



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Virtual via Zoom Meeting  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 4:30 PM

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**PRESENT:** Amanda Lick attended from Okemos; Ami Van Antwerp attended from East Lansing; Mark Stephens attended from Haslett; Mary Nardo-Farris attended from Haslett; Mike McDonald attended from Haslett at 4:36 pm.

**EXCUSED:** None

**STAFF:** LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation, attended from Haslett; Jane Greenway, Senior Parks & Land Management Coordinator, attended from Haslett.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Farris called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Attendance was taken.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2022-2026**

Chair Farris opened the Public Hearing at 4:34 p.m.

Director Maisner presented the elements of the draft plan including the Community Description; Administrative Structure; Parks and Recreation Inventory and Evaluation; Major Projects Completed since the last plan; Public Input; Trends; Goals and Objectives and Action Plan. Director Maisner concluded with thanking Parks and Land Management Coordinator, Jane Greenway, for all of her work on the plan, and also to Administrative Assistant, Bridget Cannon, for her efforts as well. Input on the plan can continue up until January 4, 2022. The Park Commission will take formal action to adopt the plan during their January 11, 2022 regular meeting. The Plan is due to the DNR by February 1, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Commission discussion of Master Plan.

Chair Farris closed the Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STEPHENS, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER VAN ANTWERP TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

Chair Farris requested a correction to the 2022 meeting calendar December date from December 8, 2022 to December 13, 2022. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER LICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 -- Chair Farris expressed her support of the plan and stated that she supports reinstating the Parks and Recreation Specialist position as the need is greater now more than ever for additional programs and events. Commissioner Lick added that she would like to see a children's market where they could make and sell items. Commissioner Van Antwerp asked to clarify our listed recreation uses of the Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Parks and Recreation Department Work Plan Update – Director Maisner included the work plan and accomplishments in the packet for Commissioner Review. A formal year-end report will be made in January, 2022.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**8. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Meridian Township Service Center, 4:30 p.m.