



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 2016
TOWN HALL ROOM



WORK SESSION 6 PM
(salmon)

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Beaver Lodge - HNC – Studio Intrigue Architects**
4. **2017 Budget**
5. **September Meeting Date**
6. **Comments**
7. **Adjournment**

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Presentations**
 - a. Eagle Scout Project Presentations:
 - North Meridian Road Park Trail Construction – Clayton Carmichael
 - Ted Black Woods Overlook Construction – Gage VanOrder
 - Harris Nature Center Trash Receptacle Enclosure Construction – Robert McQuaid
 - b. Stewardship Update – Kelsey Dillion
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Commissioner Reports and Comments**
6. **Approval of Minutes** (blue)
 - a. June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
7. **Communications** (tan)

8. **Director's Report**
 - a. 2016 Park Project Review
9. **New Business** (pink)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Eagle Scout Projects
10. **Other Business** (cherry)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a.
11. **Discussion Items** (lilac)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a.
12. **Final Comments**
13. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016, Town Hall Room
 - b. Meridian Arts and Crafts Marketplace – Sunday, August 28, 11 am – 4 pm
 - c. Harris Nature Center Family Special: Life in a Log, Sunday, September 11, 3 pm
 - d. Meridian Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 10, 10 am – 3 pm
 - e. Farmers' Market –Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 am-2 pm, until end of October
14. **Public Comment**
15. **Closed Session**
16. **Adjournment**

Park Commission Meeting

August 23, 2016

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Eagle Scout Project Presentations:
 - North Meridian Road Park Trail Construction – Clayton Carmichael
 - Ted Black Woods Overlook Construction – Gage VanOrder
 - Harris Nature Center Trash Receptacle Enclosure Construction – Robert McQuaid

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Boy Scout Eagle Candidate Information

Scout Name: Clayton Cabot Carmichael **Troop Number:** 109 Okemos

Parents' Names: Ralph William Carmichael (Father)
 Erengul "Rose" Carmichael

Scout's Phone Numbers: home) 517-668-1159 cell) 517-894-7306

Scout's Address:
 3641 W Howe Rd,
 DeWitt, MI 48820

Troop Master Name/ Phone:
 Steve Rigg/517-281-2467

Eagle Project Title:
 North Meridian Road Park Boardwalk

Date to Begin: July 18, 2016 **Projected Finish Date:** July 31, 2016

Eagle Project Description:
 See attached power point presentation

Date submitted: June 27, 2016

Submit to: Meridian Township Parks and Recreation
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-853-4608
Fax: 517-853-4099
faust@meridian.mi.us / www.twp.meridian.mi.us



Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Clayton Cabot Carmichael

North Meridian Road Park Boardwalk

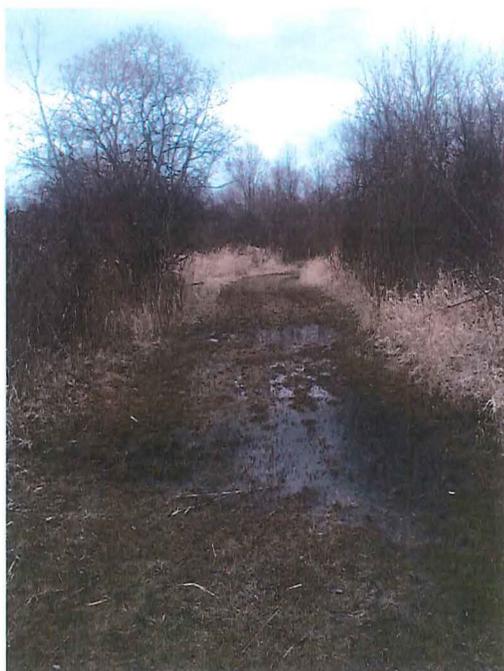
For the benefit of:



Meridian
C H A R T E R T O W N S H I P



PROBLEM



- **Current Boardwalk too Short**
- **Trail Not Easily Accessible**
- **Solution = Additional Boardwalk**





PROJECT PLAN



- Choose Project
- Meet with Park's Staff
- Complete Eagle Workbook
- Create project Plan

- Preliminary Staff Approval
- Presentation to Parks Commission
- Commission Approval

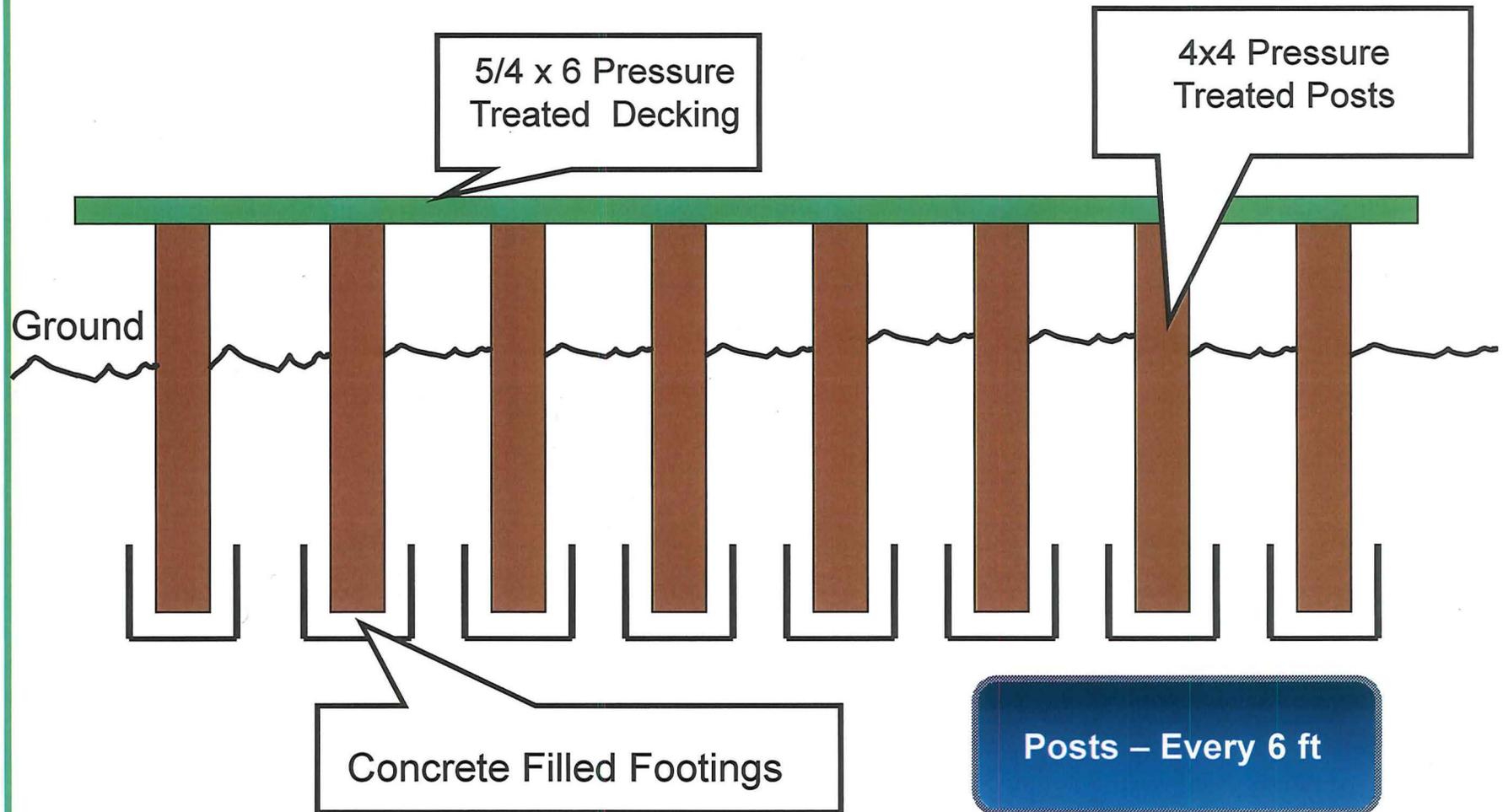
- Create Budget
- List components required
- List of tools and equipment
- Get materials donated by Lumber yard
- Get additional money from local businesses

- Initial Building of modular components
- Initial site work
- Transportation of components to site
- Install components at site
- Final site work

- Final Meeting with Parks Commission

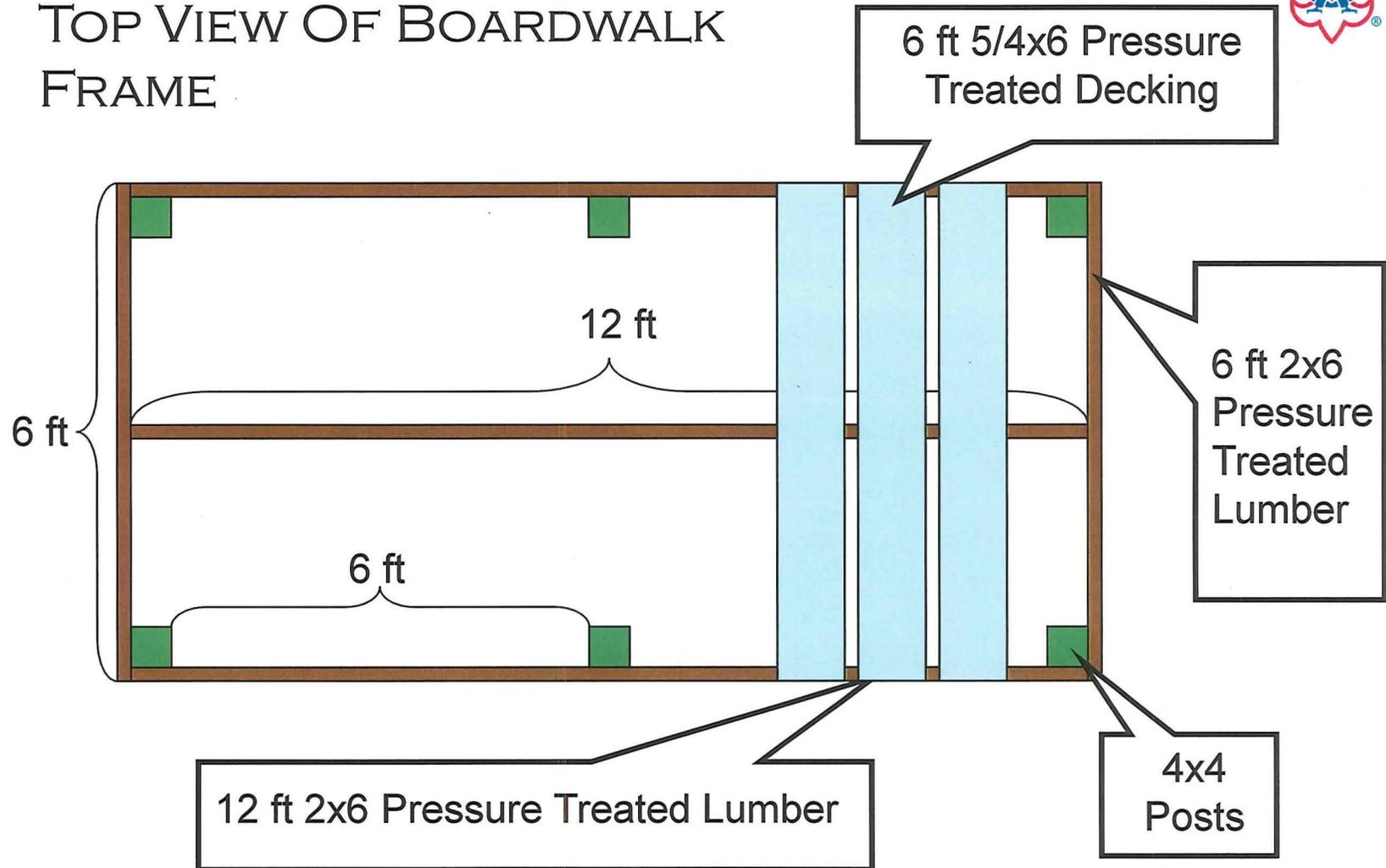


SIDE VIEW OF BOARDWALK





TOP VIEW OF BOARDWALK FRAME





BUDGET

Quantity	Size	Cost per unit	Total
Lumber			
12	12 ft 2x6	\$ 8.47	101.64
5	12 ft 2x6 cut to 6 ft	8.47	42.35
3	16 ft 4x4 cut to 4 ft	7.37	22.11
48	16 ft 5/4x6	8.57	<u>411.36</u>
	Sub-Total		577.46
Screws	10 pounds #10 Deck Screws		46.96
Concrete	8 bags		263.76
Misc			<u>200.00</u>
	Grand Total		\$ 1,088.18



PLAN

1. Get Approvals from Meridian Township
2. Get Approvals from Boy Scouts
3. Prepare site
4. Assemble Deck Frames (construction at local factory)
5. Dig Holes for Posts
6. Put 4x4 Posts in Holes
7. Secure Posts with Concrete
8. Load Assembled Decking onto a Truck
9. Deliver to Pre-Assembled Decking to site
10. Install Decking on Posts
11. Meetings with Meridian Township to Review Project
12. Project Complete

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation
Boy Scout Eagle Candidate Information

Scout Name: Gage VanOrder Troop Number 109 Okemos

Parents' Names: Brian and Tonya VanOrder

Scout's Phone Numbers: home) 347-1252 cell) 517-899-9369

Scout's Address: 4788 Cornell rd

Troop Master Name/ Phone: Steve Rigg - Home - 347-8805
cell - 517-281-2467

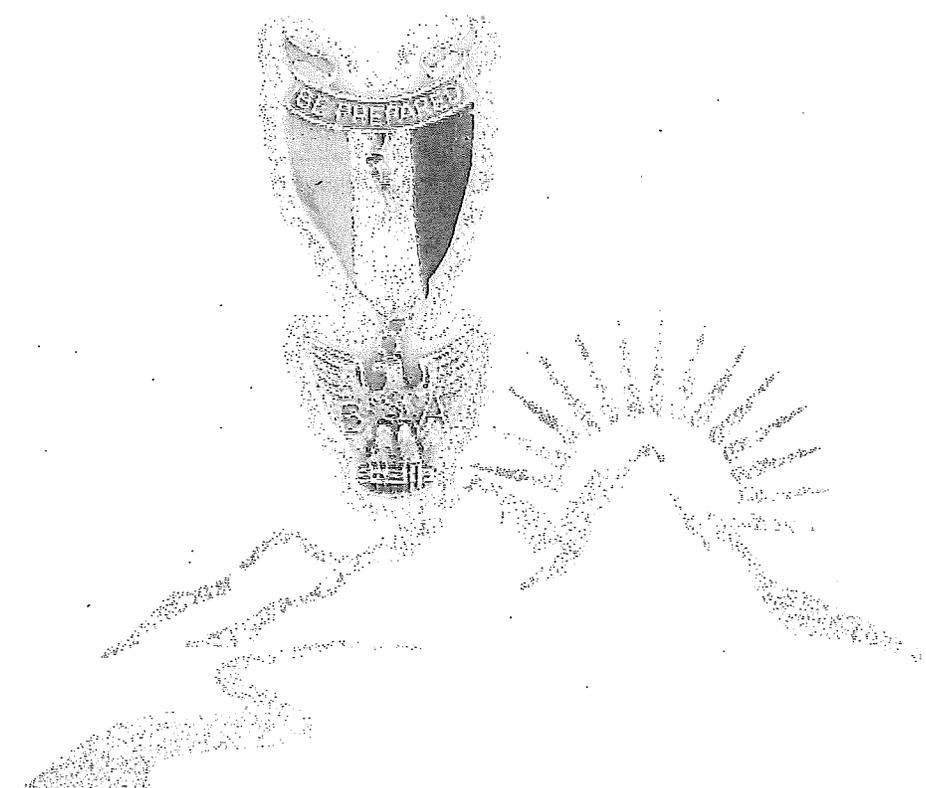
Eagle Project Title: Ted Black Woods Overlook

Date to Begin: October 2015 Projected Finish Date: December 2015

Eagle Project Description: I would like to create a
handicap accessible overlook at Ted
Black Woods Park. The overlook will be
made of composite wood to prevent mold
growth and other damage. It will feature
a handicap ramp, a handrailing and a
crushed gravel pathway to allow easier
access to the overlook.

Date submitted: _____

Submit to: Meridian Township Parks and Recreation
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Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal



Eagle Scout candidate's name Gage VanOrder

Eagle Scout Requirement 5
While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal

Project Description and Benefit

Eagle Scout candidate: Gage VanOrder

Briefly describe the project. Attach sketches or "before" photographs if these will help others visualize it.

I would like to build a handicap accessible overlook at the Ted Black woods Park. The overlook will be made of composite wood to prevent mold growth and other damage. It will feature a handicap ramp, a handrailing and a crushed gravel pathway to allow easier access to the overlook.

Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?
This will be helpful because the handicap ramp allows easy access to overlook for everyone.

When do you plan to begin work on the project? October

How long do you think it will take to complete? 1 - 2 months

Giving Leadership

Approximately how many people will be needed to help on your project? 5

Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)? Explain:

My troop friends, Walquer, Jacob, Ben, and Adam because we work well together, and my dad

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them? because he knows all about this stuff.
They don't listen very well.

Mistakes are probably going to be made often

Materials

(Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails, and paint.)

What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list of exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

A Materials list is stapled to the back.

Supplies

(Supplies are things you use up, such as masking tape, tarps, and garbage bags.)

What kinds of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not yet need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

We will probably need a Sharpie and some painters tape to pre-mark before we cut the wood.

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal

Tools

What kinds of tools, if any, will you need?

Drills, table saw, truck/trailer, auger, levels, and work gloves, and a tape measure.

Permits and Permissions

(Note that property owners normally secure permits.)

Will you need to secure permissions or permits (for example, building permits)? Who will obtain them?
How much will they cost? How long will it take to secure them?

yes, I will need a soil and erosion permit but not a building permit because the structure is under 100ft². the soil and erosion fee will be waived.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

(You do not need exact costs. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expenses.)

(Enter your estimated expenses) **Fundraising** Explain where you will get the money for total costs indicated below, left.

Items	Cost	
Materials	\$1,540	We are going to rely mostly on donations and in return the companies can get their name on the overlook. We may also do a car wash or a "go fund me account" online.
Supplies		
Tools		
Other*	\$50	
Total costs:	0	

*Such costs as food, water, gasoline, parking, permits, equipment rental, sales tax, etc.

Project Phases

Think of your project in terms of phases and list what they might be. The first might be to complete your final plan. Others might include fundraising, preparation, execution, and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated.

1. Permits
2. Township and Troop/Committee approval
3. Fundraising
4. Purchase supplies
5. Build
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Logistics

(A Tour Plan has also been called a "Tour Permit." Check with your council service center to determine if one is required.)

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers? Will you need a Tour Plan?

For helpers we can all meet there because its not far away, and for materials and such we have trailers, trucks, bobcats and all of the above to help with that.

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal, continued

Safety Issues

(The Guide to Safe Scouting is an important resource in considering safety issues)

Describe the hazards and safety concerns you and your helpers should be aware of as this project is conducted.

There is the possibility of injury by saw, swinging boards, splinters, slipping and falling, and possibly heat exhaustion or poison ivy.

Further Planning

(You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to complete a final plan.)

List some action steps you will take to complete a final plan. For example, "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

I will need to find more donors to help out with the project, I will need to call the building inspector to find out exactly where she wants it, and I will need miss dig to stake it.

Candidate's Promise

(Signed before approvals below are granted)

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 21. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chosen as beneficiary.

Signed

Engel Tan Olsen

Date

1/12/16

Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development, and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed

Steve [Signature]

Date

4/25/16

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can to see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

4-25-16

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) that we have agreed to. We understand any fundraising he conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Signed

[Signature]

Date

5/3/16

Council or District Approval

I have read sections 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout Service Project, in the *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to complete a final plan and further encourage him to share it with a project coach.

Signed

Date

**While it makes sense to obtain them in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining approvals marked with an asterisk (*). However, council or district approval must come after the others.*

**Meridian Township Parks and Recreation
Boy Scout Eagle Candidate Information**

Scout Name: Robert McQuaid Troop Number 109

Parents' Names: Christine & Frank McQuaid

Scout's Phone Numbers: home) 517 204 2413 cell) 517 897 6216

Scout's Address: 4777 Powell Rd Okemos MI 48864

Troop Master Name/ Phone: Steve Rigg (517 281 2467)

Eagle Project Title: Harris Nature Center Concrete Slab & Privacy Fence

Date to Begin: Oct 8th Projected Finish Date: Nov 5th

Eagle Project Description: I will be making a slab of concrete and privacy fence for various plastic bins and food for the animals.

The area has many weeds that I will be bagging for the landfill. Then, dirt will be removed and sand & concrete will be poured. Then posts & fencing will be installed after painted. Lastly, a gate will be put in to make movement of the bins easy, but still protected.

Date submitted: August 17th, 2016

Submit to: Meridian Township Parks and Recreation
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-853-4608
Fax: 517-853-4099
faust@meridian.mi.us / www.twp.meridian.mi.us

Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application

Before filling out this application, it is important to read "Procedures and Limitations on Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising." This can be found on the next page: "Fundraising Application Page B." 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 adjustments must be made. Use this form, not the Unit Money-Earning Application.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name: Robert Sterling McQuaid		Preferred telephone(s): 5178976216	
Address: 4777 Powell Road		City: Okemos	State: MI Zip: 48864
Email address: 1mcquaidman@gmail.com			
Check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop		<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	
Unit No. 109		Name of district: Chief Okemos	
Name of council: Water and Woods			

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

Name: Harris Nature Center		Preferred telephone(s): 5173493866	
Address: 3998 Van Atta Rd		City: Okemos	State: MI Zip: 48864
Email address:			

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

Name: Kati Adams		Preferred telephone(s): 5173493866	
Address: 3998 Van Adda Rd		City: Okemos	State: MI Zip: 48864
Email address: kadams@meridian.mi.us			

Describe how funds will be raised:

~GoFundMe.com and create a fundraising page for my friends and family to donate ~Selling coupon cards from Qdoba ~Asking Park Committee to help fund project ~Various donations from local firms/businesses
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Proposed date the service project will begin: 09/18/16

Proposed dates for the fundraising efforts: August - September 2016

How much money do you expect to raise? \$1,000.00

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?*

I will be writing letters to various people to ask for donations. I have different people that have showed interest in donating supplies for my project. I will also be sending emails and submitting applications for donations at companies in the local area.
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**You must attach a list of prospective donor names and what they will be asked to donate. This is not required for an event like a car wash.*

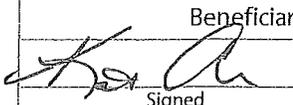
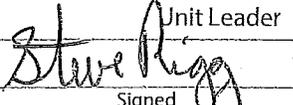
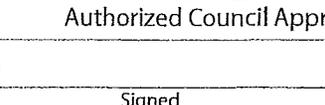
Are any contracts to be signed? No If so, by whom? N/A

Contract details:

N/A

Approvals

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

Beneficiary	Unit Leader	Authorized Council Approval*
 Signed	 Signed	 Signed
<u>8/11/16</u> Date	<u>8/10/16</u> Date	 Date

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

Candidate's Promise* Sign below before you seek the other approvals for your proposal.

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 5. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chosen as beneficiary.

Signed *Robert McQuaid* Date *08/06/16*

*Remember: Do not begin any work on your project, or raise any money, or obtain any materials, until your project proposal has been approved.

Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development, and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed *Steve Rugg* Date *8/10/16*
Name (Printed) *Steve Rugg*

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can to see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed _____ Date _____
Name (Printed) _____

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) that we have agreed to. We understand any fund raising he conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us if we are allowed to accept them. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Our Eagle candidate has provided us a copy of "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries."

Yes No

Signed *Kath Adams* Date *8/9/16*
Name (Printed) *Kath Adams*

Council or District Approval

I have read topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout service project, in the *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to prepare a project plan and further encourage him to share it with a project coach who has been designated for him.

Signed _____ Date _____
Name (Printed) _____

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Contact Information

Eagle Scout candidates should know who is involved, but contact information may be more important to unit leaders and others in case they want to talk to one another. While it is recognized that not all the information will be needed for every project, Scouts are expected to provide as much as reasonably possible. Approval representatives must understand, however, that doing so is not part of the service project requirement.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name: Robert Sterling McQuaid		Birth date: May 26th, 1999	
Email address: 1mcquaidman@gmail.com		BSA PID number*: 116321149	
Address: 4777 Powell Road	City: Okemos	State: MI	Zip: 48864
Preferred telephone(s): 5178976216		Life board of review date: 3-26-2012	

*BSA PID No., found on the BSA membership card

Current Unit Information

Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	Unit Number: 109
Name of District: Chief Okemos	Name of Council: Water and Woods

Unit Leader Check one: Scoutmaster Varsity Coach Crew Advisor Skipper

Name: Steve Rigg		Preferred telephone(s): 5172812467	
Address: 4193 Shoals Drive	City: Okemos	State: MI	Zip: 48864
Email address: sbwvrigg@comcast.net			

Unit Committee Chair

Name: Tara Lenzotti		Preferred telephone(s): 5177193843	
Address: 5586 Silverleaf Court	City: Haslett	State: MI	Zip: 48840
Email address: taralenzotti@comcast.net			

Unit Advancement Coordinator (If your unit has one)

Name: Marie Matusz		Preferred telephone(s): 5178962056	
Address: 4256 Sugar Maple Lane	City: Okemos	State: MI	Zip: 48864
Email address: matuszmf@comcast.net			

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

Name: Harris Nature Center		Preferred telephone(s): 5173493866	
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Name: Kati Adams		Preferred telephone(s): 5173493866	
Address: 3998 Van Adda Rd	City: Okemos	State: MI	Zip: 48864
Email address: kadams@meridian.mi.us			

Your Council Service Center

Contact name: Chief Okemos	Preferred telephone(s): 517 940 4210		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Council or District Project Approval Representative

(Your unit leader, unit advancement coordinator, or council or district advancement chair may help you learn who this will be.)

Name: Noah Belanger		Preferred telephone(s): 517 616 7758	
Address: 4000 W. Michigan Ave.	City: Lansing	State: MI	Zip: 48917
Email address: nbelanger@peckham.org			

Project Coach (Your council or district project approval representative may help you learn who this will be.)

Name:	Preferred telephone(s):		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email address:			

Project Description and Benefit

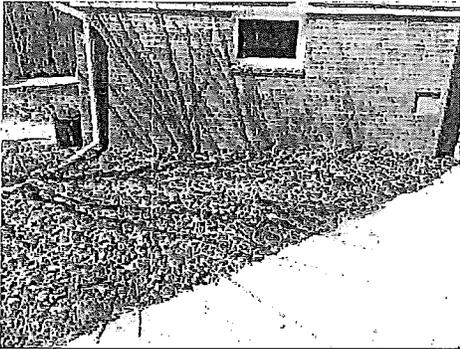
Briefly describe your project.

I will be making a slab of concrete and privacy fence for the plastic bins and various bins holding seeds for animals at Harris Nature Center. Specific details for my project will follow

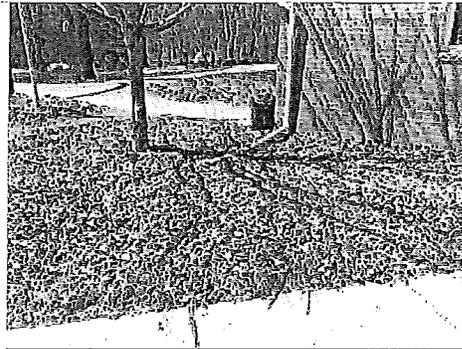
1. I will have the scouts rake the area to get rid of the leaves.
2. We will dig up the native plants to Michigan and transport them to the other side of the driveway at Harris Nature Center.
3. We will be digging the soil out from the area so that we can lay down the concrete (We will dig approximately four-six inches down)
4. The excess dirt will be spread reasonably across the driveway as well.
5. We will dig holes for the posts for the privacy fence. After the post holes are completed, we will cement the posts into the ground.
6. After the dirt is gone and posts are in place, we will be spreading sand across the bottom of the hole to act as a base for the slab.
7. I will then direct the scouts to placing the stones into the hole, making sure that none of the rocks come within an inch and a half of the surface.
8. Once the sand and rocks are in, we can start mixing the concrete to put into the hole.
9. After the concrete dries, we will be able to put up the previously painted privacy fence that will surround the slab blocking critters out.
10. Add a three foot gate so that bins can be moved in and out.

Attach sketches or "before" photographs if these will help others visualize the project.

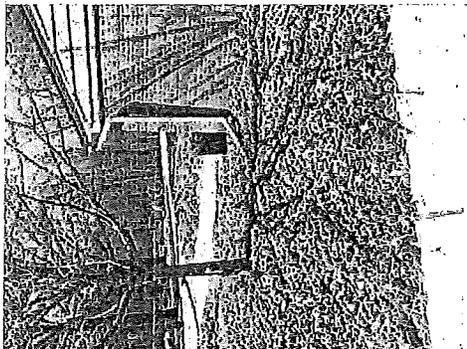
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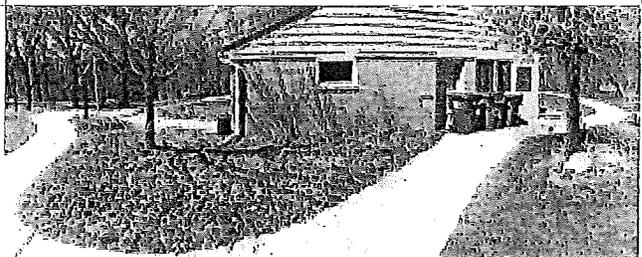
Side of building



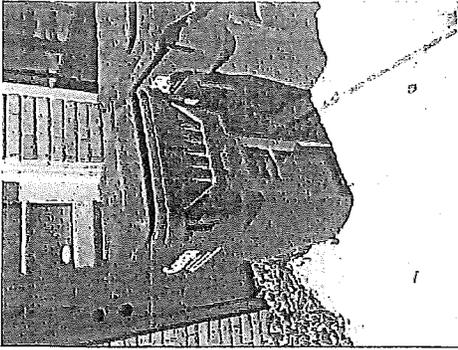
The slab will go from the drain pipe to close to the sidewalk



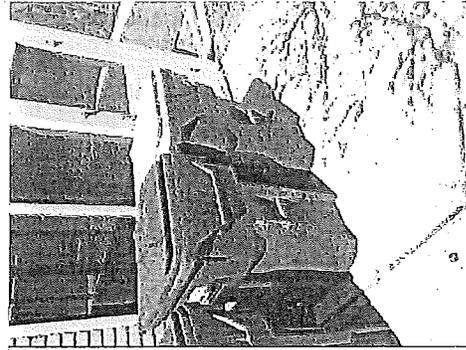
Side of building



This is what the side of the building look like currently



Plastic bins that will be included in the fenced area.



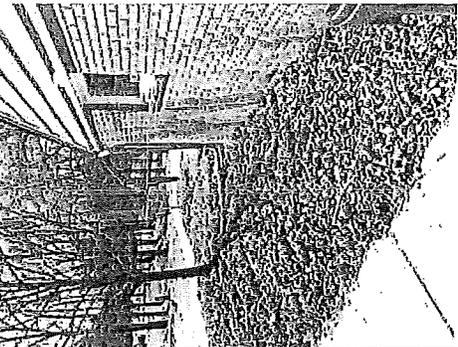
More recycling bins for the fenced area.



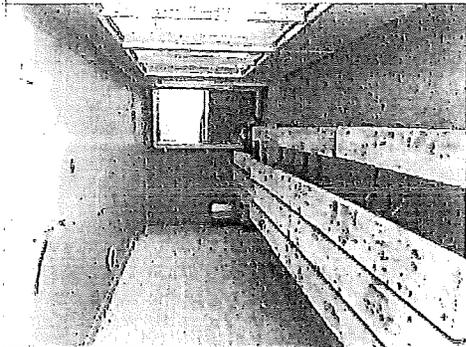
This is the area that the slab would be.



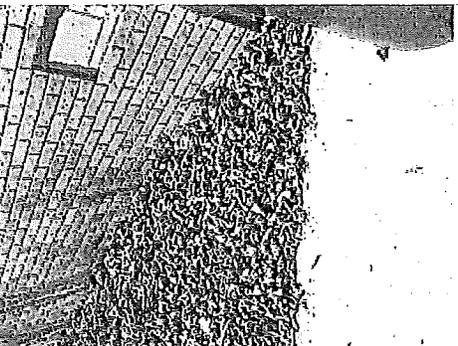
I would need to rake and transport plants



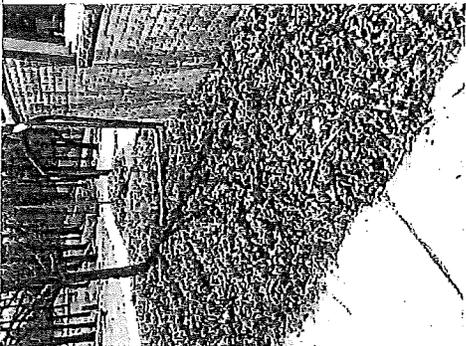
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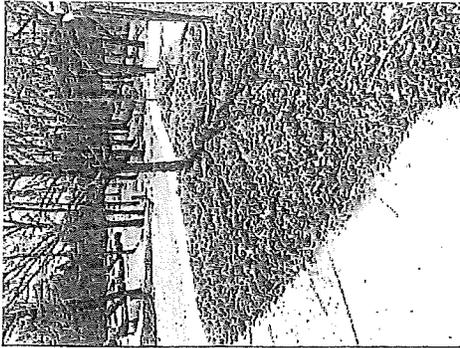
I have to put sand in the hole



I must put posts into the outsides of the slab will be so the privacy fence can go n



Then I will put rocks into the hole to make it so we don't have to use an insane amount of concrete



Put concrete into the area



Finish project with privacy fence and a three foot gate.

Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?

The project will be helpful to the Harris Nature Center because the critters are getting into the various containers and the plastic bins make the outside of the building look not professional. The park coordinator also wanted to make the exterior of the center to look more attractive.

When do you plan to begin carrying out your project? Late August/Early September

When do you think your project will be completed? Late August or Early September

Giving Leadership

Approximately how many people will be needed to help on your project? 10-12 scouts/volunteers

Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)? Explain:

I will be putting out an email to all members of my troop as well as through word of mouth at meetings leading up to the project. I will also be posting notices on Facebook and Instagram for my family and friends.

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them?

I think the most difficult part will be for my volunteers to see what I see for the project. I have to be able to communicate so that everyone is on the same page so my project can be efficient and run smoothly. If I see something that isn't what I planned, I need to talk with the scouts so the project can run as planned.

Materials

Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails, and paint.

What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required. For example, for lumber, include basic dimensions such as 2 x 4 or 4 x 4.

- ~ Fill Sand from Hammond Farms (Approx \$12 per yard)
- ~ Cement (60lbs) - Quikrete Concrete Mix (HomeDepot)
- ~ Rocks (medium sides to small) (Family Friend)
- ~ Posts (4 in. x 4 in. x 10 ft. #2 Pressure-Treated Timber) (8 needed)
- ~ 3-foot gate - 3 ft. H W x 6 ft. H H Western Red Cedar Arch Top Checker Lattice Fence Gate
- ~ Wood Privacy Fence (6 x 8 ft) - W Spruce Pine Fir Stockade Fence Panel (Home Depot) (5 needed)
- ~ Perimeter Edging for Slab - 2 in. x 6 in. x 104-5/8 in. Prime Kiln-Dried Whitewood Stud (6 needed)
- ~ Paint to match existing building exterior - Ace Hardware Royal Exteriors Satin House and Trim Paint
- ~ Latch Hardware for gate

Supplies

Supplies are things you use up, such as food and refreshments, gasoline, masking tape, tarps, safety supplies, and garbage bags.

What kinds of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

- ~ Waterproof gloves
- ~ Mixing Container for cement
- ~ Water
- ~ Jimmy Johns subs
- ~ Cookies
- ~ Lemonade
- ~ Garbage Bag

Tools

Include tools, and also equipment, that will be borrowed, rented, or purchased.

What tools or equipment, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

- ~ Shovels/Spade
- ~ Hoes
- ~ Wheel barrel
- ~ Hammer
- ~ Screwdriver
- ~ Level
- ~ Measuring Tape
- ~ String
- ~ Paint Brushes
- ~ Rake

Other Needs

Items that don't fit the above categories; for example, parking or postage, or services such as printing or pouring concrete, etc.

What other needs do you think you might encounter?

We may discuss possible bases for the concrete slab with a local contractor (sand etc).

Permits and Permissions

Note that property owners should obtain and pay for permits.

Will permissions or permits (such as building permits) be required for your project? Who will obtain them? How long will it take?
 After discussing with Ms. Adams, there will not be any permits needed for my project.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

You do not need exact costs yet. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expenses. Include the value of donated material, supplies, tools, and other items. It is not necessary to include the value of tools or other items that will be loaned at no cost. Note that if your project requires a fundraising application, you do not need to submit it with your proposal.

Enter estimated expenses below: <i>(Include sales tax if applicable)</i>		Fundraising: Explain how you will raise the money to pay for the total costs. If you intend to seek donations of actual materials, supplies, etc., then explain how you plan to do that, too.
Materials:	\$950.00	I plan to start a GoFundMe website, ask my scout troop for can donations, contacting local building stores to see if they are willing to donate.
Supplies:	\$80.00	
Tools:	\$0.00	
Other:	\$0.00	
Total costs:	\$1,030.00	

Project Phases

Think of your project in terms of phases, and list what they might be. The first may be to prepare your project plan. Other phases might include fundraising, preparation, execution, and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated; brief, one line descriptions are sufficient.

1. Discuss proposed project with Meridian Township Parks and Recreation.
2. Attend an introductory meeting with Harris Nature Center and Meridian Parks staff to learn more about the project
3. Complete Eagle Scout Candidate Information Sheet
4. Complete workbook project description pages
5. Complete fundraising forms that allow you to begin fundraising
6. Email Troop Parent Committee Chair to request being on the agenda

7.	Propose project plan to parents and receive suggestions
8.	Contact Director of Parks and Recreation to be added to the agenda on the Park Commission Meeting
9.	Present Idea to Park Commission (bring 8 copies)
10.	Send paperwork to council for project approval
11.	Gather materials and supplies for work project dates
12.	Notify Township Staff before beginning the project
13.	Carry out the project (refer to Proposal Page C)
14.	Prepare a final report for Meridian Township with drawings and receipts
15.	Meet with Director of Parks and Recreation and present a project overview and completion report and fundraising report
16.	During meeting with Director of Parks, schedule final meeting with Park Commission to discuss project
17.	Complete and print all paperwork
18.	Turn in Eagle Application

Logistics

Check with your council service center to determine if a Tour and Activity Plan is required.

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers? Will you need a Tour and Activity Plan?

The site of my project is local for all of the scouts in my troop so carpooling and other means of transporting the volunteers won't be needed. I also have the use of a family utility trailer to transport the materials and supplies. The various tools are kept by the Harris Nature Center in a shed so no transportation will be needed for that aspect.

Safety Issues

The Guide to Safe Scouting is an important resource in considering safety issues.

Describe the hazards and safety concerns you and your helpers should be aware of.

~Be careful of various plants (Poison ivy)

~We will have work gloves and eye protection so that we don't have to worry about cuts to the hands or materials to the eyes.

Project Planning

You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to prepare your plan.

List some action steps you will take to prepare your project plan. For example "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

~Get signatures required to submit application to council.

~finalize fundraising application for to submit to council.

~present idea to the park commission

~add or change workbook with suggestions from park meeting

~submit paperwork to council, make changes if necessary

~gather donations and supplies

~do the PROJECT!!!

~complete paperwork after to look back on project

~schedule post meeting with council

~submit eagle paperwork to council

Park Commission Meeting
August 23, 2016

6. MINUTES

- a. June 14, 2016 Work Session Minutes
- b. June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Deschaine (arrived at 6:45 pm), Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens

ABSENT: Commissioner Wilson

STAFF: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner, Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

1. Call Meeting to Order

Acting Chair McDonald called the work session to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. CIP and 2017 Budget

Director Maisner distributed and summarized the 2017-2022 CIP Summary and status of the 2016 Park Millage Fund.

Director Maisner reported the following:

- Recommend moving the Hillbrook Park tennis court renovation forward to 2017 from 2016; moving Towner Road Park Development from 2016 to 2017 in the CIP Program.
- Summarized the proposed budget amendment for the Hillbrook Park Tennis Court renovations for \$100,000 to renovate the tennis courts, improve the sidewalk and access into the courts (as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 9, 2016)
- A Park Millage financial summary was included in the packet.

Discussion:

- The base of the courts will be pulverized, compacted and topped with 3.5" of new asphalt. There will be new net posts, basketball system and perimeter fencing.
- The courts will be stripped for tennis courts and pickle ball.
- These are the only public courts in our park system and are very popular with residents
- The poor condition of these courts warrants immediate action.

4. Other

a. Township Pathway Master Plan

Director Maisner reviewed the proposed recommendation to the Township Pathway Master Plan. All of the Park Commission's recommendations were incorporated into the recommendations.

b. Towner Road Park Project Update

Director Maisner reported the project is under site plan review with the Township's Planning staff and the wetland use permit application will be reviewed by the Environmental Commission on July 6. Staff is working with the contractor on development of the bid documents with the plan to go out to bid by the end of the year and begin construction spring of 2017. Director Maisner reported the Township Board did designate wetland "c" as "essential". Plans include taking this low quality wetland and improve and enhance it to become a unique feature of the park.

c. Park Projects Update

Director Maisner reported Parks and Land Management Coordinator Greenway and Land Stewardship Assistant Kelsey Dillon will be at a future Park Commission meeting to offer an update of park and land management projects.

d. Ingham County Parks Trails Millage Update

Director Maisner reported the Ingham County Parks Board has approved upgrades and improvements to bridge and trails around the Township which includes Hartrick Park, Central Park South, Nancy Moore Park by the ballfields and near Nemoke Trail and on Okemos Road. There is no local match required for these projects.

e. Dedication of Storybook Trail in Orlando Park

Director Maisner reported on the Capital Area District Library/Haslett Branch dedication of the storybook trail in Orlando Park. The ceremony was attended by over three classrooms of students. The stories are interchangeable and each story and each board suggests an activity to move people to the next board...

f. Hillbrook Park update

Director Maisner showed the Commissioners the proposed play structure for Hillbrook Park which includes many climbing options. It will be installed within the next three weeks.

g. Wonch Park Update

Director Maisner reported the pavilion and concrete floor have been installed but a handful of cracks have appeared. Staff is meeting with the installer to discuss options. Installation of the water and electricity is on hold until the concrete situation has been decided. The outdoor fitness equipment has arrived and will be installed the week of June 20.

h. 2017 Budget

Director Maisner reported work on the budget will begin soon with the lone capital project being development of Towner Road Park.

i. Hillbrook Park Ingham County Drain Improvement Project

Paul Pratt reported the Drain Commissioner's Office has been working with DEQ to obtain the permit to proceed with the drain improvement project. This part of the process has been slow and DEQ has asked for further clarification. The project will require an expansion of the existing easement to 130' to allow for daylight draining, installation of the proposed footbridge to connect with existing path.

Discussion:

- Tree replacement will be a 2:1 ratio, anticipate planting approximately 75 trees; the trees placement will be reviewed with staff and some can be placed around the new play structure
- There will be year round flow with the ground water flow with 6' cut
- Staff will work with Commissioner's Office when removing trees to allow for additional dead trees in Park to be removed at the same time
- Suggested using the spoils to enhance pathway between Benson Hills and Montebello, to improve the low areas

5. Comments

None

6. Adjournment

Hearing no objection, Acting Chair McDonald adjourned the work session at 7:03 pm.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Deschaine, Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens

ABSENT: Commissioner Wilson

STAFF: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner, Administrative Assistant II
Robin Faust

1. Call Meeting to Order

Acting Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Presentations

None

4. Public Comment

None

5. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Stephens reported the Fishing Derby on June 10 was well attended. It was reported the young man who caught the biggest fish also caught the biggest fish a few years ago. Currently in the Historical Village, they are hosting the annual Bill Earl event which attendees learn to fish, clean and cook their fish. Donations for these events can be made through Project Fish.

Commissioner Deschaine reported on the success of the Celebrate Meridian event on June 11. Lots of good food, music, the weather was hot and the Haslett Kiwanis Club staffed the valet bicycle parking area. The Kiwanis Club will be assisting with the Kids Triathlon at Lake Lansing this fall.

Acting Chair McDonald reported he volunteered at the Celebrate Meridian beer and wine tent. The Parks and Recreation staff was on hand to assist and insure its success. He thanked Chief Hall for assigning staff to oversee fund collections.

Commissioner Jaramillo reported the number of friends on the Facebook page was going up to over 1,100. Thanked staff for promoting parks and recreation activities. She saw the posts promoting National Trails Day and encouraged staff to host an event on a Township trail next year. She also noted that May was National Bike Month.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER DESCHAIINE MOVED, COMMISSIONER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

7. Communications

A. Items to/from the Public

None

B. Commission Information

1. To: Township Board; From: Derek Perry, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Public Works and Engineering; RE: Pathway Master Plan Adoption
2. To: Director Maisner; RE: Site Plan Review #16-03 (Meridian Township Parks & Recreation) 2055 Towner Road

C. Staff Inquiries/Response

None

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

8. Director's Report

Director Maisner reported the following:

A. 2016 Accomplishments:

- Orlando Park Playground and Story Walk
- Nancy Moore Park – New Sand for Volley Courts
- Harris Nature Center – New Well (and closed well at HNC)
- Harris Nature Center Parking Island Drainage renovation Project
- Wonch Park Pavilion
- Two Grant applications for Central Park

B. In progress:

- Hartrick Park – new dugouts

- Hillbrook Park – new playground
- All Park Trails – GPS trails and amenities for smart phone app and trail maps
- Wonch Park – Outdoor Fitness Zone Installation
- Towner Road Park – Variance, permits and bidding

C. Work for second half of year:

- Update 5 yr Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Central Park -Doggie Playground
- North Meridian Road Park – New Pavilion

D. Other:

- Fishing Derby – Celebrate Meridian - 200 people
- Ingham Co. Parks and Trails Millage Grant Applications Bridges \$575,000 pathways \$88,000

9. New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

a. Hillbrook Park Tennis Court Renovation

Director Maisner summarized the proposed Hillbrook Park tennis court renovation project and budget amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 9, 2016.

Discussion:

- Will improve accessibility
- Repair tennis court surface and will be stripped for tennis and pickleball
- Will replace gates and fencing to accommodate wheelchair access
- The budget amendment will amend the CIP by moving the tennis courts from 2017 to 2016.

COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO MOVED, COMMISSIONER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO REQUEST A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE PARK MILLAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING THE HILLBROOK PARK TENNIS COURTS AND FOR PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS TO THE COURTS AND TO THE PLAYGROUND AREA.

Roll Call:

AYES: Mark Stephens, Philip Deschaine, Michael McDonald, Melanie Jaramillo

NAYS: None

Motion passed 4-0.

10. Other Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. Discussion Items

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. Final Comments

None

13. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2016, Town Hall Room
- b. Farmers' Market – Saturdays 8am-2pm Wednesdays starting July 6, 8am-2pm
- c. Meridian Arts and Crafts Marketplace – Sunday, June 26
- d. Camp time at Harris Nature Center June –August youth of all ages
- e. July 4th Fireworks

14. Public Remarks

None

15. Closed Session

None

16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER DESCHAIINE MOVED, COMMISSIONER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Park Commission Meeting

AUGUST 23, 2016

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Items to/from the Public
 - 1. Director Maisner; RE: Thank you for invitation to annual Friends of the Park Celebration

- B. Commission Information
 - 1. Capital Area District Libraries Summer Reading 2016 edition; StoryWalk now at Orlando Park in Haslett
 - 2. Meridian Garden Club August 2016 newsletter
 - 3. Harris Nature Center Foundation June 13, 2016 minutes
 - 4. Invitation to Wonch Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 23
 - 5. Calendar of Events for September and October

- C. Staff Inquiries/Response
 - 1. For: Meridian Garden Club; RE: Letter of support for proposed Pink Garden

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thank
you

 Dr. & Mrs. Howard A. Tanner
5755 Green Rd
Haslett, MI 48840

Dear Lu Ann,
We enjoyed the
dinner at the Park
last month and the
honorary mentions and
how about my
dinner plate having
number 106 which
ment at visit to
Dusty Cellas! Thanks
very much for
the event with the
other "helpers."

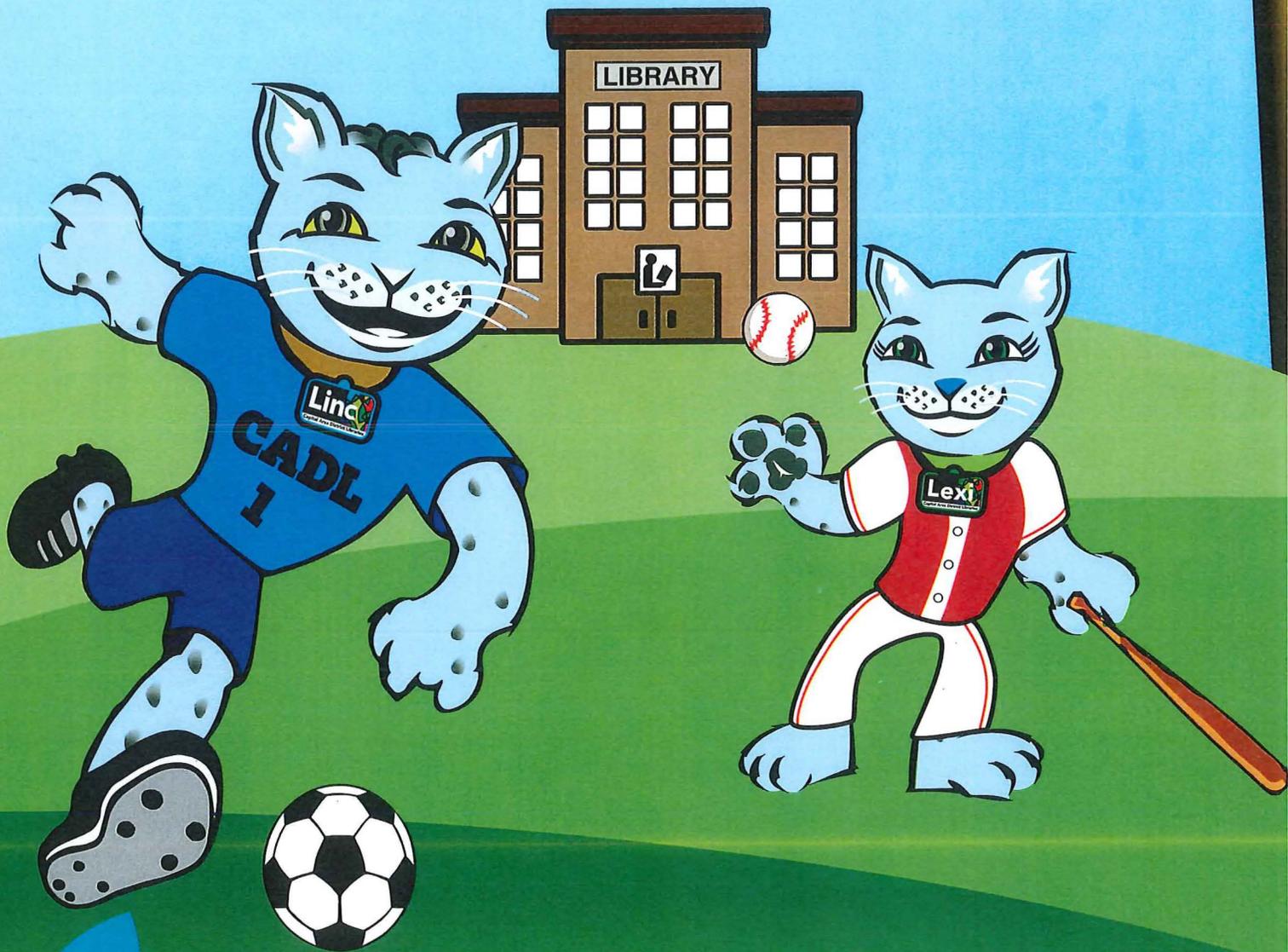
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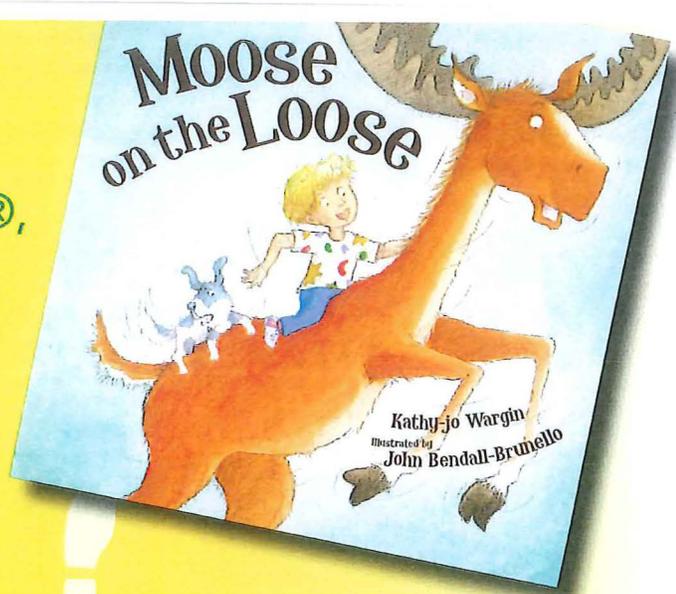
Summer Reading 2016



Capital Area District Libraries

Presenting the area's first StoryWalk®,
now at Orlando Park in Haslett.

Read along to *Moose on the Loose*
by Kathy-jo Wargin as you walk
together through the park.
Lots of fun activities, too!



This project is a collaboration between Meridian Township and the
Haslett branch of Capital Area District Libraries. StoryWalk® was created
by Anne Ferguson, a Department of Health worker in Montpelier, VT.

WALK. PLAY. READ!



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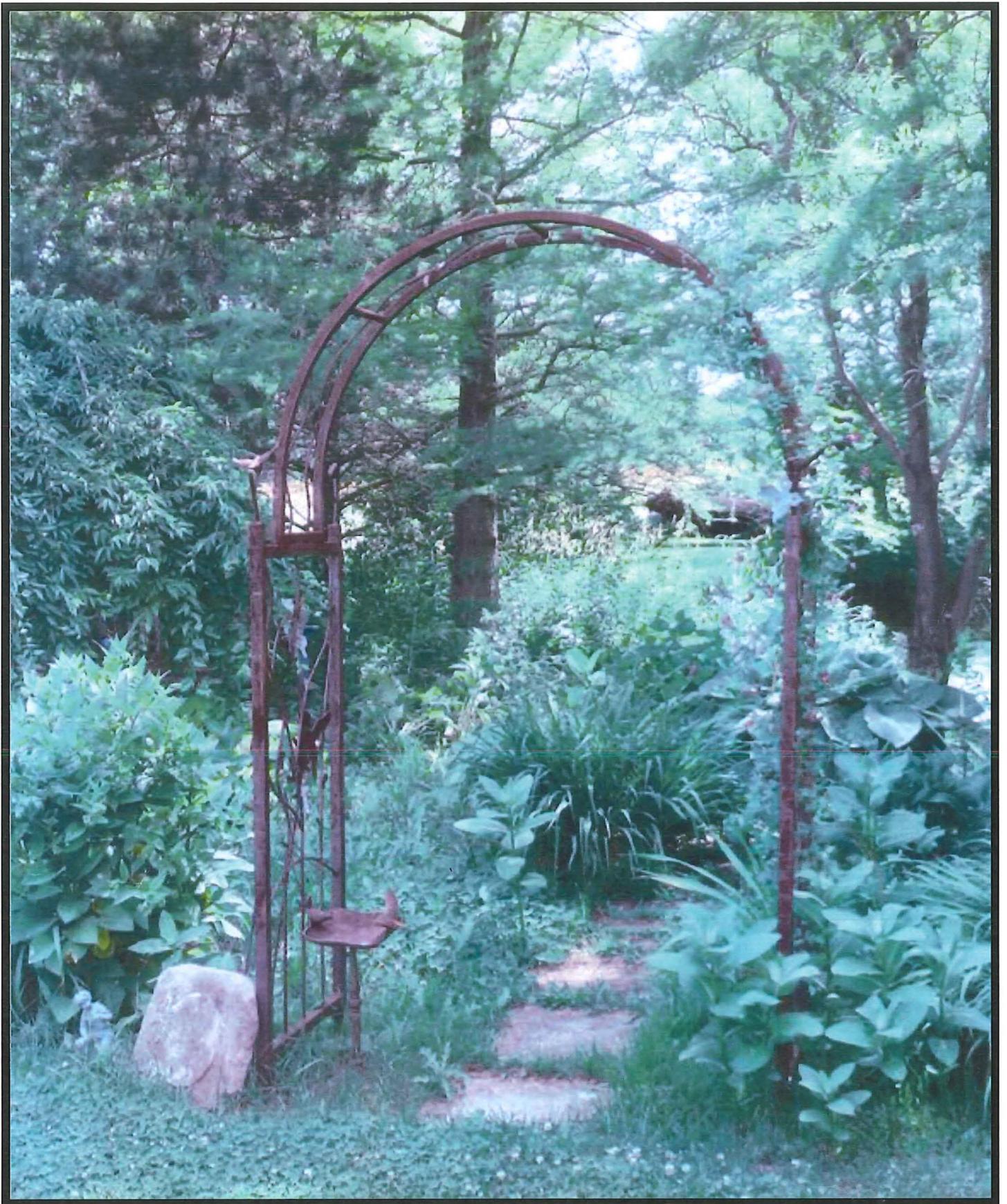
Capital Area District Libraries

Everything...right here.

cadl.org/summer

SUMMER CLOSING DATES

CADL branches will be closed on Sunday, July 3 & Monday, July 4.



The Meridian Gardener



August 2016

Frolicking Afar - Grand Oak Herb Farm

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Newsletter of the Meridian Garden Club, Inc.

Editor: Susan Kropschot

Member of Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., Central Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Go Green - Go White



Flower Show August 10th

The District IIB Garden Clubs, Garden Clubs of Mid-Michigan and Meridian Garden Club have planned a flower show, educational presentation by the MSU Organic farm and **potluck lunch for Wednesday, August 10, 2016**, between 10:00am (Set up) and 4:30pm (Clean up). Its theme is "Go Green - Go White" and it will be held at the MSU Federal Credit Union Community Room is at 4825 E. Mt Hope Rd, East Lansing. Room located on the east side of the building and has its own parking lot. Please help us publicize this event by sharing the **schedule attached to this newsletter** with club members and others.

Of course, you can bring any number of pieces of horticulture - See Division I classes.

Please call Lois Snover-Hanson if you have any questions - 517- 694-8091.

Hope to see you there (with a piece or two of horticulture and a dish to pass in hand).

Any members needing entry tags for the August 10th "Go Green - Go White" flower show can obtain them from Lois Snover Hanson, Madeline Masterson or Sue Kropschot.

Monarch Butterfly Caterpillars

Photos Shared by Tressa McAllister



In the Middle



President's Column



Despite the hot summer this year, our gardens in the Township are flourishing thanks to the irrigation system we had installed not all that long ago. Many thanks to all who brave the heat and go out to weed and deadhead so the gardens always look as good as possible. It does not go unnoticed. See the article about Patty Cotter giving a group tour.

Another group of members, led by DeShaun Snead and Kathy Koryba, has been working very hard indoors on the next issue of our award winning Yearbook. This process takes much time and careful attention and I know you will appreciate the results - another outstanding yearbook. This time the really good news is that we have been very successful in selling ads for the book, thanks to the dynamic duo of Jodie Sz and Linda M. In fact, most of the cost of the book is covered by the ads! It will go to the printer soon and you will receive your copy in September.

Unfortunately, the hot weather does not seem to deter the critters from foraging in our gardens. As if the deer are not enough, I had a woodchuck who wasn't satisfied with eating what the deer didn't, but moved into my garage as well. He didn't like being cooped up it turned out and made quite a mess before escaping!

I miss seeing everyone at meetings and look forward to our good times together as well as the cooler temperatures.

Madeline

2016 Newsletter Deadlines

Month	Articles Due	Print Date
September	September 7	September 10
October	October 5	October 8
November	November 9	November 12
December	December 7	December 10

New Signage in the Twohy Butterfly Garden

Shared by Jean Goetz



Here are some recent photos taken by member Jean Goetz that highlight the new butterfly signage in the Twohy Garden. Our award is described in the second photo. Next time you are in the gardens, check them out!



Educational Opportunities - Save the Dates



55th Michigan Flower Show Symposium:

Wednesday and Thursday, August 17 and 18th, 2016
Mark your calendar and plan to attend the two day Symposium in Grand Rapids. [Click for Brochure and Registration Form for 55th Symposium](#)

Flower Show School, Course III

Course III: September 13-15, 2016.
Location - Midland, Michigan

[Registration](#)

Environmental Studies School, Course I

Location - First Reformed Church, 630 State Street, Holland, Michigan
Date October 17 & 18, 2016

[Registration](#)

Landscape Design School - Course I

Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Hosted by Landscapers and Petal Pushers in District III

[Registration](#)

August and September Birthdays



Linda Mogyoros
Emma Reardon
Marie Smith
Kathy Koryba
Toni Santone
Polly Murray
Delores Bouton
Paula Richardson
Cindy Chalou
Marilyn Higgins
Carole Armstrong
Kay Pyciak
Mary Ann Martin
Peggy Bryson

August 3
August 4
August 6
August 6
August 9
August 9
August 10
August 17
August 30
September 9
September 11
September 14
September 18
September 25

New Members



Emma Reardon (8/04)
2788 Southwood Drive
East Lansing, 48823
517-290-7101
er5245@att.net

Gardening interests - Composting, Horticulture, Landscape Design and Soil Improvement
Interested in: Plant Sale, Group Trips and Back Door Gardeners
Learned about Meridian GC from Paula Richardson and Andi Kramer



Marilynn Bezdek (William) (6/18)
2861 Hagadorn Road
Mason 48854-9457
517-351-0448
bezdek@msu.edu

Gardening Certificates: MGC Life Member, Yard-Certified Wildlife Refuge, 1st place Club Calendar, MGC 1st Place History Book and MGC 2nd Place photography - Scott Gardens

Gardening Interests

Live on 3 1/2 acres, Garden Crafts and Wild Flowers

Skills

Word Perfect, Photo Shop, Word, Power Point, Photography, Public Speaking, Writing/Proofing/Editing, Party Planning

Interested in:

Social Activities

Learned about Meridian GC - as an Intercity, District IIB and GC of Greater Lansing member for 15 years.

Back Door Gardeners

Cathy Claypool



Marletta



Campers and Back Door Gardeners
(names of Back Door Gardeners are below)

On August 3rd, the Back Door gardeners worked with the village campers. Root vegetables and their importance to the pioneers was the lesson plan. The campers learned that people all over the world have been growing and eating root vegetables for over 5 000 years. The campers then thinned beets, carrots, and turnips to promote the larger ones in the garden. This activity precedes the preparation of the harvest later. The children took home their thinnings.

After working in the field, the campers then redressed Marley the scarecrow. The scarecrow is a traditional pioneer signal that harvest is coming soon. This season, Marley becomes Marletta, dressed in pink to promote the Plant-It-pink breast cancer awareness movement.

The work completed, the campers washed their hands at the village pump with oatmeal soap.

A big thank you to the gardeners of the day: **Sue Knapp, Cindy Chalou, Patty Cotter, Veneta Stoyanova, Colleen Hyslop.**

Please go and visit beautiful Marletta in the picket fence garden. *Cathy Claypool*, Chair

Capitol Master Gardeners Tour Meridian Gardens

by Madeline Masterson

Meridian Garden Member, Patty Cotter, who is the Program Chair of the Capitol Master Gardeners, arranged for that group of about 25 to tour the Village and Administrative Gardens after a July Picnic Meeting in the Pavilion. Patty also gave them a little history of the Village as well as of the Meridian Garden Club. The attendees were very appreciative of the work of our members and thought our gardens were quite beautiful. Which, of course, they are! Good job, Patty.



Patty Cotter

"Triangle by The Lake"

Design Contest

Shared by Patty Cotter



The **Haslett Beautification Association** is seeking your ideas to inspire a new gateway project into downtown Haslett. Landscapers, gardeners, artists, visionaries, students submit your ideas for a new vision for a publically owned, one-third acre site off Marsh Road near Lake Lansing!

Check out our [website](http://www.beautifyhaslett.com) for a flyer that details this fun opportunity to make your ideas bloom.

www.beautifyhaslett.com

Design ideas sought until a **Sept. 30, 2016 deadline.**

Here are some guidelines for submissions:

- Designs should incorporate an exciting theme that reflects Haslett's Lake District in Meridian Township.
- Designs should include these features: a drinking fountain (see online map for location within the property), a sitting area with benches, colorful perennials, showy shrubs, a sidewalk on the northern-side of the property, and a decorative, brick-paved walkway on the interior of the site.
- Plant selections should be easy to maintain, perennials, hardy and drought tolerant.
- Motorist visibility must not be obstructed from bordering streets - Marsh, Reynolds and Lake. Perimeter plants are limited to 18 inches in height.
- The property must be universally accessible.

See www.beautifyhaslett.com and click on the "Triangle Flyer" for an application. Email questions to: info@beautifyhaslett.com

To learn more about the Meridian Garden Club and to access our meeting calendar, archived photos, previous newsletters, and minutes, please take the time to check out our Website: Click on meridiangardenclub.weebly.com

To find and check us out on Facebook: Click on www.facebook.com/meridiangardenclub



July and August Gallivanting Tours

Paula Richardson - Gallivanting Chair

< -- Mary Lou Hatfield and Sue Lohman
Touring Jan Morris's Garden - Williamston

On July 12, a few MGC members braved the heat and humidity to visit Williamston. First stop was at Tammy Voss's large Meridian Road site which included a separate garden of lily hybrids created by Tammy. The smaller, but equally as lovely, city garden of Jan Morris on Hiddenview Lane was designed with an array of walking trails and beautiful plants. Later, Tammy and Cathy Ware, WRDGC president, guided our group through the public gardens near the banks of the Red Cedar River. The morning was both intimate and informative as the ladies shared their knowledge and observations of maintaining public gardens. Lunch was at Tavern 109.

On August 2, Meridian GC accepted an invitation to tour St Frances Retreat Center located on 95 acres in DeWitt. The Center is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. Anne Davich, Garden Society Coordinator, guided our group through many beautifully maintained gardens, walk ways and private spaces set among rolling landscapes, mature trees and retreat buildings. We soon came to understand why Anne has dedicated so many hours to this peaceful retreat. The group then explored the lovely healing garden, veterans' freedom walkway and labyrinth in the DeWitt cemetery maintained by the DeWitt Millennium Garden Club. The beautiful gardens and reflective sitting areas showcase the dedication of the DMGC members. Lunch and conversation was at Relli's.



Paula R, Sue L, Sue Kn, Madeline, Jean G, Mary Lou H, Anne D



Striking Hydrangeas - St Frances



Healing Garden - DeWitt Cemetery

If you have suggestions for future events, please contact Paula Richardson.

Save the Date!



National Garden Club 2017 Convention
May 16-21
Richmond, VA

Progress on the Barnes House Addition

Photos by Jean Goetz



In your visits to the Historical Village recently, you have probably seen the activity around the Barnes House. If you haven't, here is a recent photo.

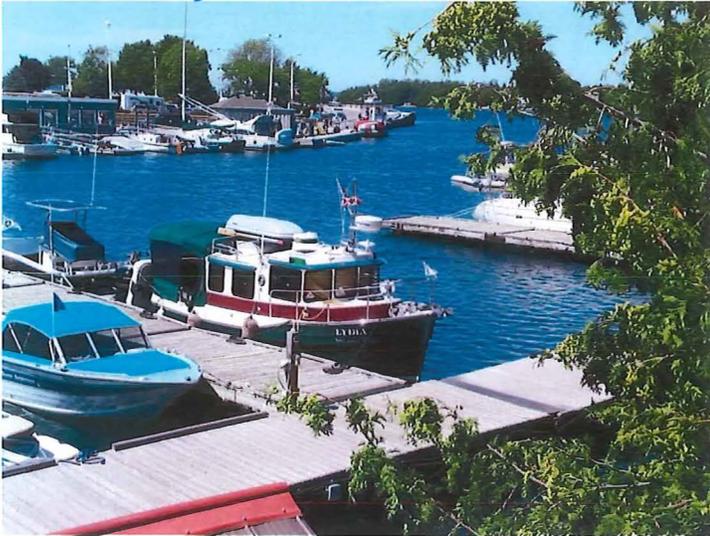
Keep Your Cool in the Garden — Here's What to Do in August



Annie Thornton
Houzz Editorial Staff

Don't let summer's heat go to your head. These U.S. gardening guides will help you make sensible choices for all of your plantings. Click [here](#)

*Voyage of the Lydia - The Final Chapter
Ahoy Garden Club Members....*



The Lydia, docked in Little Tub Harbor, Tobermory, Ontario on the Georgian Bay

We are now enjoying the fabulous weather, waters and sights of the North Channel, north of Manitoulin Island, after finishing the locks into the Georgian Bay. Happily we will not be navigating any more locks after having passed through about 150 in this round the eastern USA trip. The most remarkable lock of the entire trip was actually the second to the last. Called The Big Chute, boats are loaded into slings which then move on a mechanism up a track to the top of the rise and then slowly go down 58 feet on the far side to gently set you into the water. Reason for this unusual configuration? They ran out of cement! Later, when cement was again available they chose to leave this lock as a way of blocking invasive species, namely the lamprey eel, from entering the Trent waterway and into Lake Simco, which had fisheries at one time. From there we crossed the bottom of Georgian Bay and cruised up the east side of the Bruce Peninsula, following the massive cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment all the way to the tip, where the little town of Tobermory is found. This location is famous for its icy cold and crystal clear water, its shipwrecks and its rock formations. We saw otter and beaver right in the harbor area, enjoyed a great view from a 100+ foot viewing tower and watched the Chi-Cheemaun car ferry going in and out of the harbor, moving people and vehicles of all sizes to and from Manitoulin Island.

Traveling the last 50 miles and entering the North Channel was like coming home to us as we have been here many times before. Tiny towns, huge rock walls, quiet anchorages, fresh fish dinners...what not to like? We have done quite a bit of anchoring in some of our favorite places as we linger but also have visited places like Kagawong, with its museum located in the 2 story stone structure that was the pulp mill in this town, the tiny Mariner church and gorgeous waterfall, just up the hill, where I swam. We met a very interesting man at the Mariners' church on Sunday who offered to drive us on a tour of this part of the island and we ended up sharing a meal with him and his wife at their home right along the

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shore of the bay. He was an immigrant, many years now in Canada, from Trinidad and taught as well as was principal for many years in the far north working with both Indian and Inuit populations. It was a great meal and a wonderful evening full of chatting and admiring his lush gardens and window boxes. Too bad we can't recruit him into our club! He has quite a green thumb. At the same little town we met up, again with some of our acquaintances who are Loopers like us. 2 couples we haven't seen since South Carolina! It's fun to exchange stories and hear about their highlights.

This week we head back to Little Current, where a small Ranger Tug rendezvous will be held, then head west to Drummond Island to clear customs and enter the US again. After that it will be Mackinaw, Beaver Island, and port hopping down the west coast to finish our loop and cross our wake in St. Joe MI near the end of August, thus ending this adventure.

I hope all of you enjoy great rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing all of my garden club friends and meeting new members at the September meeting...given we have good weather and fair seas for the rest of the trip.

Take care and see you soon.....*Jackie Hughes*

*Save the Date
October 7-9*



National Garden Clubs, Inc
Central Region Convention
(Doubletree by Hilton Hotel)
701 East Adams Street,
Springfield, IL, 62701
Phone # 217-544-8800

"Find your Inspiration in Abe Lincoln's Hometown"

*Meridian Garden Club Represented at MSU
Garden Day 2016*

Reported by Kathy Koryba





Invitation to
District IV Fall Meeting
Hosted by Saugatuck Douglas Garden Club

"A Garden is a Work of Heart"

Monday, September 19, 2016
Community Church of Douglas
6874 Wiley Road (use this address for GPS)
Fennville, MI 49408

8:30 a. m. - 3:00 p. m.
Registration Open at 8:30 a.m.
Vendors Open at 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$35.00 per person includes:
Continental Breakfast, Lunch
Two speakers and unique Vendors, District Meeting

Morning Program:

"Making More of a Good Thing" Paul Surian speaker

At Blue Horizon Nursery and Gardens, we graft many rare and unusual plants including dwarf ginkgos, conifers, Japanese maples and more. Watch as we demonstrate the art of grafting and provide examples of how grafting can lead to exciting new plants for your garden.

Afternoon Program:

"On the Street Where You Live" Bill Bird speaker

The "Narnia" of the gardening world is not an imaginary place...it really exists! Have you discovered it yet?..... And how to get there? Better yet....is it in your own neighborhood or backyard? "On the Street Where You Live" will open up a magic door as we discover magical places.

Registration Form

Submit the registration form with **one** check made out to MGC District IV.

Send to:

Mary Ryder, Registrar
2082 Ryder Road
Fennville, MI
MI 49408

Registration Deadline : September 9, 2016

Harris Nature Center Foundation
Minutes June 13, 2016

Attendance: Patty Robbins, Roxanne Truhn, Jim Buscetta, June Hicks, Kit Rich, Barb Kissling
Absent: Julie Moore, excused

Meeting Called to order 6:47pm

President's Report

Patty spoke about NEA at Meridian Parks volunteer appreciation dinner on May 10. Thank you to the Directors for installing the fossils into the dig and assembling the work station on June 4. Others who helped included Doug Block, Cyrus Miller Bob Reszka, Steve Wilson and Ron Elowski. The Fossil Dig is ready for Dedication this Wednesday, June 15!

Financial Report

Checking: \$20,256.41

Endowment: \$8527.35

Helen and Howard Tanner donated \$1000 to the Endowment.

Motion to move \$488.70 (\$11.30 went to PayPal fees) from PayPal to 2015 December checking balance. Jim moved, June seconded. Approved. This was from a \$500 donation received the end of December.

HNC Report

There were 36 school groups that came through in May, and another 9 in June. May was very busy with 809 kids coming through! Planning for summer day camps - HNC has hired 3 PT naturalists since January. All are recent college graduates.

Currently, camp enrollment is only 150 less than the end of summer last year. We anticipate more campers added as summer progresses.

This Wednesday is the HNC Barbeque and Fossil Dig dedication.

Ongoing Business:

Fossil Dig:

Signs were put up today.

Workstation is built.

Cyrus still has a few additional pieces to add.

Flip cards are almost finished. Will try to print 10 copies on waterproof paper.

Dedication on Wednesday.

Frank Walsh will cut the dedication "ribbon".
Discussed Publicity for Fossil Dig: WKAR, LSJ, Schools...

Beaver Lodge:

Meeting this Friday with architect David VanderKlok of Studio [intrigue]. Roxanne, June and Kit will take the lead on the Lodge.

Website:

Kit will update the site.

New Business

Demmer Center Fundraiser:

Decided that there are too few of us to do this along with the paddle board raffle. Possibly next year?

Summer Raffle:

Jim and June sold 113 tickets at Celebrate Meridian, totaling \$576 (with 2 donations). The paddle board came from Summit Sports. It is around a \$1000 paddle board, we paid \$509. Summit Sports donated the paddle to go with it. Barb will send out dates for Director sign up for Saturdays at the Farmer's Market. Barb will register with the Township. Roxanne will sell tickets at MABA. Jim will check with Playmakers to see if we can sell tickets there (during sale?).

2017 Fundraiser:

Next year is the Township's 175th birthday. It is also HNC's 20th year. Communications (PR) heading celebrations. Fundraiser opportunity: Have an event as part of the 175th celebration with sponsors for free events. HNC opened July 22, 1997. Possibly hold an "event: on July 22, 2017. This is in the works...

Important Dates

Meeting July 11

Adjournment 9:15 pm.



Wonch Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Invitation

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 - 12 noon



Greenfields Outdoor Fitness



Community Mural - artist Kelly Boyle

The Meridian Township Park Commission cordially invites you to a ribbon cutting to celebrate recent park improvements including the new pavilion, community mural and outdoor fitness zone



Miracle Midwest Polygon Structure

**Wonch Park
4555 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI**

Please join your friends and neighbors for this very special celebration
Refreshments provided

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department 517-853-4600

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

September & October Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- September 8 – Preschool Science Exploration/Underwater Animals
- September 8 – Meridian Citizens' Adult Academy
- September 9 – Youth and Adult Advanced Archery registration deadline
- September 10 – Meridian Heritage Festival
- September 11 – Family Special: Life in a Log
- September 12 – Sporties for Shorties
- September 15 – Chipmunk Story Time/Hey Little Ant
- September 16 – Howl at the Moon
- September 17 – My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers
- September 17 – Harvest Moon: Tales Around the Campfire
- September 17 – HNC Stewardship Morning
- September 18 – FHM Lecture Series



- September 19 – Timber Tots
- September 19 – My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers
- September 20 – Sporties for Shorties
- September 23 – Playmakers Kids' Running Club registration deadline
- September 23 – NFL Punt, Pass & Kick registration deadline
- September 25 – Meridian Arts & Crafts Marketplace

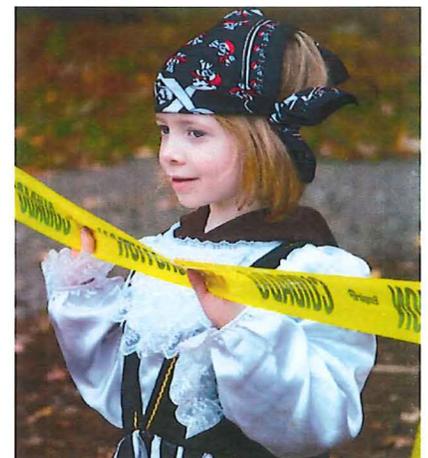
September 30 – Youth and Adult Introduction to Target Archery registration deadline

OCTOBER

- October 3 – 5 Elements Qigong
- October 5 – Sporties for Shorties
- October 6 – Preschool Science Exploration/Autumn Countdown
- October 8 – Red Cedar River Clearing Event
- October 8 – HNC Stewardship Morning
- October 9 – Autumn Color Walk
- October 14 – Youth and Adult Introduction to Air Rifle registration deadline
- October 14 – Howl at the Moon
- October 16 – FHM Lecture Series
- October 18 – Sporties for Shorties
- October 20 – Chipmunk Story Time/Big Pumpkin
- October 22 – Fire Prevention Open House
- October 22 – Halloween Adventures
- October 28 – Haslett 4th – 6th Grade Basketball registration deadline
- October 29 – Meridian Celebrate Halloween
 - Halloween Open House at the Meridian Township Police Department
 - HOMTV's Studio Fun House
 - Halloween in the Village
 - Meridian Farmers' Market



Registration couldn't be easier
Go to [BITLY.COM/MERIDIANREGISTER](https://bitly.com/meridianregister)
to set up an account



Questions, call Meridian Township Parks
And Recreation at (517) 853-4600

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August 15, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Meridian Garden Club's proposed Plant it Pink Garden. The new garden will be located in the Meridian Historical Village area of Central Park in Meridian Township. It will be a wonderful addition to the Village and will provide a beautiful, peaceful setting that includes benches, low-maintenance landscaping, and the recognition or remembrance of lives touched by breast cancer.

The Meridian Garden Club is one of the strongest volunteer groups in the township and have been responsible for numerous public improvements that are not only beautiful, but are meaningful and educational. Examples include a Monarch Garden near our farmers' market pavilion; a Blue Star Memorial Garden; and numerous other gardens throughout the township.

Meridian Township has been collaborating with the Meridian Garden Club since 1970 to improve and maintain the gardens in Central Park. Because of their efforts, the Village is a popular spot with local photographers along with thousands of other park visitors who enjoy the grounds.

The Plant it Pink garden will also serve to enhance the successful collaboration of various civic organizations. We have learned many times that when we all join hands together, we are able to accomplish great things. It is efforts such as this that serve to "create community through people, parks, and places."

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'LuAnn Maisner' with a small flourish at the end.

LuAnn Maisner
Director of Parks and Recreation

