



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: ZOOM

DATE: December 8, 2020

PRESENT: Ami Van Antwerp, Amanda Lick, Michael McDonald, Mary Nardo Farris,
Commissioners Mark Stephens,

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Van Antwerp called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) Request – Ferguson Park Sidewalk – As part
of the Okemos Road Bridge Replacement Project, engineers from the ICRD have identified
that the sidewalk leading into Ferguson Park will require repaving due to an increase in
slope. They have requested an approval letter from the Park Commission to conduct this
work.

B. Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office (ICDC) – Wonch Park Use Request –
Officials from the Drain Office are requesting use of Wonch Park from January 2021-August
2025 for access into the Red Cedar for logjam removals and drain maintenance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner McDonald moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Commissioner Lick

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Items to/from the Public
- B. Commission Information

1. Deer Management Program Update
 2. Meridian Conservation Corps Quarterly Newsletter
- C. Staff Inquiries/Response

Commissioner Stephens moved TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Warning siren has been installed at Marshall Park
- B. Overflow parking lot has been installed at Towner Road Park utilizing asphalt millings from the current road projects in the Township
- C. The Legg Park entry drive has been paved with the recycled asphalt millings from the
- D. MNRTF Grant Award Successful! – Okemos Road Acquisition
- E. HNC Projects - Completed
- F. Restroom and Gateway Footbridge – Complete
- G. Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector – 50% completed will work on it over the winter
- H. Dog Park update 160 large 280 small permits sold
- I. M Parks Design Award Winner - Marketplace on the Green. This will be awarded virtually in February.
- J. Deer Management report in communications 149 as of 12-7-20

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. ICRD Sidewalk Repaving – Ferguson Park

Commissioner Stephens moved SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO SIDEWALK IN FERGUSON PARK AS NEEDED AS NEEDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OKEMOS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. Seconded by Commissioner Nardo Farris.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

B. ICDC Wonch Park Request

Commissioner Stephens moved, TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ACTION IN JANUARY. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission asked Commissioner Stephens to serve as a liaison with the Drain office to determine if other improvements could be made to improve river access and fish habitat improvements in harmony with their project.

C. 2021 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Farris moved, TO SET THE JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING DATE WITH A 4:00 PM WORK SESSION AND 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING OVER ZOOM. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners will take action on the remaining proposed meeting calendar during their meeting in January.

Tuesdays:

January 12	Zoom at Noon
February 9	Zoom at Noon
March 9	Zoom at Noon
April 13	Zoom at Noon*
May 11	Zoom at Noon
June 8	HNC Pavilion at 5:30 pm
July 13	Towner Road Park Pavilion at 5:30 pm*
August 10	Central Park Pavilion at 5:30 pm
September 14	Marketplace on the Green at 5:30 pm
October 12	Meridian Service Center Outdoor Café at 5:30 pm
November 9	Zoom at noon
December 14	Zoom at noon*

- Township Board Meetings on same day at 6pm
- Also Joint Meeting with Township Board and other boards and commissions on Tuesday, January 26 by Zoom at 6 pm

D. **Election of Officers** – Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the January Meeting.

E. **Liaison to Land Preservation Advisory Board** - Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the January Meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Comments

B. Events Calendar:

1. Farmers' Market:

- a. Saturdays, 8 am – 2 pm, in December until 12.19; Meridian Mall parking area adjacent to the Marketplace on the Green

12. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Van Antwerp adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.

14. NEXT MEETING

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 4 pm work session and 5 pm regular meeting by Zoom.