plan is optional, but it can help you avoid many problems or mistakes. This can also improve your chances of passing the Eagle Scout board of review.

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan, continued

Permits and Permissions *(The tour and activity plan has also been called the "tour permit.")*

Will a tour and activity plan be needed (this must be confirmed with local council policies)? If you will need permission or permits*, what is being done to obtain them, and when will they be issued?

no permits needed and no permissions needed.

**Permissions and permits could include building or electrical permits, dig permits, event permits, permission to access property, etc.*

Materials

List each item, and its description, quantity, unit cost, total cost, and source. For example:

Plywood	3/4", 4'x8', B-C interior Grade	3	20.00	60.00	ABC Hardware donation*
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source
Lumber	2*8-12' PT	4	\$10.97	\$43.88	MPC Lumber
Lumber	2*6-8' PT	1	\$4.57	\$4.57	MPC Lumber
Lumber	2*6-12' PT	21	\$6.97	\$146.37	MPC Lumber
Lumber	2*6-16' PT	6	\$9.27	\$55.62	MPC Lumber
Lumber	4*4-10' PT	4	\$9.97	\$39.88	MPC Lumber
Lumber	2*6-16' PT	3	\$9.27	\$27.81	MPC Lumber
Lumber	2*6-12' PT	1	\$6.97	\$6.97	MPC Lumber
Screw	3in 5lb	2	\$23.48	\$46.96	MPC Lumber
Brace	Z-max post cap	16	\$6.33	\$101.28	MPC Lumber
Screw	SIMPSON connector screw	3	\$11.97	\$35.91	MPC Lumber
Fasteners	3.5" Hot Galv. 5lb	1	\$14.84	\$14.84	MPC Lumber
Fasteners	3.5" nails HDG 5lb	1	\$14.77	\$14.77	MPC Lumber
Concrete	80lb quikrete concrete	12	\$3.46	\$41.52	MPC Lumber
Bolts	Carriage bolt galv. 0.5*8	16	\$2.87	\$45.92	MPC Lumber
Bolts	Hex nut galv. 0.5	16	\$0.38	\$6.08	MPC Lumber
Bolts	Flat cut washer galv.	16	\$0.33	\$5.28	MPC Lumber
Lumber	4*4-8'	3	\$6.77	\$20.31	MPC Lumber
Braces	18GA zmax hurricane tie	24	\$0.58	\$13.92	MPC Lumber
Screw	Simpson connector screw	3	\$11.97	\$35.91	MPC Lumber
Fasteners	3.5" Hot Galv Box 1lb	1	\$4.24	\$4.24	MPC Lumber
Stair Materials		1	\$88.23	\$88.23	
Total cost of materials				\$800.27	

**If you plan for donations such as the one shown in the sample, you will most likely need to complete the Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application on page 17.*

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan, continued

Supplies

List each item, and its description, quantity, unit cost, total cost, and source. For example:

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source
Plastic tarp	9' x 12', 2ml thick	2 tarps	4.00	8.00	ABC Hardware purchase
Quad *	Used to pull supplies via trailer to site	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mr. Scheerer (parent)
Trailer (large) *	Used to transport supplies to the nature center	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mr. Scheerer
Trailer (small) *	Pulled behind quad to building site	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mr. Scheerer
Barn/shed	Used to store materials and for pre-cutting	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Mr. Wilson (former scoutmaster)
Total cost of supplies				\$0.00	

Tools

List each tool, with its quantity, unit cost, total cost, source, and who will operate or use it. For example:

Tool	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Source	Who will operate/use?
Circular power saw*	1	0	0	Mr. Smith	Mr. Smith
Motorized hole digger *	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	Troop parents	Adult volunteers
Drills *	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	Troop parents	Scouts and parents
Hammers	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	Troop parents	Scouts and parents
Levels/ chalk line	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	Troop parents	Scouts and parents
Tape measure	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	Troop parents	Scouts and parents
Total cost of tools			\$0.00		

* = Operated/supervised by Adults

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan, continued

* Power tools considered hazardous, like circular saws, must be operated by adults who are experienced in their use. See the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Expenses		Revenue	
Item	Projected Cost	Total to be raised:	\$
		Contribution from beneficiary:	\$ 0.00
Total materials (from above)	\$800.27	← Sticker-price value from Home Depot MPC Lumber: \$ 529.74 (some materials) MPC Discount & returns: -\$178.48 Home Depot: \$ 57.08 Home Depot: \$ 88.23 Home Depot: \$ 12.30 Total Cost: \$ 508.87	
Total supplies (from above)	\$0.00		
Total tools (from above)	\$0.00		
Other expenses			
Total cost	\$800.27		

Giving Leadership

Complete the chart below, telling about specific jobs that need to be done, the skills needed to do them, whether they must be adults or may be youth, how many helpers are needed, and how many you have so far (if any):

For example:

Job to Be Done	Skills Needed (if any)	Adult or Youth	Helpers Needed	Helpers So Far
Work at car wash	Able to drive or wash cars	Adult drivers/supervisors, youth to wash	2 adults, 10 youth	1 adult, 5 youth
Pre-cutting materials	Experience using saws. Able to follow directions exactly as given	Adult and youth	6 or 7	10
Bridge construction	Ability to hammer a nail or use a drill. Able to follow directions exactly as given.	Adult and youth	6	10

What are your plans for briefing helpers, or making sure they know how to do what you want them to do?

Demonstrating and showing all of the volunteers what they need to be doing and how to do it. I will always be available to provide help, or prepared refer to an adult if I am not sure what exactly to do. I will also discuss safety with the tools, and be watching for any errors in use so that I can correct them.

What is your plan for communicating with your workers to make sure they know how to get where they need to be, that they will be on time, and they will have with them what they need?

Consistent emails to all volunteers informing them of what tools or items they should bring, where they need to be on what date. I will also ask for responses to my emails to make sure all of the volunteers received the messages.

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan, continued

How will you transport materials, supplies, and tools to and from the site?

I know some of the parents in my troop have trailers they are willing to let me borrow. Some of them are even willing to pull the trailers for me so that I can get all of my building materials wherever I need them to be on time.

How will the workers be fed?

Food is probably not needed on the shorter days of work since they are only three to four hours in the afternoon. For longer days, pizza will be provided to the workers around lunchtime.

Will restrooms be conveniently located? Yes No If no, explain:

What will be done with leftover materials and supplies?

Leftover materials will be returned to the store if possible for a refund, bringing down the overall cost of the project.

What will be done with the tools?

Any loaned or borrowed tools will be returned to their owners as soon as the project is finished.

Safety

Will a first-aid kit be needed for this project? If so, where will it be kept?

One will be available if the situation arises. I will have a small one readily available in my backpack if someone is injured or needs help.

Will any hazardous materials or chemicals be used? If so, how will you see that they are properly handled?

No hazardous chemicals or other substances will be used.

List hazards you might face. (These could include severe weather, wildlife, hazardous tools or equipment, sunburn, etc.) What will you do to prevent problems (for example, hazardous tools operated only by qualified adults)?

Potential Hazard	What will you do to prevent problems?
Improper use of tools (hammers, drills, etc...)	Watch carefully for any errors in use of these tools. Will inform volunteers ahead of time how to properly use tools to avoid injury.
Concrete dust inhalation	Volunteers maintain a specific distance when concrete powder is poured. However, it is unlikely that there is enough concrete to cause much damage.
Dehydration	In emails to volunteers ahead of time, I will tell them to bring plenty of water, since there will not be a source available at the work site.
Mosquitos	Bring insect repellent and ask ahead of time that volunteers dress in long clothes that can protect them from mosquitos.
Rough edges on wood	Make sure that volunteers bring gloves and other protective clothing

How do you plan to communicate these safety issues and hazards to your helpers?

Discuss proper use of tools and what protective clothing to begin in emails prior to construction

Will you hold a safety briefing? Yes No If so, when? At the building site, before construction

Who will conduct it? I will, along with adults who have experience using these tools and have good advice about how to use them properly.

Who will be your first-aid specialist? There will be many people at the building site who have experience with first aid, and they will be ready to help if needed.

Contingency Plans

What could cause postponement or cancellation of the project? What will you do should this happen?

Bad weather conditions or flooding at the bridge site. If this happens, I will postpone the date to build.

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan, continued

Comments From Your Project Coach About Your Final Plan (A project coach is not required but can be extremely helpful.)

As an Eagle scout myself, it was an absolute pleasure to work with Peter. He was organized, proactive, well-detailed, helpful to others, brave to venture into uncomfortable situations and very responsible in his project owner.

Given the opportunity to mentor Peter was certainly my privilege, and look forward to supporting Peter in his next life pursuits.

Please call if I can help Peter in any more ways.



Dave Schutte
517-719-5535

Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

Before completing this application, it is important to read the "Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising." It can be found at the back of this application. Once completed, you must obtain approval from the project beneficiary and your unit leader, and then submit the fundraising application to your council service center at least two weeks in advance of your fundraising efforts. You will be contacted if it cannot be approved or if adjustment/s must be made. Use this form, not the Unit Money Earning Application.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name: Peter Miklavcic		Preferred phone Nos.: 517-703-6484	
Address: 1050 Buckingham Rd.		City: Haslett	State: MI Zip: 48840
Email address: peter@miklavcic.net			
Check one	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop	<input type="checkbox"/> Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Ship
			Unit No. 97
District name: Chief Okemos		Council Name: Water and Woods	

Project Beneficiary (Name of religious institution, school, or community)

Name: Harris Nature Center		Preferred phone Nos.: (517) 349-3866	
Address: 3998 Van Atta Rd.		City: Okemos	State: MI Zip: 48864
Email address: hnc@meridian.mi.us			

Project Beneficiary Representative (Name of contact for the project beneficiary)

Name: Kit Rich		Preferred phone Nos.:	
Address: 3998 Van Atta Rd.		City: Okemos	State: MI Zip: 48864
Email address: rich@meridian.mi.us			

Describe how funds will be raised?

I will send letters to friends and family informing them of my project and that I am looking to raise funds for its completion. I will also post to social media regarding my project.

Proposed date the service project will begin: 5/16/2013

Proposed dates for the fundraising efforts: 9/2013

How much money do you expect to raise?: \$500

Prospective Donors

If people or companies will be asked for donations of money, materials, supplies, or tools*, how will this be done and who will do it?

In the case of large companies, such as Lowe's or Home Depot, I will go to one of their branches and ask to meet with the manager, or someone else who has information on discounts or donations of materials. I will also send out letters or posts on social media for more personal fundraising.

* You must either provide or attach a list of prospective donors and what they will be asked to donate. This is not required for an event like a car wash.

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No If so, by whom?

Contract details:

Nonoe

See "Procedures and Limitation" following this application.

Approvals (The beneficiary and unit leader sign below, in any order, before authorized council approval is obtained.)

Beneficiary		Unit Leader		Authorized Council Approval*	
<i>Kit Rich</i>	5-5-14	<i>Stephen Shine</i>	5/5/14		
Signed	Date	Signed	Date	Signed	Date

* Councils may delegate approval to districts or other committees according to local practices.

[Signature] Unit Committee Chairman 5/5/14

Eagle Scout Service Project Report

This section is to be completed after the service project has been concluded. It is not necessary to provide lengthy answers. Please be prepared to discuss your responses at your board of review.

Eagle Scout candidate: Peter Miklavcic

Once planning was completed, when did the work begin? Sep 12, 2013 When was it finished? April 27, 2014

Summary

What went well?

Construction days went uninhibited by weather and I had enough reliable volunteers to comfortably finish the project on time. Also, I didn't run into any trouble finding tools or other borrowed supplies that I needed to complete the bridge.

What was challenging?

Getting used to being in a position of leadership instead of being one of the volunteers. I like being hands on, so leading a project was a very different sort of experience and well outside my comfort zone.

Changes

What changes were made as the project was conducted?

Instead of ramps, stairs were constructed on either end instead to deal with a higher deck height than previously anticipated.

Leadership

In what ways did you demonstrate leadership?

I guided the volunteers to successfully complete a common task. I was responsible for acquiring the materials, searching for funds, and developing building plans.

What was most difficult about being the leader?

I am not very used to being in such a leadership position, so that part of the project was quite daunting and took a lot of getting used to. The project also required a lot of communication with people I had never met before.

What was most rewarding about being the leader?

There is a significant sense of accomplishment after successfully completing a project knowing that I was solely responsible for guiding the whole process.

What did you learn about leadership, or how were your leadership skills further developed?

Because of my eagle project I learned a lot about effective means of communication with volunteers to complete one common task. I am also significantly more comfortable about going up to strangers and asking for their help.

Materials, Supplies, Tools

Were there significant shortages or overages of materials, supplies, and tools? If so, what effect did this have?

None

Eagle Scout Service Project Report, continued

Entering Service Project Data

The Boy Scouts of America collects information on the hours worked* on Eagle Scout service projects because it points to achievement on our citizenship aim. So that you can assist with the data collection, please keep a list of the people who help on your project, and a log of the number of hours they work. Then, please provide the information requested below. Be sure to include yourself, and the time spent on planning.

	No.	Hours
The Eagle Scout candidate	1	17
Registered BSA youth members	11	29
Other youth (brothers, sisters, friends, etc., who are not BSA members)	2	3.5
Registered BSA adult Scout leaders	5	31
Other adults (parents, grandparents, etc., who are not BSA members)	1	6
Totals	20	86.5

* There is no requirement for a minimum number of hours that must be worked on an Eagle Scout service project.

If you have been told you must meet a minimum number of hours then you may lodge a complaint with your district or council. If you have given leadership to an otherwise worthy project and are turned down by your board of review solely because of a lack of hours, you should appeal the decision.

Funding

Describe your fundraising efforts:	
I received some discounts and material donations from hardware stores and larger companies such as Home Depot and Lowe's. For these I would go into the store and find someone I could meet with on the matter. For the rest of the funding, I either wrote letters to friends and family, or posted messages on social media.	
How much was collected? _____	\$510.06
How much was spent? _____	\$508.87
If your expenses exceeded funds available, explain why this happened, and how excess expenses were paid. Expenses did not exceed funds	
If you had money left over after the project completion, did you turn it over to the project beneficiary? If "No," when and how long will that take place? Yes. \$1.09 left over and given to the Meridian Township Park Commission	
How were the donors thanked? All donors were thanked with a letter and a receipt of the money for their records.	

Eagle Scout Service Project Report, continued

Photos and Other Documentation

If you have them, attach any "before," "during," and "after" photographs. Attach letters, maps, handouts, printed materials, or similar items that might be helpful to your board of review.



Candidate's Promise

On my honor as a Scout, I was the leader of my Eagle Scout service project and completed it as reported here.

Signed: *Bob Madruen*

Date: *5/5/2014*

Completion Approvals

In my opinion, this Eagle Scout service project meets Eagle Scout requirement 5, as stated on page 4 of this workbook.

Beneficiary name:

Unit leader name:

Signed: *Rich* 5-5-14 Date:

Signed: *Stephen Shine* Date: *5/5/14*

[Signature]
Committee Chairman (Eagle Coach) 5/5/14

Jane Greenway

From: Stephens, Mark <steph143@msu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:03 PM
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We should try to win this again! Let's get the word out. Thoughts?

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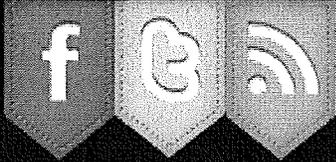
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PARK COMMISSION

May 13, 2014

11. Unfinished Business

a. Orlando Park Turf

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Commission

FROM: 
LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: May 9, 2014

RE: Orlando Maintenance

During the September 2013 regular meeting of the Park Commission, there was action taken to install sod at Orlando Park. Since that time, a revision to the plan has occurred that adds additional play equipment to the site.

It is being recommended that major work to improve the turf quality at Orlando Park be placed on hold and re-evaluated following installation of the new play equipment. In the meantime, staff will try hydro-seeding the area and/or adding additional seed where needed.

Motion for Consideration:

Move to postpone sod installation at Orlando Park until after new play equipment is added; and then re-evaluate and implement a strategy to grow the best turf possible at that site.