



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

DATE: January 26, 2021

PRESENT: Ami Van Antwerp, Amanda Lick (joined at 5:33 pm), 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 5:03 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Nardo Farris moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public-None

B. Commission Information

1. Parks and Recreation Department 2020 Annual Report

C. Staff Inquiries/Response-None

Commissioner Stephens moved TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Seconded by Vice Chair Van Antwerp

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Maisner reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department annual report that was included in Communications. Also shared the need to update the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the end of the year.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. ICDC Wonch Park Request

Commissioner Stephens moved, TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST FROM THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER TO UTILIZE WONCH PARK AS AN ACCESS POINT TO REMOVE FALLEN TREES AND DEBRIS FROM THE RED CEDAR RIVER FROM JANUARY 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 2025 AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR MAISNER TO SIGN THE PROPERTY ACCESS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP. Seconded by Commissioner Nardo Farris

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

B. 2021 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Director Maisner outlined the proposed meeting schedule:

Tuesday, February 9	Noon Zoom
Tuesday, March 9	Noon Zoom
Tuesday, May 11	Noon Zoom
Tuesday, June 8	Noon Zoom
Tuesday, July 13	6pm TBA
Tuesday, August 10	6pm TBA
Tuesday, September 14	6pm TBA
Tuesday, October 12	6pm TBA
Tuesday, November 9	6pm TBA

(There will not be a meeting held in April and December)

Vice Chair Van Antwerp moved, MOVE THAT THE PARK COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN THE JANUARY 22, 2021 STAFF MEMORANDUM AND ATTACHED RESOLUTION BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, AND COPIES OF THE MEETING SCHEDULE BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS FOR POSTING. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Election of Officers

Commissioner Stephens moved, TO ELECT AMANDA LICK AS CHAIR, AND AMI VAN ANTWERP AS VICE CHAIR. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed unanimously

D. Liaison to Land Preservation Advisory Board

Chair Lick moved, TO NOMINATE COMMISSION STEPHENS AS LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE to the Land Preservation Advisory Board. Seconded by Vice Chair Van Antwerp

VOICE/HAND VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

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. First and Third Saturdays, 11 am – 1 pm, January-April, Marketplace on the Green

12. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stephens moved to adjourned the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nardo Farris.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

14. NEXT MEETING

A. The next meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at noon via zoom.