



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday November 9, 2021 4:30pm
Zoom

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REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

5. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Thank you and donation check
 - b. Grettenberger thank you
 - c. Recreation Master Plan Community Survey Press Release
 6. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Set Public Hearing Date – 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2022-2026
 - b. Election of Officers
 - c. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule
 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
 11. ADJOURNMENT
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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

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Meeting Location: Zoom

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Park Commission Meeting
November 9, 2021

4. MINUTES

a. September 14, 2021



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 4:36 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Michael McDonald, Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, and Chair Amanda Lick

EXCUSED: Vice Chair Ami Van Antwerp

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lick called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Farris moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**, with the addition of 7B. Consumer's Energy Easement Request. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McDonald moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2021**.
Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Director Maisner summarized list of budgeted projects from 2013-2021. Projects were completed with funds from grants, contributions from the general fund, and local matches from the park millage.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution of Declaration and Notice – LWCF Gateway Path and Restroom Grant

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840, in said Township on the 14th day of September, 2021 at 6 pm, Local Time.

PRESENT: Michael McDonald, Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, and Amanda Lick

ABSENT: Ami Van Antwerp

The following resolution of Declaration and Notice was offered by Commissioner McDonald and supported by Commissioner Farris.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian, governing body, hereinafter called Meridian Township, being the owner of all the property described as Central Park:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A parcel of land located within the East 1/2 of Section 16 and the West 1/2 of the Section 15, Meridian Township, T4N, RI W, Ingham County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southeast 1/4 Corner of said Section 16, thence North along the East line of said Section 495.07 ft. to the intersection of the North right of way line of Central Park Drive and the East Section line and the point of beginning, thence North continuing along said east line 825.0 ft., thence West 1320.20 ft. to the Centerline of Okemos Road, thence North along said centerline 1648.53 ft.; to the South Right-of-Way line of Canadian Northern Railroad, thence northeasterly along said Railroad right of way 3258.15 ft. +/- to the intersection of said South Railroad right of way line and the North 1/8 line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, thence south along said 1/8 line 645.03 ft., thence S21 ° 28'30"E 439.73 ft. to the Southwest corner of Nemoke Trails Apartments, thence N68 ° 31'30"E 164.0 ft., thence N21 ° 28'30"W 65.0 ft., thence N68 ° 31'30"E 349.82 ft., thence N32 ° 16'16"E, 698.38 ft., thence N68 ° 31'30"E, 352.0 ft. to the North-South line of Section 15, thence N53 ° 17'58"E 155.98 ft., S21 ° 28'30"E 159.22 ft., thence S33 ° 44'04"E 120.32 ft., thence S02 ° 29'49"E 115 ft. to the Southwest Corner of Meridian Hills Condominiums, thence South 570 ft., thence West 251 ft. to the North-South line of Section 15, thence South along said line 1297.7 ft., thence west 1331.75, thence South 120 ft., thence East 1331.75 ft., which is 60 ft. south of the Center of Section 15, thence South along the North-South line of Section 15, 587.31 ft., thence West 70.56 ft., thence S27 ° 03'27"W 552.66 ft., thence S61 ° 55'26"E 362.10 ft., thence South 8.27 ft. to the West right of way line of Marsh Road, thence along said right of way line S27 ° 43'58"W 1000.27 ft. to the intersection of the West right of way line of Marsh Road and the North right of way line of Central Park Drive, Thence along said North line N70 ° 11'35"W 1420.59 ft., thence on a curve to the left with a length of 998.49 ft., a radius of 665 ft., with a delta of 87.34° and a chord bearing N65 ° 57'36"E with a length of 904.58 ft. to the point of beginning; except (Municipal Town Hall) commencing at the South 1/4 Corner of Section 15, thence N along the N-S section line 986.23 ft., thence west 162.7 ft. to the West right of way line of Marsh Road and the point of beginning, thence N65 ° 27'30"W 199.73 ft., thence on a curve to the left, with a length of 232.91 ft., having a radius of 150 ft., a delta of 88.96 °, and a chord bearing S70 ° 03'33"W with a length of 210.020, thence S25 ° 34'37"W 355.51 ft. thence N66 ° 29'28"W 127.01 ft., thence on a curve to the left, with a length of 235.14 ft., having a radius of 150 ft., a delta of 89.82°, and a chord bearing S68°36'03"W with a length of 211.79 ft., thence S23 ° 41'34"W 36.48 ft. to the North right of way of Central Park

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Tax ID: #33-02-02-16-400-028

#33-02-02-15-300-028

#33-02-02-15-100-014

Herein after referred to as the Property, attached hereto, located in the Township of Meridian, County of Ingham, Michigan, hereby makes the following declaration to which the Property may be put.

WITNESSETH:

This declaration contained herein is based on the following factual recitals:

Meridian Township developed the Property, in part, through the grant money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

- A. As a condition of the grant by the DNR, Meridian Township has agreed to impose certain restrictions on the developed portion of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY DECLARES THAT THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS THE PROJECT AREA IS AND SHALL BE HELD, TRANSFERRED, SOLD, CONVEYED, LEASED, OCCUPIED AND USED SUBJECT TO THE OBLIGATION HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, ALL OF WHICH SHALL RUN WITH THE LAND, IN PERPETUITY.

THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS DEED DEVELOPED BY MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP WITH FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PURSUANT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT LW16-0046 (26-01768), ACCESSIBLE GATEWAY BRIDGE AND RESTROOM DEVELOPMENT, BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, EXECUTED ON FEBRUARY 28, 2018. THE PROJECT AGREEMENT DESCRIBES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF THE PROPERTY AND ITS USE FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP IS PLACING THIS NOTICE ON RECORD AS CONFIRMATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CONSENT OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO ANOTHER ENTITY, OR FOR THE USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN CONSERVATION OR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, Mike McDonald and Amanda Lick

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss:

COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 14th of September, 2021.

Amanda Lick

Amanda Lick, Chair
Park Commission

B. Resolution of Declaration and Notice – MNRTF Central Meridian Trail Connector

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840, in said Township on the 14th day of September 2021 at 5:00pm, Local Time.

PRESENT: Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, Mike McDonald and Amanda Lick

ABSENT: Ami Van Antwerp

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THE LANDS INCLUDED IN THIS DEED DEVELOPED BY MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP WITH FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO PROJECT AGREEMENT TF-16-0087, CENTRAL PARK REGIONAL PATHWAY AND FISHING DOCK DEVELOPMENT, BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, EXECUTED ON NOVEMBER 22, 2017. THE PROJECT AGREEMENT DESCRIBES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF THE PROPERTY AND ITS USE FOR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP IS PLACING THIS NOTICE ON RECORD AS CONFIRMATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CONSENT OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO ANOTHER ENTITY, OR FOR THE USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN CONSERVATION OR PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, Mike McDonald, and Amanda Lick

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

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Amanda Lick

Amanda Lick, Chair
Park Commission

C. Deer Management Program – Addition of Sander Farm

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, in said Township on the 14th day of September, 2021, at 5:25 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, Mike McDonald, and Amanda Lick

ABSENT: Ami Van Antwerp

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Stephens and supported by Commissioner McDonald.

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian has documented numerous complaints relative to the issue of the over-population of white-tailed deer including: over-grazing of landscape plants, a high number of deer/car collisions, threats to public health, and threats to the ecological health of natural areas; and

WHEREAS a Deer Management Plan has been developed for the purpose of outlining measures for conducting a highly managed, safe and humane managed deer harvest on township-owned properties; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that controlled hunting may help control the overpopulation of white-tailed deer; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian has authorized staff to conduct a managed deer harvest on township-owned properties that will occur seven days per week during the regular archery season (October 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS the managed deer harvest will utilize qualified, competent, and experienced volunteer hunters; and

WHEREAS the township-owned properties are not open to unauthorized hunting; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to operate under the Deer Management Assistance Program for the purpose of purchasing a large number of antlerless deer permits; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian's Deer Management Program will comply with all State of Michigan rules and hunting regulations; and

WHEREAS the public will be properly notified of the deer harvest through posted signs on the designated hunting properties, township website postings, press releases in the local

newspaper, and letters to owners of properties adjacent to designated hunting properties; and

WHEREAS the majority of the venison from the harvested deer will be distributed to the hungry through local food banks; and

WHEREAS parks and natural areas provide ecological and aesthetic beauty, improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Meridian recognizes the benefits derived from parks and natural areas and appreciates benefits of local wildlife

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN THAT THE SANDER FARM PRESERVED NATURAL AREA BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF APPROVED TOWNSHIP-OWNED LAND FOR THE MANAGED DEER HARVEST PROGRAM.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Mark Stephens, Mary Farris, Mike McDonald and Amanda Lick

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

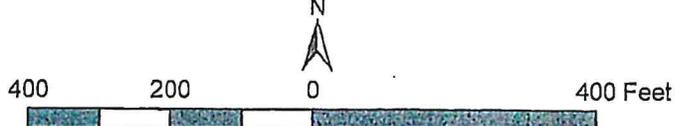
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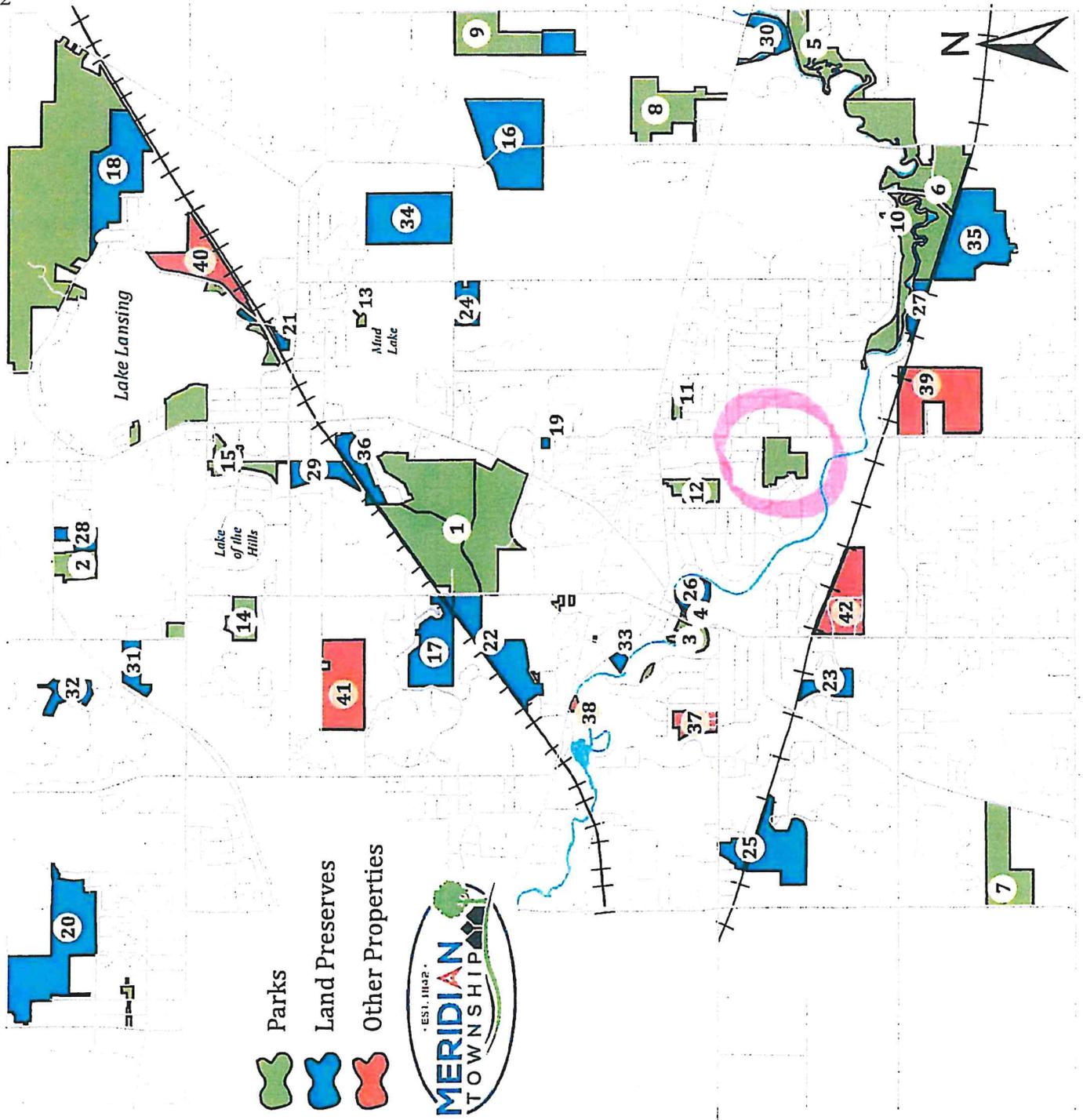
Amanda Lick, Chair
Park Commission



MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN



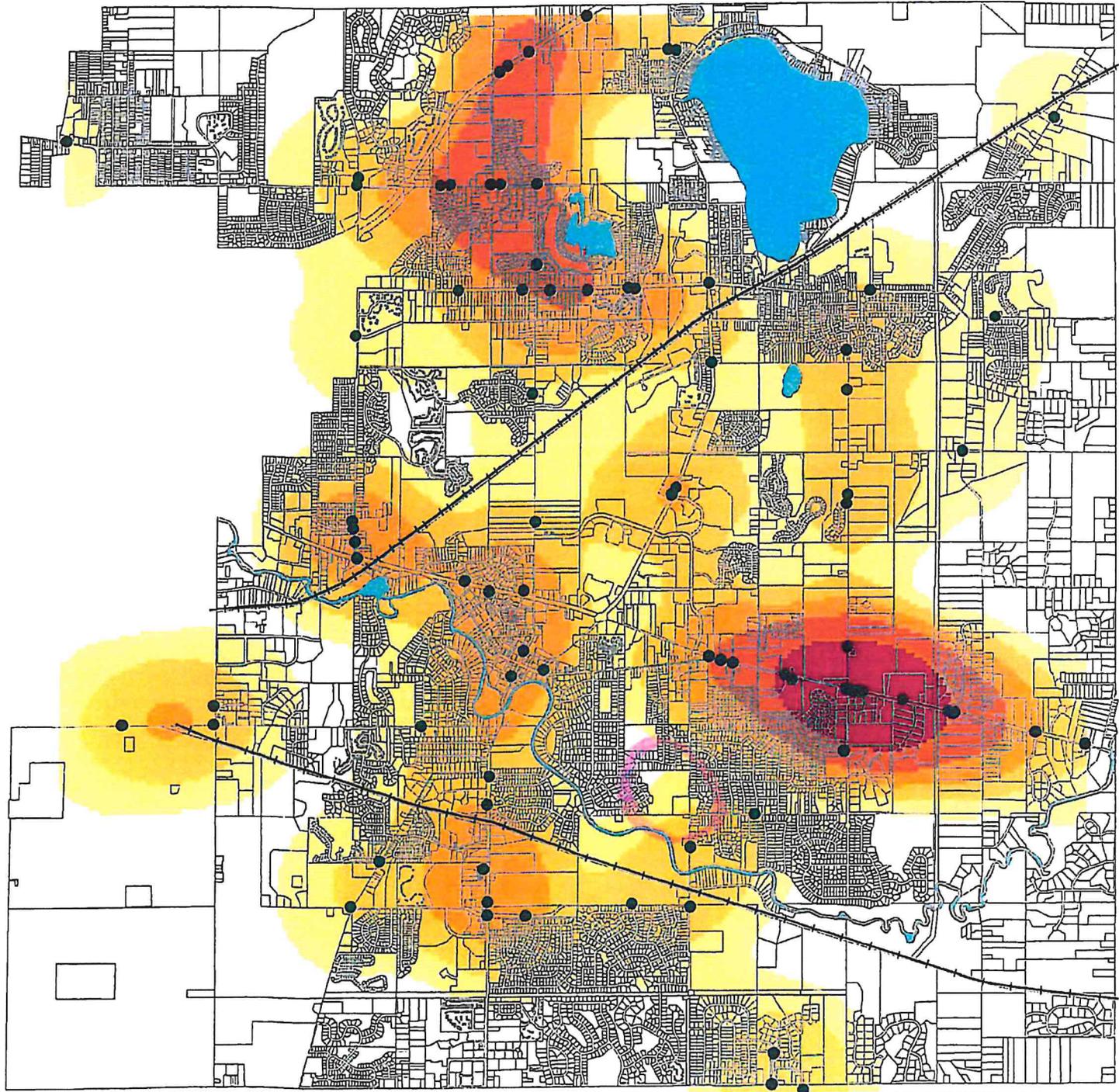
Meridian Township Deer Management Areas 2021



1 Central Park	16 Davis/Foster Preserve	37 Glendale Cemetery
2 Towner Road Park	17 Hubbel Preserve	38 Riverside Cemetery
3 Wotch Park	18 Lake Lansing North Preserve	39 Ingham County Farm
4 Ferguson Park	19 Newman Equities Preserve	40 Transfer Station
5 Eastgate Park	20 Towar Woods Preserve	41 ELMWSA
6 Legg Park	21 Lake Lansing South Preserve	42 Delta Dental
7 Hartwick Park	22 Central Meridian Uplands	
8 Ted Black Woods	23 Sower Woods Preserve	
9 North Meridian Rd. Park	24 Tihart/Cornoll Wetland	
10 Red Cedar Natural Area	25 Southwest Meridian Uplands	
11 Forest Hills Natural Area	26 Sumbal Preserve	
12 Tacoma Hills Natural Area	27 Red Cedar Glen Preserve	
13 Orlando Outlot B	28 Towner Wetland Preserve	
14 Brattin Woods	29 Meridian Central Wetland	
15 Hillbrook Park	30 Red Cedar River East Preserve	
	31 Forest Grove Preserve	
	32 North Ridge Preserve	
	33 Mandenberg Woods	
	34 Tihart Preserve	
	35 Ponderosa Preserve	
	36 Nemoke Preserve	



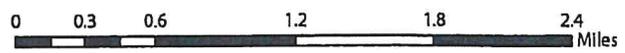
Meridian Township Deer-Vehicle Collisions (2020)



Legend

- Deer-Vehicle Collisions
- High
- Low

Last Update: 9/9/2021



7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY INPUT OPPORTUNITIES – MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Commissioners discussed the results of the Township Board's recent community survey and its use as one of the elements of public input in the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan Update. Other opportunities include setting up a booth at a Saturday Farmers Market, schedule a community listening session and offering a survey on survey monkey to obtain additional comments. A Work Session was requested to discuss and finalize survey questions.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Current sports Participation:**
 - Youth Soccer: 57 teams/560 participants
 - Flag football: 43 teams/220 participants
 - Williamston Flag Football: 13 teams
 - Bath Flag Football: 4 teams
 - Sporties for Shorties: 147 participants
- **Deer Management:** All systems are “go” for the 2021 Deer Management Archery program with 75 hunters on 41 properties in the Township. The program follows all Michigan Department of Natural Resources rules and regulation and runs from October 1-January 1. The signs have been posted, neighbors alerted, tags purchased, processor is ready, Sportsmen Against Hunger are confirmed and once again funding the processing fees. The Police Department is also preparing for the extended deer cull that will begin on January 2, 2022.
- **Farmers Market:** The Farmers Market continues on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm through October. The Winter Market will continue outdoors on Saturdays from November through April from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- **Music at Marketplace on the Green** – Free concerts have been offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 pm from July through September thanks to donations from Orthopedic Rehab Specialists, Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes, MABA, and Embassy Transportation. The concerts in October have an amended time of 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The concerts have proven very popular among our older adult population.
- We are working with the Friends of Historic Meridian as they host their **Blue and Gray Event on October 1-3 in the Historical Village** and features a Civil War re-enactment and barn dance. The event is free to the public.
- **Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell** has been doing great work in our parks and land preserves with invasive plant removals, restoration projects and volunteer engagement through the Meridian Conservation Corp program.
- **The Harris Nature Center** has been busy once again with school groups as well as hosting week-long Annie's Big Nature Lesson programs on multiple weeks this fall with over 100 students daily each week.

- The Park Commission along with the Friends of Historic Meridian hosted a **memorial dedication for the late John Grettenberger** at the Historical Village on Saturday, September 18. A bronze plaque and Oak tree were installed in his honor as he and his family were instrumental in the development of the Historical Village.
- **The Nokomis Center Roof replacement** – The Nokomis Board sought bids to re-roof the Nokomis Center and awarded the contract to Jimmerson Roofing. Work will begin in 2-3 weeks.
- **Eagle Scout Candidate, Gryffin Porter** completed his Eagle Scout project of building and installing dog agility equipment in the Large Dog Park.
- **The Meridian Senior Center** continues to offer in-person programs as well as virtual programs keeping our senior population engaged and active.
- **Members of the 55+ Fitness Workout Program** continue to meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Central Park Pavilion from 9:00 -10:00 am. There are approximately 35-40 participants each day.
- **An AED unit** has been installed on the restroom building at Towner Road Park at the request of the pickleball players at Towner Road Park and Hillbrook Park. Special thanks to EMS/Training Chief, Bill Priese for his assistance with this project. The AED for Hillbrook Park is not yet installed as we are working with the Water Authority to obtain permission to attach the unit to their building. Users must first call 911 to obtain the code to access the containment box.
- **Okemos Road Parcel Acquisition** – As soon as the DNR provides approval of the property appraisal, we are ready on our end to complete the purchase. The Fire Department has requested use of the structure for a training exercise before the demo work is scheduled. Our hope is to close on the property by the end of October and demo soon after.
- **Halloween at the Market** – we are hosting a Halloween event on Wednesday, October 20 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm with music, market vendors, games and the Great Lakes Ghostbusters Coalition ecto-mobile and characters.
- **Haslett High School is hosting their Homecoming Dance** at Marketplace on the Green on Saturday, October 2.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Universal Advisory Access Board meeting discussion and suggestion of meeting time change moving forward to encourage more participation. Discussion of scheduling an annual meeting for the board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

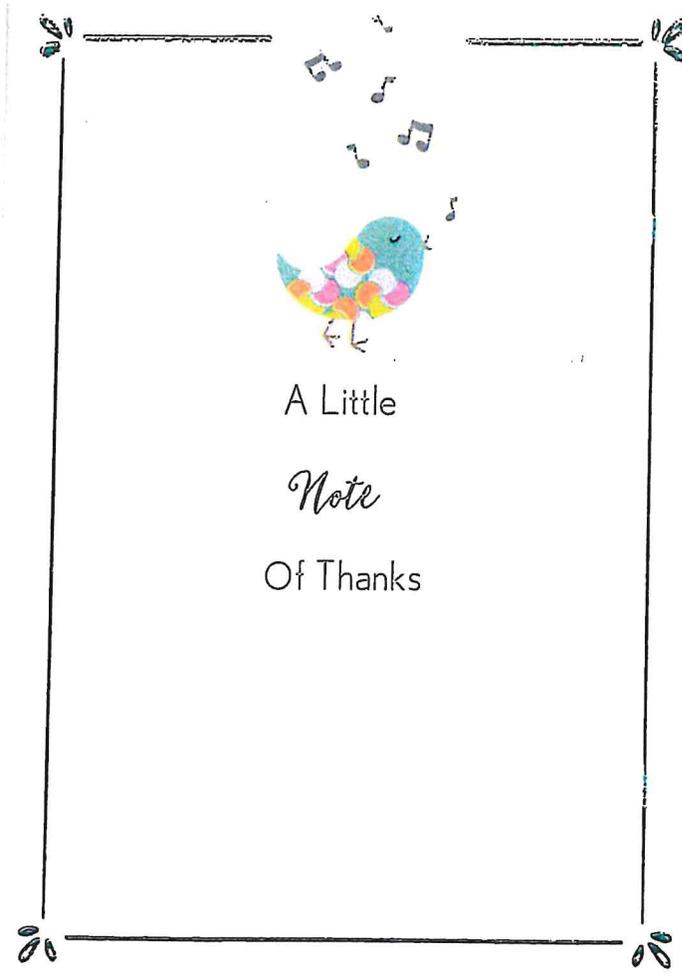
Hearing no objections, Chair Lick adjourned the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021, 4:30 pm, at Meridian Township Service Center.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Thank you and donation check



Thank you
for Worch Park!
We had a few
Overeaters Anonymous
meetings there this past
summer. Beautiful setting!
OKemo's
Overeaters
Anonymous

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

b. Grettenberger Thank You



LuAnn Maismel
Parks & Recreation Director
Murdan Township
5151 Marsh Rd.

OKemos Mill Wash



T H A N K Y O U

How beautiful this incredible plaque and oak tree planted in his honor he would be beaming from ear to ear just as he had everywhere he spoke about the village. Your words about my dad brought such a smile and chuckle to us all. It stands so perfect in a place my dad cherished and loved. Thank you again for this gift and the beautiful day to celebrate, dad.

Along with Krista

Dear Kulum,

I am late in expressing my thank you and incredible gratitude for the most beautiful tribute to my dad with the beautiful plaque, the message, and the tall and strong oak tree planted in his honor. Words cannot thank you enough for this tribute to my father. I know his seen it from a far but if he was here to see to top →

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

c. Recreation Master Plan Community Survey

Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 2, 2021

CONTACT: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Director
517.853.4604 | maisner@meridian.mi.us

Shape the Future of Parks and Recreation in Meridian Township
Community Input Needed on Five Year Master Plan

Meridian Township, MI – Meridian Township’s Parks and Recreation Department is in the final stages of updating their Five-year Master Plan for 2022 - 2026. The recreation programs and parks in Meridian Township are developed to provide the community with opportunities for social engagement, exercise and personal reflection.

The intent of the plan will identify current and future parks and recreation needs in order to continue providing programs and services that maintain and improve the quality of life in the community. The results of the survey combined with upcoming public meetings will provide a blueprint for the future of parks and recreation.

“Everyone’s voice is important for meaningful future planning,” stated LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Director.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback through the online survey by Tuesday, November 16; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MeridianParksRec>

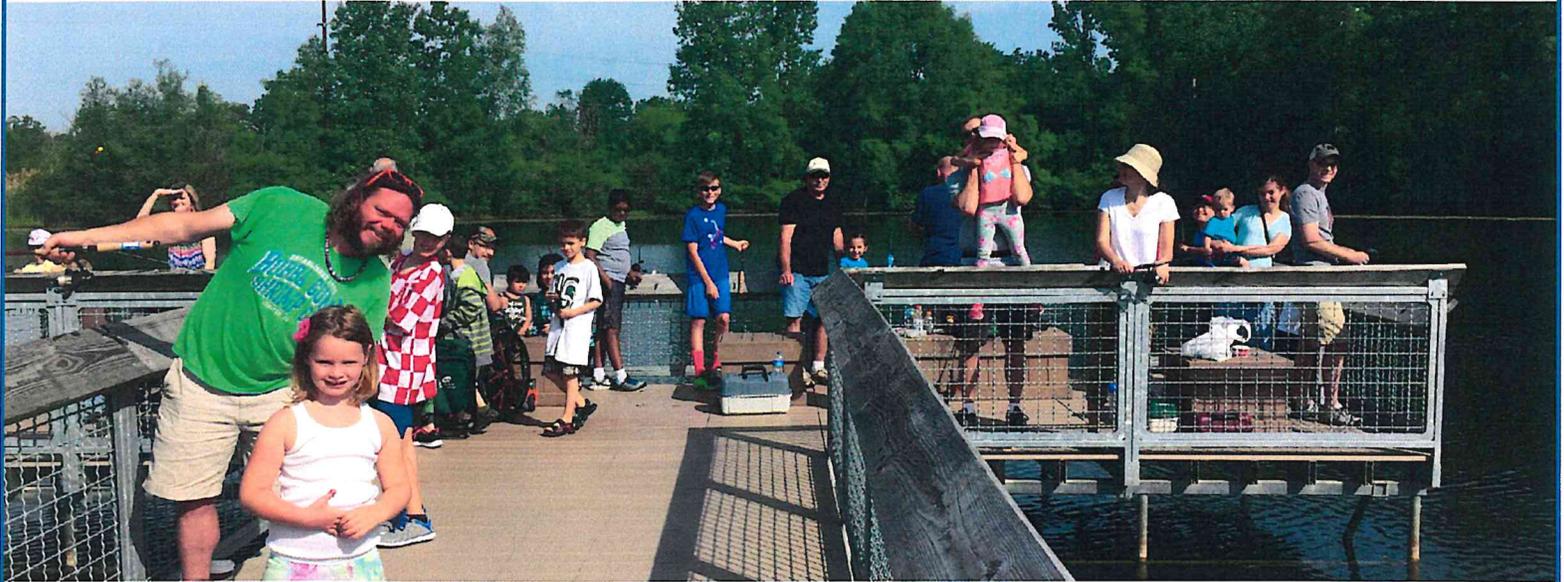
The master plan will follow the guidelines and requirements established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to provide eligibility for grant funding. Any and all comments may be forwarded to LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Director at maisner@meridian.mi.us or by calling 517.853.4600.

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The community of Meridian Township is in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol and Michigan State University. The Township serves the community through exceptional services, beneficial amenities and an outstanding quality of life. It is a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles.



PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN SURVEY



Share your input to help shape the future of
parks and recreation in your community!



Scan here to take
the survey online!

Survey Deadline: November 16

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Community Survey Promoted Groups

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation

Meridian Township Farmers' Market

Friends of the Red Cedar River

Friends of the Meridian Dog Park

Meridian Deer Management

Friends of Historic Meridian

Friends of the Okemos Library

Friends of Ingham County Parks

Friends of Meridian Township Pathways

Friends of Meridian Township Wetlands

Fitness Over 50 exercise group

Meridian Senior Center

Kinawa and Chippewa Parents Connect

Towner Road Pickleball

Hillbrook Pickleball Group

Okemos, Michigan Community

Haslett Community

Nextdoor

LinkedIn

HNC Foundation

Park Commission Meeting

November 9, 2021

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Set Public Hearing Date – 5 Year Parks and Recreation
Plan 2022-2026



6.A.

To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: November 3, 2021
Re: Set Public Hearing - 2022-2026 Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Every five years, the Park Commission undertakes the process of updating the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This document serves to inventory the Township's recreational assets as well as mandates community input to drive current and future needs and trends. This information drives decisions and planning for future park projects. This plan is also necessary to have on file with the Department of Natural Resources to qualify for state and federal grant funding.

Motion for Township Board Consideration:

Move to set the Public Hearing for the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:30pm to accept additional comments from the community regarding parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Park Commission Meeting

November 9, 2021

6. ACTION ITEMS

b. Election of Park Commission Officers

6.B.



To: Park Commissioners

From: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: November 8, 2021

Re: Election of Park Commission Officers

Chair opens the floor for nominations for **Chair**.

COMMISSIONER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS CHAIR.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER _____

Commissioner _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nominations for **Chair**.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

Chair opens the floor for nomination for **Vice Chair**.

COMMISSIONER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS VICE CHAIR.

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER _____

Commissioner _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nomination for **Vice Chair**.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

Park Commission Meeting

November 9, 2021

6. ACTION ITEMS

c. 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule

6.C.

Park Commission Meeting Dates
2022 Meeting Schedule

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, in said Township on the day of November 2021, at p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the Park Commission desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission deems the 2022 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board’s Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board’s Global Ends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that the Park Commission adopts its regular 2022 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 11	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
January 25*	Town Hall Room	Joint Meeting with Township Board at 6:00 pm
February 8	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
March 8	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
April 12	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
May 10	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
June 14	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
July 12	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
August 9	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
September 13	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
October 11	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
November 8	ZOOM	4:30 pm regular meeting
December 8	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

Resolution declared adopted.

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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 9th of November, 2021.

Amanda Lick, Chair
Park Commission

Park Commission Meeting

November 9, 2021

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 5 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan



7.A.

To: Park Commissioners
From: LuAnn Maisner CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: November 5, 2021
Re: Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update 2022-2026

The process is well underway with updated base information and facility inventory, and census. To date for public input, we have the results of the statistically valid Township Board survey (attached), notes from the Universal Access Advisory Board meeting, notes from the Park Commission booth at the Farmers Market, and staff input. Closing on November 16, is another on-line survey related only to Parks and Recreation on Survey Monkey. A link to that survey was forwarded to many of our stakeholders directly to be sure their voices would be heard.

Attached are park accomplishments from 2016-2021, the Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2027, and results from the Township's recent Community Survey related to Parks and Recreation. **Please review these reports and prepare to share thoughts and ideas you have related to the future of Parks and Recreation in Meridian Township for the next five years.** Everyone's input is important!

Park Projects Completed 2016-2021

2016

1. **Wonch Park:** New pavilion with electricity and tables made from recycled materials; drinking fountain with water bottle filler; community mural; 12 pieces of universally accessible fitness equipment, and resurfacing/stripping the parking lot.
2. **Hillbrook Park:** Tennis Court renovation including creation of one tennis court, three pickleball courts, and half-court basketball court; new fencing; new play equipment, 30 new trees, and repaving the internal walkways.
3. **Orlando Park:** New playground; and new storybook walking trail (in partnership with CADL and the Haslett Library).
4. **Hartrick Park:** Four new dugouts; a pollinator garden for monarch butterflies; Garlic Mustard Free eradicated
5. **Harris Nature Center:** The Nature Exploration Area added a Fossil Dig area funded and designed by the Harris Nature Center Foundation Board members. Other improvements included basement waterproofing, painting and new storage racks.
6. **Central Park Historical Village:** Addition to the Barnes House to serve as office space for Friends of Historic Meridian staff; landscape enhancements to the flower garden areas. The ground was broken for the Garden Club's "Plant It Pink" Garden.
7. **Nancy Moore Park:** New Lake Michigan beach sand was delivered for the sand volleyball courts; Eagle Scout constructed and installed a Gaga Ball court.
8. **Ferguson Park:** Planted 10 trees with grant assistance from Consumers Energy and volunteer support from Chippewa School students.
9. **Legg Park:** 80 students from Ralya Elementary and Haslett Middle School released salmon into the Sloan Creek and fished the Historical Village Pond.
10. **Ferguson Park:** the following students released salmon into the Red Cedar River as part of a "Salmon in the Classroom" lesson.
 - 100 – 5th grade school children from Murphy Elementary
 - 140 – 8th grade students from Highlander Way Middle School (Howell)
 - 34 -3rd grade students from Laingsburg Elementary and 19 High School
 - 58 - 2nd and 3rd grade students from Gier Park Elementary
 - 25 - 5th grade students from Hiawatha Elementary

2017

1. **Towner Road Park:** Development of this 26-acre park began in 2017 and contains two baseball/softball fields, two soccer/lacrosse fields, accessible perimeter walking path, picnic pavilion, restrooms, six-pickleball courts, and parking lot.
2. **Harris Nature Center:**
 - a. **Boulder Garden** containing indigenous rocks of Michigan with informational signage
 - b. **Building Generator installed**

- c. **Drilled new well –**
- d. **Replaced parking lot lights with LED lighting.**
- e. **Installed new split-rail fence (Eagle Scout project) at Nature Exploration Area**

3. **Interpretive Signage in the Historical Village:** The Haslett Okemos Rotary Club is funding six new interpretive signs for the Historical Village that artistically describe life in the late 1800's and the history of the structures located in the Village. They will be installed in the spring of 2018.

4. **Mobile Tool Shed:** Funded by the Capital Community Foundation through a \$6,500 grant, this trailer is used to support various park and land preserve volunteer projects.

5. **ART!:**

a. **Three "Disco Fish" sculptures** were donated by the Meridian Township DDA and installed in Wonch Park.

b. **Community Mural** painted during the 2017 "Celebrate Meridian" event was installed in Hillbrook Park in the fall. This makes the second mural installation in our parks. A new mural is scheduled for creation during this years' Celebrate Festival.



6. **Farmers' Market Relocation Project:** Progress has been made with creating a public – private partnership with CBL Properties for moving forward with "Marketplace on the Green" pavilion and amenities. CBL is in the process of developing the land lease and staff has been working to obtain funding for the project from multiple sources. The proposed location is located along the greenspace near Studio C on Central Park Drive.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARK TRAILS

1. **Completed new trailhead signs for the following parks:**

- a. Ted Black Woods
- b. North Meridian Road Park
- c. Tacoma Hills Park
- d. Hartrick Park
- e. Brattin Woods
- f. Forest Hills Park
- g. Meridian Riverfront Park (Eastgate, Harris & Legg)

2. **Installed new signs and trail markers in Ted Black Woods**

3. **Completed new print maps for Ted Black Woods**



4. **Began work on creating interactive park map for the Township website**

5. **Uploaded the following trail systems to the AllTrails app:**

- a. Ted Black Woods
- b. North Meridian Road Park
- c. Brattin Woods
- d. Hillbrook Park
- e. Harris Nature Center
- f. Eastgate Park

- g. Hartrick Park

2018

7. **Towner Road Park:** located in Haslett, this park was officially opened in fall of 2018 with a ribbon-cutting and kickball tournament that honored the Will Goodall Fund. The park contains athletic fields, walking paths, pavilion, restrooms, pickleball courts, and parking.
8. **Harris Nature Center:**
 - f. **Beaver Lodge:** Local architect David VanderKlok, Studio Intrigue, has designed and built a new amenity for the Nature Exploration Area, a Beaver Lodge replica. He has donated his time, skills and money to design and construct an oversized beaver lodge structure comprised of all natural materials.
 - g. **Patio:** replaced ceiling tile with a vinyl tile
 - h. **Fire Circle:** replaced and rebuilt the amphitheater bench seating
9. **Interpretive Signage in the Historical Village:** We installed and held a ribbon cutting for interpretive signs in the Meridian Historical Village. Haslett Okemos Rotary Club funded six new interpretive signs that artistically describe life in the late 1800's and the history of the structures located in the Village.
10. **Mobile Tool Shed:** Funded by the Capital Community Foundation through a \$6,500 grant that was received in 2017, this trailer is being used regularly to support various park and land preserve volunteer projects.
11. **ART!:**
 - c. **Community Mural** painted during the 2018 "Celebrate Meridian" event, features dogs and will be installed on the fencing at the new dog park in Central Park.
12. **Farmers' Market Relocation Project:** Progress has been made with creating a public – private partnership with CBL Properties for moving forward with "Marketplace on the Green" pavilion and amenities. CBL is in the process of developing the land lease and staff has been working to obtain funding for the project from multiple sources. The proposed location is located along the greenspace near Studio C on Central Park Drive. We are currently working with an engineer on the site plan development. A crowd funding campaign was held in December 2018/January 2019 through the Michigan Economic Development Council(MEDC) The fundraising campaign raised \$67,000 and we will receive a match of \$50,000 from the MEDC.
13. **Gateway Footbridge and Restroom Building in Historical Village:** Project is currently being engineered and is anticipated to be complete in early summer 2019.
8. **Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project:** Project is currently being engineered and is anticipated to be complete in early summer 2019.
9. **North Meridian Road Park:** Installed a new pavilion, accessible grill, accessible picnic tables at park (funded by Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant). Grant amount was \$50,000 and local match was \$50,000. An Eagle scout installed gaga ball pit at park in summer 2018.
10. **Small Dog Park:** Fencing and signage was installed in December, 2018.
11. **Indian Hills Park:** Planted one tree at park
12. **Ottawa Hills Park:** Planted six evergreen trees at park
13. **Nancy Moore Park:** Planted four deciduous trees
14. **The following two grant applications were submitted earlier this year to the DNR for park projects:**
 - Towner Road Play Space and Wetland Restoration/Nature Observation Area to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

- Ottawa Hills Park Play Space and Fitness Zone to Michigan Recreation Passport Fund
 - We received notification in December, 2018 that we did not receive the grant funding.
- 15. Outreach to MSU**
- Worked with MSU landscape architecture classes to critique their designs and to talk about working in government

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PARK TRAILS

- 6. Completed new trailhead signs for the following parks:**
- h. Ted Black Woods
 - i. North Meridian Road Park
 - j. Tacoma Hills Park
 - k. Hartrick Park
 - l. Brattin Woods
 - m. Forest Hills Park
 - n. Meridian Riverfront Park (Eastgate, Harris & Legg)
- 7. Installed new signs and trail markers in Ted Black Woods**
- 8. Completed new print maps for Ted Black Woods**
- 9. Began working with Cara Maney on interactive map of township parks for the website**
- 10. Uploaded the following trail systems to the AllTrails app:**
- h. Ted Black Woods
 - i. North Meridian Road Park
 - j. Brattin Woods
 - k. Hillbrook Park
 - l. Harris Nature Center
 - m. Eastgate Park
 - n. Hartrick Park
- 6. 2018 Projection:**
- a. Install the remaining signs that are completed along with trail markers and print maps
 - b. Complete Central Park (includes Nancy Moore & Central Park South), Towner Road Park, Wonch Park, Sander Farm and Hillbrook Park signs, trail markers, installation and print maps
 - c. Begin trail updates and upgrades in all parks where needed
 - d. Finish loading remaining parks onto the AllTrails app.

2019

Marketplace on the Green

This year the project was awarded to Gordon Construction Services for the site work and restroom/office facility. The pavilion portion was awarded to Mid-States Recreation/Coverworx. This facility, when completed will contain a large pavilion, music stage, playground, patio area, rain gardens, and open green space and will become our premier community event location as well as the new home for the Meridian Township Farmers Market. Construction will begin in January 2020 with completion in late spring.

Harris Nature Center Pavilion and Restroom Project

The Harris Nature Center has proven to be a popular destination in our community for environmental education and accessible walks in the woods. Thanks to state and federal grants, a new waterless restroom building and picnic pavilion will enhance the usage of this township gem. The contract for construction was awarded in December 2019 with construction in spring of 2020.

Central Park Grant Projects: Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector and Gateway Walkway and Restroom in Historical Village

This is another example of leveraging local Park Millage funds as grants were received from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund for these two projects. Bids for construction were received and rejected in 2019 due to higher-than- anticipated costs. Time was spent reviewing and reworking the plans and was re-bid in late December. Proposals are due in at the end of January 2020. Construction will begin in the spring of 2020.

DOGS –DOGS-DOGS!

Small dogs in our community are very “yappy” (happy) with the new Small Dog Park that opened in 2019 in Nancy Moore Park. This fenced facility contains a welcoming area with a drinking fountain for pets and owners, dog washing station and benches. The control gate regulates use on a registration basis. Inside the fenced area is green grass, trees and fun agility equipment. Much of the installation work was done in-house by the Parks Maintenance staff. A total of 172 dogs are registered to utilize the park. Two special events took place there this year including a Howl-o ween Costume Party and a Holiday Hounds party that included pictures with Santa!

Large Dogs have been patiently waiting for their new park. Their site in Central Park South was cleared of dead trees, graded and seeded in preparation for completion in the spring of 2020. This project will be completed in concert with the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector Project.

Senior Center Outdoor Improvements Senior Center Outdoor Improvements

Operation of the Meridian Senior Center is a joint collaboration between the Okemos School District and Meridian Township. With a current membership of 510, the Senior Center is an important facility for enrichment, socialization and fitness for our older adults. New to the Center, this year was the development of an outdoor courtyard space including a paved loop trail. The new courtyard contains multiple pieces of outdoor furniture, landscaping and raised plant beds. A ribbon-cutting event was held with school and township officials present in October.

New Fence at Riverside Cemetery

The fencing in Riverside Cemetery had deteriorated to the point that repair was no longer an option. Therefore, new black aluminum fencing was installed this summer that closely replicates the wrought iron that existed there previously. Some portions of the old fence were saved for a future amenity in the Historical Village.

Parkland Additions

Nearly 45-acres of parkland were added to the park system in 2019. A big THANK YOU to the following donors:

- T.J Acquisitions, LLC donated 9-acres adjacent to Hillbrook Park in Haslett.
- Marilyn Pinnavaia Trust donated a 2-acre parcel adjacent to Brattin Woods Park in the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood.
- Dr. Maureen Sander donated a 31-9 acre parcel on Dobie Road named the Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area.
- In preparation for development of Marketplace on the Green, Meridian Township acquired 2.5 acres of green space on Central Park Drive as part of a land transfer agreement with CBL Properties/Meridian Mall.

New Trailhead and Directional Signage in Parks

This project began in 2018 and continued throughout 2019 of adding new trailhead and directional signage in multiple parks with the goal of making our parks more welcoming, informative and easier to navigate. All 20 miles of park trails were GPS marked and uploaded to a Google-based smartphone app called "All Trails". The remaining 15 parks will receive new signs in 2020.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Recreation Programs for Youth, Adults and Seniors

Providing recreation services to our residents creates a positive connection with government, other participants, as well as to our community. Programs were offered for persons of all ages and abilities including exercise

2020

1. Marketplace on the Green

The ribbon was officially cut for this facility in October consisting of a large pavilion; restroom; office space; music stage; playground; outdoor musical instruments; patio area with seating; rain gardens; and open green space. The market also features electricity for each vendor and an area with a bike fix-it station, memorial plaque, and seating that was funded by donations received in memory of former Trustee John Veenstra. **Marketplace on the Green received an MParks Design Award** that will be awarded virtually in February, 2021.

2. Central Park Grant Projects: Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector and Gateway Walkway and Restroom in Historical Village

This is an example of leveraging local Park Millage funds as grants were received from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund for these two projects. Construction began on both projects during the spring of 2020. The Gateway Walkway and Restroom in the Historical Village was completed in the fall of 2020 and the Central Meridian Regional Trail is expected to be completed in spring 2021. Some highlights of these projects include a fishing dock, boardwalk, interpretive signage, a bike fix it station, and electricity for motorized wheelchairs.

3. DOGS HAVING A DOG-GONE GOOD TIME

Large Dogs finally got their very own dog park in 2020. A total of 231 dogs are currently registered to utilize the large dog park. The park is located in Central Park South, directly across from the Marketplace on the Green. It features a natural walking path, control gate, dog fountain, open grassy area, and shaded areas with lots of opportunities for good sniffs! The entryway has a beautiful dog mural that was painted during Celebrate Meridian in 2018. The Park Maintenance staff installed a majority of the items for this project. A HOWL-O-WEEN party was held in October and fun was had by all 30 dogs who attended.

Small dogs in our community continue to be very happy with the new Small Dog Park that opened in 2019 in Nancy Moore Park. This fenced facility contains a welcoming area with a drinking fountain for pets and owners, dog washing station and benches. The control gate regulates use on a registration basis. Inside the fenced area is green grass, trees and fun agility equipment. A total of 300 dogs are registered to utilize the small dog park. Our office received many compliments on both of the dog parks and there are regular groups of people and dogs who meet their on a daily basis. Visitors have reported to staff how valuable the space is and that it was their only opportunity for socialization during the pandemic. If you are ever feeling down, just go and sit outside the small dog park around 4 p.m. and your frown will immediately turn upside down!

4. Harris Nature Center Pavilion and Restroom Project

The Harris Nature Center has always been a popular destination in our community for environmental education and accessible walks in the woods. Thanks to state and federal grants, a new waterless restroom building and picnic pavilion will enhance the usage of this township gem. The construction began in spring of 2020 and is complete with the exception of landscaping that will be done in the spring. A special feature of the pavilion is the adjacent patio that features engraved donor pavers (still available!) and a grill. This pavilion is a much-needed amenity as our pavilion rentals throughout the park system are very popular.

5. Harris Nature Center Bird Overlook

The Harris Nature Center has been able to complete many projects due to the support from the Harris Nature Center Foundation Board. The Board's funding, along with a grant from the Capitol Region Community Foundation allowed for the construction of a 20' x 20' accessible bird overlook at the Center. All-weather binoculars and a Michigan Birds interpretive signage serves to enhance the experience.

6. MSU to Lake Lansing Trail Hub Acquisition Grant

Meridian Township received notification in December of its successful grant proposal from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for acquisition of a parcel to enhance the entrance to Nancy Moore Park and also to create a hub for the upcoming MSU to Lake Lansing Trail. This property will provide a vital link and opportunity to build a rest stop for trail enthusiasts and community members to explore and utilize the regional trail system. Funds for this acquisition won't be released until mid-2021.

7. Pickleball Courts

The pickleball courts at Hillbrook and Towner Road Parks were more popular than ever in 2020. The courts were full on a daily basis with an enthusiastic group of seniors who have continued to play outdoors through December!

8. New Trailhead and Directional Signage in Parks

This wayfinding project, which began in 2018, added new trailhead and directional signage in multiple parks. The goal is to make the parks more welcoming, informative and easier to navigate. An additional 15 parks received new signs in 2020 and we have three more to go in 2021. All 20 miles of park trails were GPS marked and uploaded to a Google-based smartphone app called "All Trails". In addition, Ingham County funded and installed numerous trail signs throughout the Township in locations along the cross-country trail and various parks including Hartrick Park, Central Park, and Nancy Moore Park. The signs were installed by our Parks Maintenance staff.

9. Parking Lot Improvements

Our Parks Maintenance department installed an **overflow parking lot in Towner Road Park** utilizing asphalt millings from the current road projects in the Township. This area was on the original development plan but was put on hold because of costs. In addition, we also **paved the entry drive to Legg Park** with recycled asphalt millings as well. This work will allow the park to remain open all year as former muddy conditions would force temporary park closures throughout the year. This type of application creates a firm, stable and pervious surface.

10. Pathway Maintenance

In 2020, the Parks Department made a very strong effort in trimming and mowing the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways. Staff trimmed and mowed 80 miles of pedestrian/bicycle pathways (prior to 2020, this work was contracted out). We received numerous phone calls during 2020 from residents telling us "The pathways and park trails have NEVER looked this good!"

11. Harris Nature Center Facility/Programming Report

The Harris Nature Center building received a beautiful facelift in 2020. Improvements included: a renovated new classroom space with ten bench risers (funded by the HNC Foundation); new paint throughout the entire interior of the building, a refurbished archway with lights at the entrance, and a new split-rail fence around the frog pond all completed by our Park Maintenance staff. Despite the pandemic, HNC staff made great efforts to offer programs to engage the public with the natural world while still keeping people safe. Quick Facts: ● Hosted two weeks of Annie's Big Nature Lesson with 100 students participating in a weeklong outdoor classroom ● Hosted 1,979 drop-in visitors ● Hosted 1,467 program participants (both in person and virtual) ● Implemented new virtual programming for schools, senior centers, and families ● Created and offered Private Guided programs (these were extremely popular).

12. Farmers' Market Report

In 2020, the market moved from the Central Park Pavilion to the Meridian Mall parking lot in an effort to space out the vendors to accommodate Covid-19 safety protocols. The Market officially moved into the new Marketplace on the Green in October. Quick Facts: ● Market Days in Operation: 51 (33 Saturdays & 18 Wednesdays) ● Days missed due to Covid: 5 (3 winter and 2 spring) ● 101 unique vendors ● 61 new vendors ● Total Customers: 62,756 people ● Food assistance utilized at the Market: Total= \$23,809

13. Senior Center

Operation of the Meridian Senior Center is a joint collaboration between the Okemos School District and Meridian Township. The Meridian Senior Center was created to provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for persons age 55 and over to gather and engage in programs and services to meet the ever-changing lifestyle needs for older persons throughout the community. With a current membership of 362 members (down from 2020 due to Covid-19), the Senior Center is an important facility for enrichment, socialization, meals, information and resources, and fitness for our older adults. While quarantining helped to mitigate seniors' risk of contracting Covid, it also put many of the community's older adults at risk of isolation and depression. The Senior Center adapted to Covid-19 guidelines and taught the seniors new skills like using Zoom and how to use and find information on the Senior Center Facebook and web page. In addition, the Center staff made regular phone calls to check in on all of the seniors. The Center held many events on Zoom including bingo, lunch dates, and educational sessions. Since March of 2020, the online class offerings grew from just 1 -2 per week to 1-2 per day. During the summer and fall the Center offered

2022-2027 CIP - PARKS

<u>2022</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
2022	Towner Road Park Playground	\$400,000	MNRTF/Park Millage
2022	Parking Lot repaving/expansion (Central Park South, N. Meridian Rd Park HNC, Marshall)	\$200,000	Park Millage
2022	New Park Signs and site furnishings	\$50,000	Park Millage
2022	Shade Structure at Towner	\$20,000	Park Millage
2022	Floating Islands Purification System	\$18,000	Park Millage
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<u>2023</u>			
2023	Central Park Pavilion Renovation, Landscaping	\$150,000	Park Millage
2023	Marshall Park Playground Replacement	\$150,000	Park Millage, Grants
2023	Okemos Road Parcel Development	\$400,000	Park Millage, Grants
2023	New Park signs	\$20,000	
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<u>2024</u>			
2024	Ottawa Hills Playground Replacement	\$ 75,000	Park Millage, Grants
2024	New Park Signs	\$20,000	
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<u>2025</u>			
2025	Nancy Moore Park Playground	350,000	Park Millage/grant
2025	Nancy Moore Park Pavilion	\$300,000	Park Millage/grant
2025	Nancy Moore Park Loop Trail	<u>\$90,000</u>	Park Millage/grant
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<u>2026</u>			
2026	Hillbrook Park Restroom Building	\$250,000	Park Millage, Federal and State Grants
2026	Wonch Park Improvements – Restroom, Streambank, launch, WiFi	\$500,000	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
2026	Snell-Towar Recreation Center Improvements	<u>\$185,000</u>	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
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<u>2027</u>			
2027	Central Park Improvements-Splashpad	\$500,000	Park Millage, Federal or State Grants
2027	Meridian Riverfront Park Trail Improvements	\$1,000,000	Park Millage, Pathway Millage, Federal/State Grants

Other items for future discussion/consideration: Skate Park; Disc golf course; Cricket field

Meridian Township Resident Survey and Priority Assessment

September 2021 - DRAFT



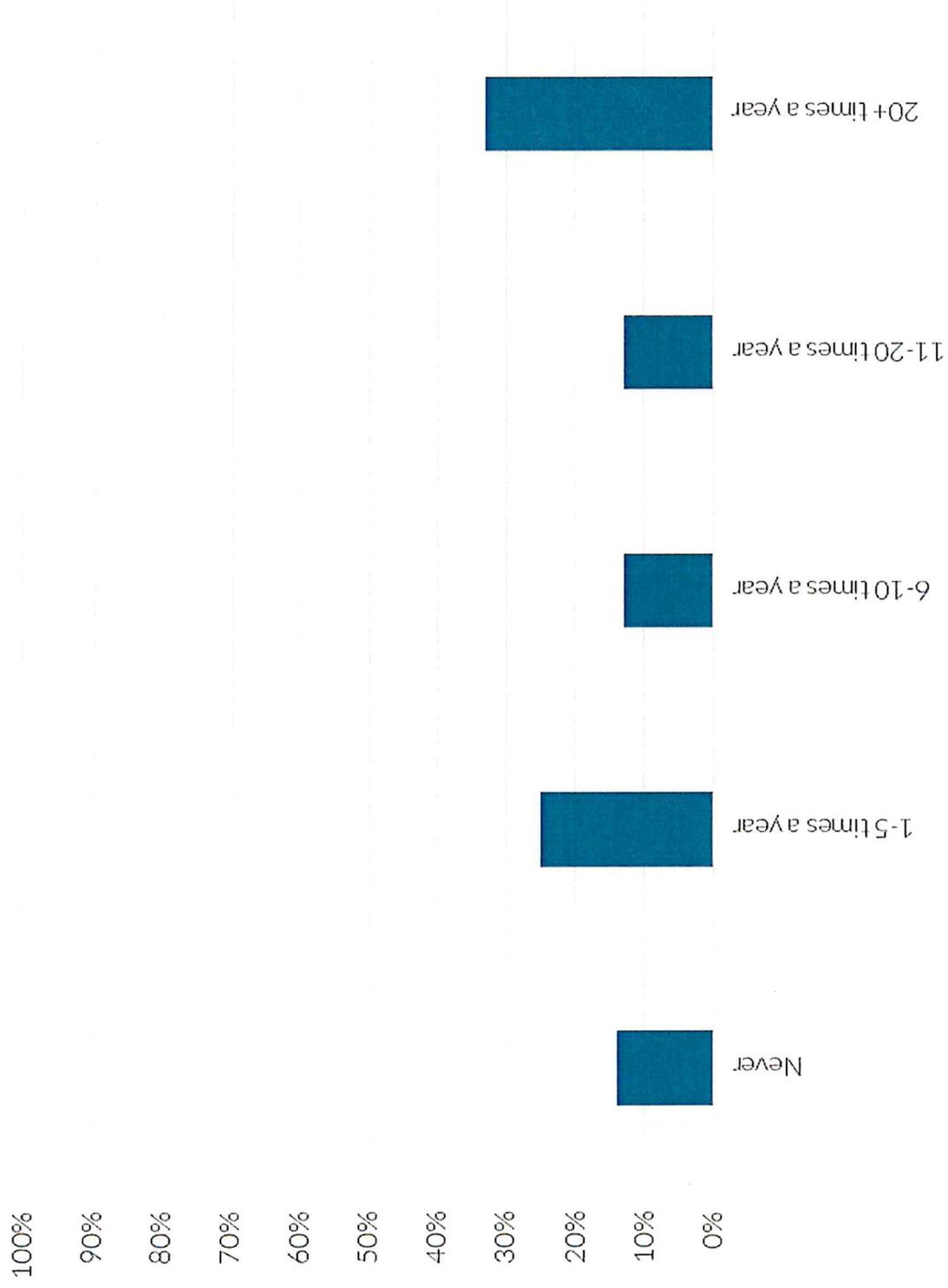
Bottom Line

- The Township outperforms the Cobalt benchmarks with an overall satisfaction score of 78
- There are several areas where improvement can have significant impact on engagement
 - 2021 Drivers:**
 - Township services
 - Community image
 - Public works
 - Police services
 - Transportation infrastructure
 - Strong themes of improved and expanded walking and cycling infrastructure
 - Residents like Township safety, parks, and public schools
 - Would like more music, art, and food events
 - Would also like more information on community events and Township projects
 - About 66% support a millage for broadband. Current median costs are \$90/month.
 - Over 80% support continuation of the deer management program
 - 64 individuals are interested in participating in potential future planning workshops, focus groups, or similar conversations

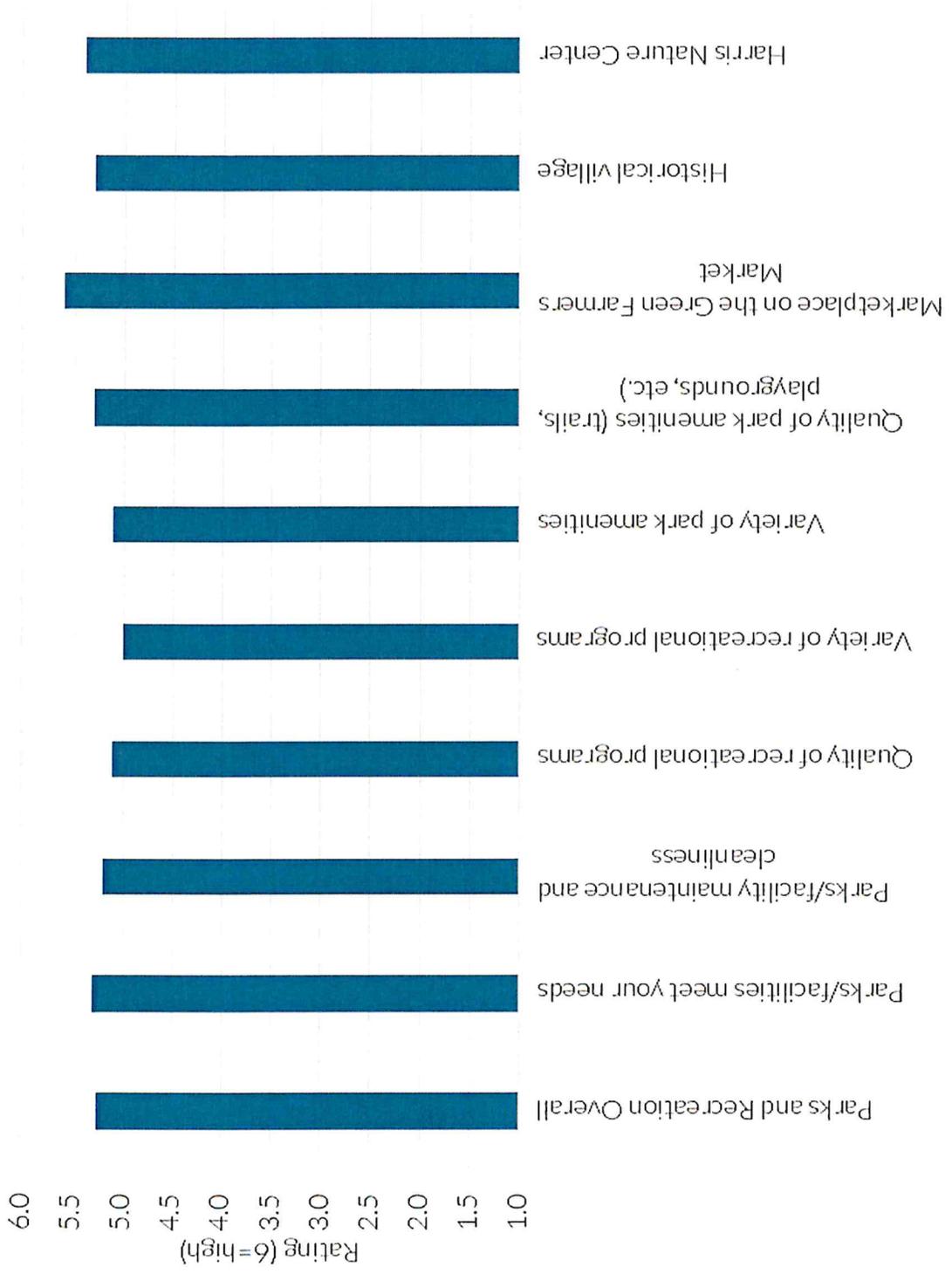
Methodology

- Random sample of 1,500 voters provided by the Township
- Conducted using two mailings in July and August 2021. Responses either online or via postage-paid envelope.
- Valid response from 386 residents, providing a solid margin of error of +/- 5.0 percent
 - **Note:** National surveys with a margin of error +/- 5% require a sample of 384 responses to reflect a population of 330,000,000
- Results were weighted based on ethnicity to correspond with Census data
- In addition, the survey was open to residents who were not part of the random sample. There were 66 residents who chose to do so, increasing the total response to 452.
 - **Note:** Non sample responses were not included in the statistics presented in this summary report, but they are reflected on the bottom line of the crosstab reports

How many times have you use the parks and pathways?



Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs



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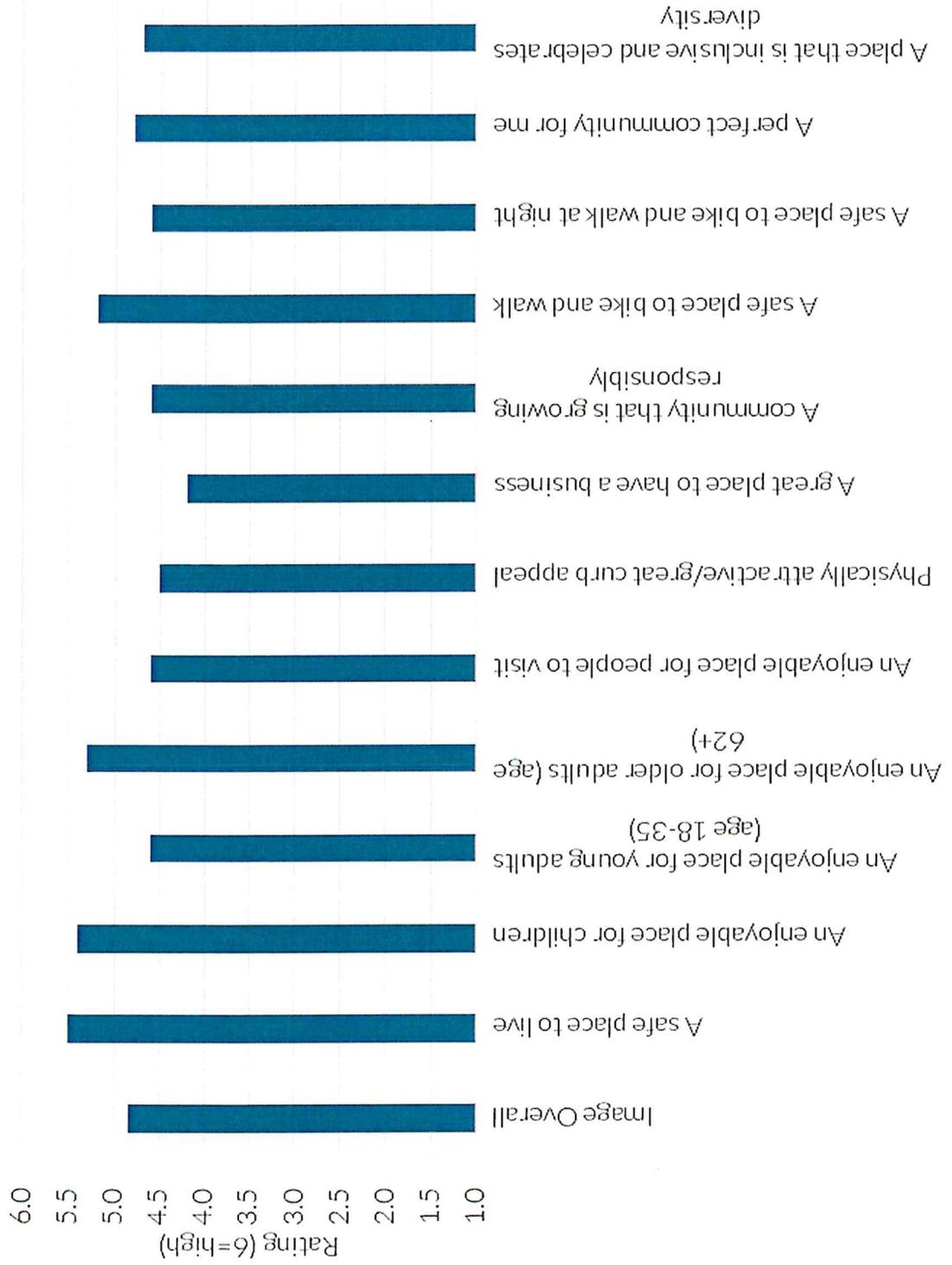
What types of cultural events would you like to see in our community?

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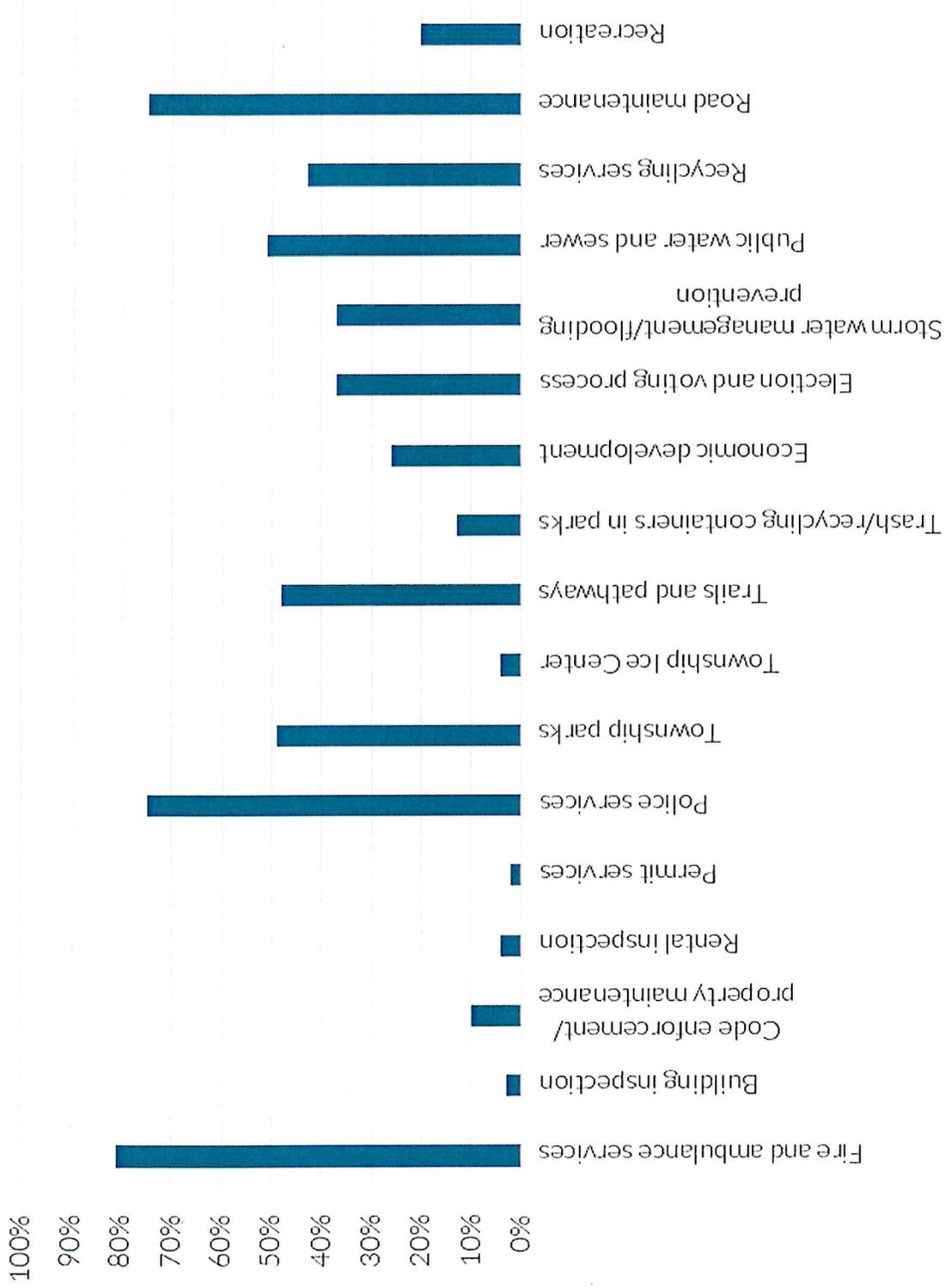
1. **Music:** The community would like to see more music festivals. They would also like to see more diversity.
2. **Art:** People would like more art festivals and to see murals and sculptures added to the downtown area.
3. **Food:** People are looking for more dining options such food trucks.



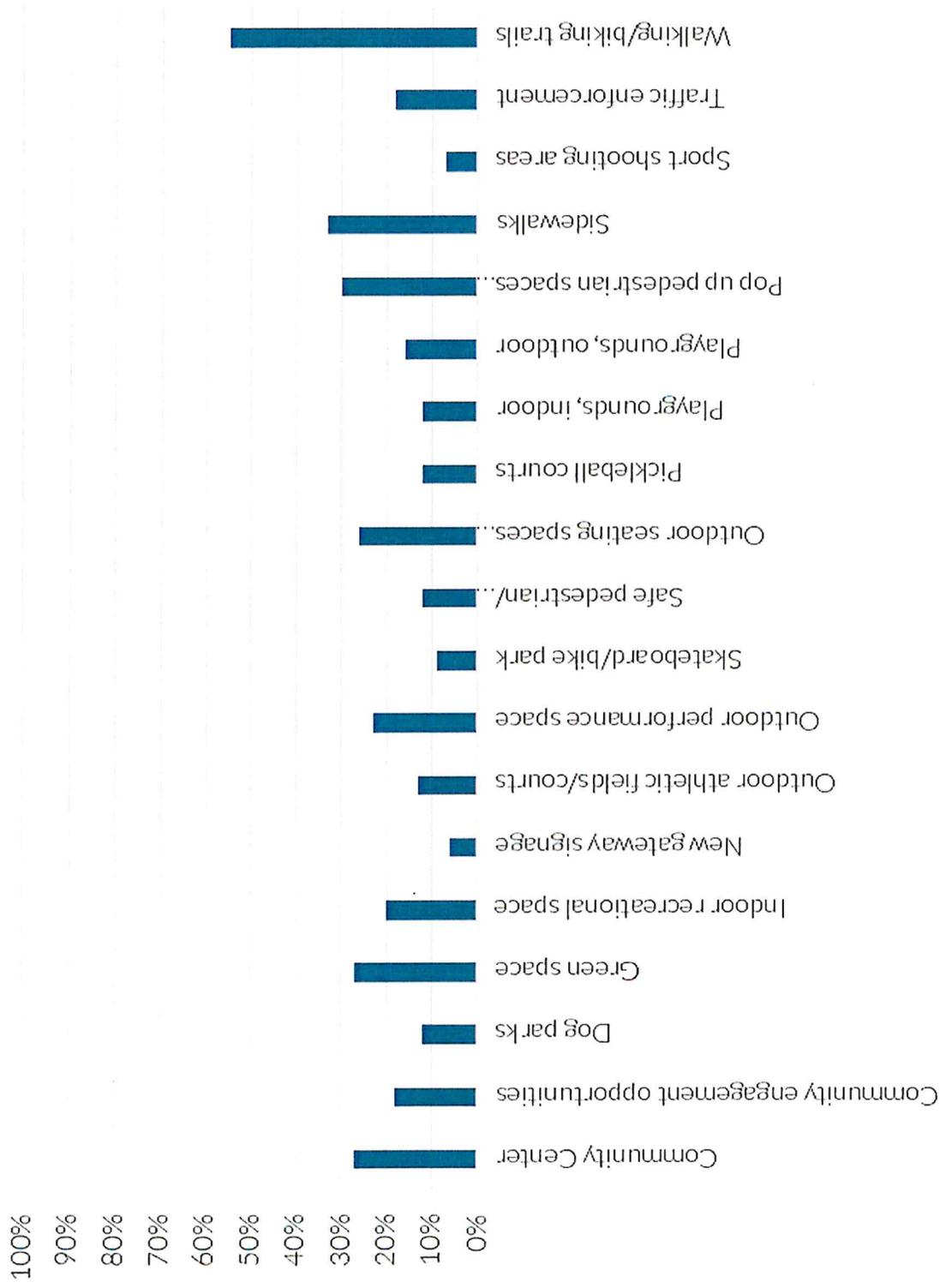
Community Image



Which six Township services are most important to your household?



Which community amenities would you like to see added or improved?



2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study Response Count 386 +/- 5.0% Weighted by Ethnicity		Parks and Recreation										Transportation Infrastructure				
		Parks and Recreation Overall	Parks/facilities meet your needs	Parks/facility maintenance and cleanliness	Quality of recreational programs	Variety of recreational programs	Variety of park amenities	Quality of park amenities (trails, playgrounds, etc.)	Marketplace on the Green Farmers Market	Historical village	Harris Nature Center	Transportation Overall	Street surface maintenance/repair	CATA/Redi-Ride	Pathway system for biking and walking	Street tree maintenance and care
Overall		5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
Residency	One year or less*	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.1	4.3	5.0	5.7	5.4
	1-5 years	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.4	4.3	3.5	4.9	4.5	4.2
	6-10 years	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.8	5.5	5.4	4.3	3.5	4.6	4.7	4.3
	More than 10 years	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.1	3.1	4.5	4.7	4.1
Own/Rent	Own	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.5	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
	Rent/Lease	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	4.6	3.5	4.9	5.2	4.7
Employment	Yes	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.3	3.2	4.6	4.8	4.4
	No, a different community	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.4	4.0	3.1	4.3	4.4	4.1
	Not currently employed*	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.4	5.0	5.1	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	3.1	5.1	4.7	4.6
Age	I am retired	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.4	4.9	5.0	4.2
	18 to 24*	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.0	3.7	2.9	3.0	4.6	4.2
	25 to 34*	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.6	4.6	3.0	5.2	4.9	5.1
	35 to 44	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.2	5.4	3.9	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.2
	45 to 54	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.0	3.2	4.2	4.6	4.1
Education	55 to 64	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.2	5.6	4.5	3.2	5.5	4.7	4.4
	65 or over	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.5	4.3	3.3	4.9	5.0	4.0
	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.3	3.2	5.0	4.8	4.3
	Some college	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.1	3.1	4.5	4.8	4.0
	College graduate	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.6	4.2	3.3	4.6	4.8	4.1
HH Income	Graduate degree(s)	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.4	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.6	4.3
	\$25,000 or less*	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.4	3.0	5.0	5.1	4.3
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.3	3.4	4.7	4.9	4.3
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.2
	\$100,001 to \$175,000	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.8	4.3
Marital Status	More than \$175,000	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.4	4.0	2.9	4.4	4.4	4.1
	Single	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.0	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.1	4.2	3.1	4.6	4.8	4.1
	Married/living with partner	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.5	4.1	3.3	4.4	4.6	4.2
	Widowed*	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.4	4.3	3.0	5.4	4.7	3.9
	Separated/divorced*	5.2	5.3	5.5	4.9	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.0	5.8	4.7	3.7	5.3	5.2	4.4
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.0	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.2
	Child(ren) age 12-17	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.3	4.0	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.3
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.1	3.0	4.8	4.5	4.2
	Spouse/partner	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.6	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
	Roommate*	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.5	3.7	3.0	3.3	4.5	3.8
	Parent age 65 or older*	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.2	5.3	3.9	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.4
	None of these	5.3	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.6	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.5	4.4	3.2	5.1	5.1	4.1
Gender	Male	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.7	4.1
	Female	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.5	4.2	3.2	4.8	4.7	4.2
	Non-binary*	5.6	5.0	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	-	5.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	5.0
	Prefer not to say*	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.0	5.3	4.5	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.6	4.6	4.8
	Prefer to self describe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0
Ethnicity	Asian*	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.2	3.3	4.5	4.4	4.5
	White/Caucasian	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.6	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.8	4.1
	Black/African American*	4.9	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.2	3.2	5.0	4.7	3.8
	Hispanic/Latinx*	5.4	5.0	5.5	-	-	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	4.4	2.7	-	5.0	5.5
	Indigenous American*	5.1	5.0	5.0	-	3.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	3.4	4.0	3.0	4.0	2.5
	Prefer not to say*	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.2	4.4	4.9	3.6	2.8	3.4	4.3	4.0
Zip Code	Other*	5.2	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.2	3.6	4.4	4.8	3.9
	48864	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.1	3.1	4.5	4.6	4.1
	48823	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.4	5.3	4.3	3.2	4.8	4.9	4.2
	48840	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.5	4.3	3.5	4.6	4.8	4.3
	48895*	3.3	4.0	2.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	-	5.0	3.0
	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sample	Yes	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.2	3.2	4.6	4.7	4.2
	No	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	4.3	3.7	4.5	4.8	4.2

* Cohort has lower response level which may

2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study Response Count 386 +/- 5.0% Weighted by Ethnicity		Overall	Outcome Behaviors					Community Image											
		Overall Satisfaction	Be a community volunteer	Encourage someone to start a business here	Participate in community events and festivals	Remain living here five years from now	Image Overall	A safe place to live	An enjoyable place for children	An enjoyable place for young adults (age 18-35)	An enjoyable place for older adults (age 62+)	An enjoyable place for people to visit	Physically attractive/great curb appeal	A great place to have a business	A community that is growing responsibly	A safe place to bike and walk	A safe place to bike and walk at night	A perfect community for me	A place that is inclusive and celebrates diversity
Overall		4.9	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.7
Residency	One year or less*	4.8	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.3	4.8	5.6	5.3	4.8	4.5	4.4	5.0	4.0	4.7	5.5	4.0	4.9	5.0
	1-5 years	4.9	3.3	3.7	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.2	4.4	4.8	4.5
	6-10 years	4.9	3.5	3.4	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.6	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.9
	More than 10 years	4.8	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.9	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.5	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6
Own/Rent	Own	4.9	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6
	Rent/Lease	5.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.6	5.0	5.6	5.5	4.6	5.2	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.7	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.7
Employment	Yes	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.7	5.4	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.0
	No, a different community	4.7	3.1	3.3	4.2	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.3	4.2	5.1	4.2	4.3	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.0
	Not currently employed*	5.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	5.7	5.7	4.9	5.8	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.6
	I am retired	5.0	2.9	3.2	3.6	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.8	5.3	4.6	5.1	5.1
Age	18 to 24*	5.0	4.2	3.0	4.3	2.7	4.4	5.6	5.0	3.7	4.4	4.0	4.4	3.0	4.4	5.7	4.7	3.4	4.3
	25 to 34*	4.9	3.4	3.1	4.5	4.1	4.8	5.7	5.5	4.2	5.7	3.9	4.7	4.2	4.5	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.3
	35 to 44	4.8	3.4	3.7	4.6	5.0	4.8	5.6	5.5	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.7
	45 to 54	4.6	3.3	3.5	4.4	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.3	4.3	5.3	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.3	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.3
	55 to 64	4.9	3.0	3.1	3.6	4.6	4.7	5.6	5.4	4.2	5.1	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.4	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.8
65 or over	4.9	3.0	3.3	3.9	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.5	5.0	4.9	
Education	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	4.3	2.2	3.3	3.7	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.8
	Some college	4.8	2.8	3.3	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	5.4	4.9	4.8	5.0
	College graduate	4.8	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.5
	Graduate degree(s)	5.0	3.5	3.4	4.3	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.7	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.7
HH Income	\$25,000 or less*	4.8	3.1	3.2	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	4.7	2.4	3.2	3.4	4.4	4.9	5.4	5.3	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.9	4.7
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	4.9	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.9	4.8
	\$100,001-\$175,000	4.8	3.3	3.3	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.6	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.6	5.3	4.7	4.8	4.7
	More than \$175,000	5.0	3.3	3.3	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.6	5.5	4.1	5.2	4.2	4.3	3.6	4.3	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.4
Marital Status	Single	4.6	3.2	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.4	5.2	4.2	5.0	4.4	4.6	3.9	4.2	5.2	4.5	4.4	4.3
	Married/living with partner	4.9	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.5	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.6
	Widowed*	5.1	2.6	2.9	3.3	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.2	5.5
	Separated/divorced*	5.0	3.3	3.0	3.6	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.3	5.7	5.2	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.1
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	4.8	3.5	3.5	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.6	5.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.5
	Child(ren) age 12-17	4.6	3.8	3.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.6	5.4	4.3	5.3	4.2	4.2	3.5	4.4	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.8
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	4.7	3.4	3.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.6	5.3	4.0	5.2	4.1	4.1	3.7	4.1	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.1
	Spouse/partner	4.9	3.1	3.3	4.2	5.2	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.7
	Roommate*	4.9	2.4	2.3	3.7	4.3	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	5.3	3.5	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.6	4.7
	Parent age 65 or older*	5.1	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.8	4.8	5.7	5.5	4.8	5.5	4.5	4.6	3.4	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.9	4.7
Gender	None of these	4.8	3.0	3.3	3.5	4.5	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.9	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.5	5.0	5.0
	Male	5.0	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.4	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.9	4.9
	Female	4.8	3.1	3.3	4.2	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.5	5.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.5
	Non-binary*	6.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	4.9	6.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	-	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
	Prefer not to say*	4.5	3.0	3.4	4.2	5.2	4.6	5.3	5.2	4.6	5.3	4.4	4.2	3.5	3.7	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.2
	Prefer to self describe	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
Ethnicity	Asian*	5.2	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.9	5.5	4.7	5.1	4.9
	White/Caucasian	4.8	3.1	3.3	4.1	4.9	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.6	5.1	4.6	4.8	4.7
	Black/African American*	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.5	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.8	5.5	4.8	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.2	5.0	3.4
	Hispanic/Latinx*	5.7	2.3	2.3	2.7	3.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.7
	Indigenous American*	4.5	2.0	1.0	2.0	5.5	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	-	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
	Prefer not to say*	4.1	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.9	4.3	5.3	5.0	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.3	3.9	5.0	4.4	3.7	4.4
Zip Code	Other*	4.9	2.9	4.9	4.0	4.7	4.5	5.1	5.1	4.2	4.8	3.8	4.9	4.2	3.7	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.7
	48864	4.8	3.2	3.4	4.1	4.8	4.8	5.6	5.4	4.5	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.8	4.8
	48823	5.1	3.1	3.2	3.9	4.8	5.0	5.5	5.3	4.8	5.5	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.8	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.7
	48840	4.8	3.0	3.3	4.1	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.7	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.5	5.1	4.5	4.7	4.4
	48895*	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.9	-	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	5.0	2.0	1.0
	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sample	Yes	4.9	3.1	3.3	4.0	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.7
	No	5.0	4.1	4.3	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.6	5.5	4.9	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.2	4.7	4.4

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2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study Response Count 386 +/- 5.0% Weighted by Ethnicity		In the past year, how much contact have you had with the Meridian Township Police Department					How many times have you use the parks and pathways?					Do you own or operate a business in Meridian Township?	
		None	Fewer than 3 times	3-5 times	6-10 times	More than 10 times	Never	1-5 times a year	6-10 times a year	11-20 times a year	20+ times a year	Yes	No
Overall		59%	33%	5%	1%	1%	14%	25%	13%	13%	33%	5%	94%
Residency	One year or less*	85%	15%	-	-	-	8%	23%	7%	14%	48%	-	100%
	1-5 years	63%	34%	3%	-	-	16%	26%	13%	13%	32%	2%	97%
	6-10 years	58%	38%	2%	-	-	9%	26%	9%	24%	28%	2%	96%
	More than 10 years	56%	34%	6%	2%	1%	15%	26%	14%	11%	33%	6%	93%
Own/Rent	Own	60%	34%	4%	1%	0%	12%	26%	14%	13%	34%	5%	94%
	Rent/Lease	55%	30%	10%	-	3%	23%	25%	10%	13%	29%	-	97%
Employment	Yes	60%	28%	4%	3%	3%	13%	19%	10%	13%	45%	16%	82%
	No, a different community	56%	39%	3%	1%	-	6%	22%	13%	14%	41%	2%	98%
	Not currently employed*	41%	43%	7%	-	3%	20%	33%	7%	13%	28%	-	100%
	I am retired	61%	30%	6%	1%	-	21%	31%	14%	12%	21%	3%	96%
Age	18 to 24*	58%	26%	17%	-	-	-	33%	8%	25%	34%	-	100%
	25 to 34*	50%	50%	-	-	-	14%	22%	5%	16%	38%	-	100%
	35 to 44	59%	37%	2%	-	2%	6%	16%	9%	28%	41%	9%	91%
	45 to 54	58%	33%	2%	5%	2%	13%	13%	16%	10%	46%	8%	92%
	55 to 64	58%	35%	4%	1%	-	17%	23%	11%	5%	42%	10%	90%
	65 or over	60%	31%	7%	1%	-	18%	34%	15%	12%	20%	1%	97%
Education	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	51%	28%	-	-	7%	22%	28%	29%	7%	14%	-	93%
	Some college	51%	43%	6%	-	-	28%	36%	4%	9%	21%	2%	94%
	College graduate	59%	34%	4%	3%	-	19%	23%	15%	14%	28%	6%	94%
	Graduate degree(s)	61%	31%	5%	1%	1%	5%	23%	13%	14%	42%	5%	94%
HH Income	\$25,000 or less*	50%	29%	15%	-	-	40%	25%	-	10%	25%	-	95%
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	59%	31%	7%	-	-	11%	25%	18%	8%	34%	4%	96%
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	59%	30%	5%	3%	1%	10%	33%	18%	11%	28%	4%	94%
	\$100,001-\$175,000	55%	39%	3%	2%	1%	16%	23%	9%	16%	36%	6%	94%
	More than \$175,000	63%	35%	2%	-	1%	8%	14%	12%	17%	48%	8%	92%
Marital Status	Single	61%	32%	5%	-	-	26%	22%	4%	9%	36%	-	96%
	Married/living with partner	59%	33%	4%	2%	1%	11%	25%	16%	15%	33%	6%	94%
	Widowed*	36%	40%	20%	-	-	28%	36%	4%	16%	12%	-	100%
	Separated/divorced*	62%	38%	-	-	-	8%	31%	23%	8%	31%	-	100%
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	57%	39%	-	3%	-	2%	19%	12%	24%	41%	9%	91%
	Child(ren) age 12-17	63%	26%	-	8%	-	8%	17%	13%	24%	38%	6%	94%
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	55%	37%	6%	-	-	6%	32%	13%	4%	43%	12%	88%
	Spouse/partner	59%	32%	4%	2%	1%	11%	27%	17%	12%	32%	6%	93%
	Roommate*	57%	14%	14%	-	-	29%	43%	-	-	29%	-	100%
	Parent age 65 or older*	77%	14%	7%	-	3%	35%	6%	7%	7%	40%	21%	79%
	None of these	56%	36%	7%	-	-	24%	24%	6%	9%	34%	4%	93%
Gender	Male	59%	33%	4%	2%	1%	16%	24%	13%	13%	32%	3%	95%
	Female	59%	33%	4%	1%	0%	13%	26%	13%	13%	35%	6%	93%
	Non-binary*	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%
	Prefer not to say*	34%	43%	23%	-	-	34%	11%	10%	11%	32%	23%	77%
	Prefer to self describe	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	100%
Ethnicity	Asian*	78%	17%	-	6%	-	22%	17%	11%	17%	33%	11%	89%
	White/Caucasian	54%	37%	5%	1%	1%	11%	27%	15%	12%	35%	4%	94%
	Black/African American*	80%	20%	-	-	-	30%	30%	10%	30%	-	-	100%
	Hispanic/Latinx*	67%	33%	-	-	-	33%	-	-	-	67%	-	100%
	Indigenous American*	50%	50%	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	50%	-	100%
	Prefer not to say*	75%	13%	13%	-	-	25%	25%	6%	25%	13%	13%	88%
	Other*	29%	43%	14%	-	14%	14%	57%	14%	-	14%	-	100%
ZIP Code	48864	62%	31%	3%	1%	0%	15%	24%	13%	12%	35%	5%	94%
	48823	56%	33%	7%	1%	2%	18%	18%	10%	18%	34%	6%	92%
	48840	53%	38%	6%	1%	-	9%	36%	16%	12%	26%	4%	96%
	48895*	50%	50%	-	-	-	-	50%	-	-	50%	-	50%
	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sample	Yes	59%	33%	5%	1%	1%	14%	25%	13%	13%	33%	5%	94%
	No	54%	35%	2%	2%	5%	3%	17%	13%	11%	48%	2%	96%

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Which six Township services are most important to your household?

		Fire and ambulance services	Building inspection	Code enforcement/ property maintenance	Rental inspection	Permit services	Police services	Township parks	Township Ice Center	Trails and pathways	Trash/recycling containers in parks	Economic development	Election and voting process	Storm water management/flooding prevention	Public water and sewer	Recycling services	Road maintenance	Recreation
Overall		81%	3%	10%	4%	2%	75%	49%	4%	48%	13%	26%	37%	37%	51%	43%	75%	20%
Residency	One year or less*	86%	-	-	-	-	79%	63%	-	76%	24%	15%	29%	37%	22%	37%	52%	-
	1-5 years	70%	-	6%	5%	-	66%	57%	2%	54%	20%	32%	33%	32%	44%	43%	67%	27%
	6-10 years	85%	2%	12%	2%	2%	74%	40%	-	43%	7%	26%	54%	36%	62%	39%	80%	30%
Own/Rent	More than 10 years	83%	4%	11%	4%	3%	78%	48%	5%	46%	12%	25%	35%	38%	52%	45%	78%	18%
	Own	82%	0%	10%	2%	2%	77%	50%	4%	48%	13%	26%	39%	39%	53%	43%	77%	20%
Employment	Rent/Lease	78%	18%	12%	18%	-	67%	45%	-	57%	10%	18%	38%	23%	31%	48%	63%	23%
	Yes	72%	6%	9%	2%	3%	67%	64%	8%	61%	11%	35%	29%	41%	49%	40%	66%	25%
	No, a different community	72%	1%	7%	4%	1%	67%	48%	6%	53%	13%	26%	38%	40%	48%	46%	76%	21%
Age	Not currently employed*	73%	13%	13%	-	7%	50%	51%	-	67%	3%	28%	43%	32%	41%	32%	74%	7%
	I am retired	93%	2%	13%	4%	2%	89%	42%	1%	36%	15%	21%	38%	33%	55%	43%	80%	18%
	18 to 24*	50%	-	-	8%	-	34%	42%	8%	74%	8%	51%	58%	24%	51%	49%	83%	8%
Education	25 to 34*	52%	-	6%	-	-	47%	67%	2%	48%	22%	43%	33%	30%	39%	59%	68%	48%
	35 to 44	64%	6%	6%	4%	2%	58%	61%	6%	66%	10%	31%	24%	36%	49%	44%	66%	30%
	45 to 54	71%	6%	12%	2%	5%	74%	47%	12%	63%	12%	23%	23%	43%	44%	42%	69%	22%
	55 to 64	89%	1%	4%	-	3%	83%	57%	1%	46%	10%	31%	44%	32%	48%	38%	80%	16%
	65 or over	92%	1%	15%	6%	1%	85%	39%	1%	35%	15%	19%	42%	39%	58%	45%	79%	15%
HH Income	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	79%	14%	7%	28%	7%	72%	35%	-	28%	22%	22%	50%	15%	50%	43%	86%	7%
	Some college	85%	7%	16%	9%	4%	78%	52%	4%	39%	11%	30%	29%	26%	55%	27%	82%	27%
	College graduate	78%	1%	9%	3%	3%	71%	41%	5%	47%	13%	27%	39%	49%	50%	39%	76%	16%
Marital Status	Graduate degree(s)	83%	1%	9%	1%	-	79%	56%	4%	53%	12%	23%	36%	31%	51%	52%	72%	22%
	\$25,000 or less*	90%	9%	19%	15%	-	80%	20%	-	35%	10%	20%	61%	31%	50%	20%	75%	25%
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	84%	4%	4%	7%	-	69%	67%	-	59%	35%	29%	44%	44%	51%	52%	78%	31%
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	85%	3%	13%	5%	6%	78%	43%	5%	39%	17%	20%	35%	30%	50%	43%	78%	13%
	\$100,001-\$175,000	80%	2%	7%	1%	-	75%	55%	3%	52%	8%	29%	35%	35%	47%	45%	72%	22%
HH Composition	More than \$175,000	68%	-	7%	-	-	64%	52%	9%	66%	7%	37%	30%	43%	49%	42%	73%	25%
	Single	74%	4%	15%	6%	-	65%	39%	2%	50%	11%	38%	44%	39%	56%	36%	78%	24%
	Married/living with partner	80%	2%	10%	3%	2%	76%	48%	5%	47%	10%	25%	36%	36%	50%	43%	74%	19%
	Widowed*	100%	4%	12%	4%	-	92%	44%	-	24%	20%	16%	36%	44%	56%	52%	92%	20%
Gender	Separated/ divorced*	92%	-	8%	8%	8%	77%	69%	-	54%	23%	8%	54%	31%	38%	46%	77%	38%
	Child(ren) age 12 or under	59%	3%	4%	1%	1%	57%	61%	8%	64%	11%	35%	29%	33%	46%	56%	58%	33%
	Child(ren) age 12-17	69%	3%	3%	4%	5%	72%	62%	16%	67%	3%	43%	21%	37%	29%	46%	63%	34%
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	69%	3%	8%	1%	1%	64%	49%	14%	56%	6%	29%	36%	34%	53%	54%	75%	24%
	Spouse/partner	82%	1%	12%	4%	3%	80%	50%	3%	46%	12%	28%	36%	35%	55%	44%	74%	18%
	Roommate*	100%	14%	-	29%	14%	57%	29%	-	29%	14%	14%	29%	29%	57%	29%	57%	14%
	Parent age 65 or older*	80%	7%	9%	-	-	67%	14%	-	30%	9%	34%	30%	84%	80%	43%	83%	9%
Ethnicity	None of these	92%	2%	11%	4%	-	86%	50%	-	47%	19%	19%	37%	34%	45%	37%	77%	17%
	Male	83%	1%	11%	5%	1%	79%	44%	3%	42%	10%	31%	32%	41%	50%	38%	78%	17%
	Female	80%	4%	10%	3%	3%	74%	52%	6%	50%	15%	22%	39%	34%	51%	47%	73%	21%
	Non-binary*	100%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
	Prefer not to say*	56%	11%	11%	-	-	56%	66%	-	77%	-	23%	44%	34%	55%	32%	78%	33%
ZIP Code	Prefer to self describe	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	-
	Asian*	72%	6%	11%	-	6%	67%	39%	-	50%	6%	33%	28%	50%	50%	56%	78%	-
	White/Caucasian	84%	2%	10%	4%	2%	78%	52%	4%	48%	13%	23%	38%	34%	54%	44%	75%	20%
	Black/African American*	60%	10%	30%	10%	-	60%	10%	-	40%	20%	40%	60%	40%	30%	50%	80%	20%
	Hispanic/Latinx*	67%	-	-	-	-	67%	67%	33%	67%	-	33%	-	33%	-	-	67%	67%
	Indigenous American*	100%	-	50%	50%	-	100%	-	-	50%	-	-	-	50%	50%	50%	50%	-
Sample	Prefer not to say*	75%	6%	6%	-	-	81%	44%	-	31%	19%	31%	50%	38%	50%	31%	81%	19%
	Other*	86%	14%	29%	-	-	43%	57%	14%	43%	43%	-	14%	71%	57%	43%	57%	43%
	48864	81%	2%	12%	2%	1%	79%	49%	4%	51%	11%	27%	36%	40%	50%	41%	76%	16%
	48823	79%	3%	10%	5%	4%	72%	42%	7%	39%	12%	23%	41%	41%	52%	38%	71%	26%
	48840	82%	3%	8%	7%	2%	72%	52%	1%	47%	18%	27%	35%	25%	53%	54%	79%	24%
Other*	48895*	100%	-	-	-	-	100%	50%	-	50%	-	-	50%	-	50%	50%	50%	-
	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sample	Yes	81%	3%	10%	4%	2%	75%	49%	4%	48%	13%	26%	37%	37%	51%	43%	75%	20%
	No	76%	2%	11%	2%	-	70%	72%	2%	57%	16%	21%	44%	33%	50%	54%	68%	14%

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2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study Response Count 386 +/- 5.0% Weighted by Ethnicity		Which community amenities would you like to see add or improved?																		
		Community Center	Community engagement opportunities	Dog parks	Green space	Indoor recreational space	New gateway signage	Outdoor athletic fields/courts	Outdoor performance space	Skateboard/bike park	Safe pedestrian/ non-motorized railroad crossings	Outdoor seating spaces (around fire pit, fountain, game space)	Pickleball courts	Playgrounds, indoor	Playgrounds, outdoor	Pop up pedestrian spaces (streeteries, parklets, plazas)	Sidewalks	Sport shooting areas	Traffic enforcement	Walking/biking trails
Overall		27%	18%	12%	27%	20%	6%	13%	23%	9%	12%	26%	12%	12%	16%	30%	33%	7%	18%	55%
Residency	One year or less*	15%	8%	15%	14%	29%	-	15%	7%	7%	8%	29%	-	15%	7%	14%	30%	30%	-	85%
	1-5 years	36%	18%	18%	13%	19%	8%	10%	21%	6%	20%	35%	8%	16%	22%	38%	30%	9%	17%	59%
	6-10 years	47%	24%	20%	29%	26%	4%	9%	24%	16%	18%	39%	15%	15%	21%	33%	37%	5%	21%	63%
	More than 10 years	23%	17%	9%	30%	19%	6%	15%	25%	8%	10%	22%	13%	10%	14%	28%	34%	5%	20%	52%
Own/Rent	Own	28%	20%	11%	26%	19%	6%	15%	24%	8%	14%	26%	12%	13%	19%	29%	34%	7%	18%	56%
	Rent/Lease	35%	10%	23%	25%	30%	-	5%	15%	20%	8%	43%	5%	13%	-	25%	33%	3%	23%	60%
Employment	Yes	43%	19%	13%	36%	25%	13%	18%	27%	12%	18%	48%	7%	16%	20%	24%	35%	6%	12%	59%
	No, a different community	23%	21%	15%	27%	23%	6%	16%	31%	11%	14%	31%	12%	14%	19%	42%	32%	10%	13%	63%
	Not currently employed*	36%	17%	23%	32%	39%	-	10%	23%	14%	42%	7%	20%	14%	41%	60%	3%	7%	71%	
Age	I am retired	24%	15%	9%	22%	14%	3%	10%	17%	5%	9%	13%	14%	7%	13%	21%	31%	4%	27%	46%
	18 to 24*	-	17%	8%	24%	57%	-	25%	25%	-	17%	24%	17%	8%	8%	83%	34%	-	17%	58%
	25 to 34*	54%	-	11%	43%	29%	16%	5%	19%	16%	16%	73%	16%	24%	40%	45%	27%	5%	11%	71%
	35 to 44	31%	29%	20%	30%	21%	4%	19%	36%	21%	13%	40%	6%	29%	26%	39%	38%	17%	8%	57%
	45 to 54	32%	23%	15%	24%	26%	11%	19%	17%	16%	11%	35%	10%	10%	14%	33%	40%	2%	4%	65%
	55 to 64	31%	11%	11%	22%	20%	5%	17%	34%	3%	17%	21%	12%	11%	17%	31%	34%	7%	20%	66%
Education	65 or over	22%	16%	9%	27%	14%	4%	7%	17%	5%	9%	17%	13%	6%	11%	19%	30%	6%	28%	45%
	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	36%	15%	43%	28%	21%	-	8%	7%	-	23%	15%	21%	14%	14%	29%	28%	-	21%	43%
	Some college	30%	9%	9%	25%	22%	2%	20%	34%	20%	6%	26%	13%	9%	18%	30%	37%	8%	15%	44%
	College graduate	25%	18%	10%	22%	19%	5%	10%	18%	9%	12%	27%	10%	13%	13%	31%	33%	3%	17%	53%
	Graduate degree(s)	29%	20%	12%	31%	21%	8%	15%	27%	6%	14%	27%	12%	11%	19%	28%	32%	9%	21%	61%
HH Income	\$25,000 or less*	29%	10%	25%	20%	24%	-	20%	30%	5%	40%	5%	20%	-	15%	35%	5%	15%	56%	
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	38%	14%	18%	25%	31%	-	9%	14%	7%	8%	33%	18%	20%	11%	27%	29%	9%	11%	58%
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	26%	22%	14%	27%	12%	8%	10%	18%	9%	11%	26%	10%	11%	14%	27%	38%	10%	24%	45%
	\$100,001-\$175,000	29%	16%	10%	23%	28%	5%	15%	24%	8%	11%	28%	8%	13%	19%	30%	27%	6%	15%	56%
	More than \$175,000	20%	19%	10%	32%	20%	8%	23%	35%	9%	19%	22%	18%	8%	20%	42%	39%	3%	13%	71%
Marital Status	Single	24%	13%	19%	28%	22%	11%	15%	27%	19%	15%	38%	13%	15%	11%	38%	45%	2%	15%	62%
	Married/living with partner	28%	19%	9%	28%	19%	5%	13%	24%	8%	13%	27%	11%	12%	17%	30%	32%	7%	18%	57%
	Widowed*	20%	12%	20%	24%	20%	-	8%	12%	8%	8%	24%	12%	8%	12%	16%	20%	4%	24%	28%
	Separated/ divorced*	46%	31%	23%	23%	38%	-	15%	23%	15%	8%	23%	31%	15%	23%	38%	54%	8%	23%	54%
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	49%	33%	15%	28%	30%	10%	22%	32%	21%	12%	43%	3%	30%	41%	40%	34%	10%	4%	50%
	Child(ren) age 12-17	38%	26%	10%	25%	26%	3%	26%	27%	25%	14%	51%	13%	8%	18%	47%	37%	10%	6%	78%
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	28%	14%	6%	32%	26%	4%	14%	26%	17%	13%	23%	19%	10%	14%	40%	40%	6%	11%	70%
	Spouse/partner	29%	19%	10%	30%	16%	7%	15%	27%	4%	13%	25%	13%	12%	18%	30%	35%	6%	21%	54%
	Roommate*	14%	43%	29%	43%	14%	-	43%	57%	14%	14%	29%	29%	14%	14%	29%	29%	-	14%	57%
	Parent age 65 or older*	41%	17%	9%	22%	14%	14%	27%	9%	-	14%	43%	20%	7%	20%	9%	43%	-	-	72%
Gender	None of these	24%	13%	18%	18%	23%	5%	6%	20%	10%	8%	26%	9%	10%	13%	19%	36%	5%	20%	45%
	Male	24%	14%	11%	21%	11%	6%	10%	24%	8%	10%	19%	9%	5%	16%	24%	32%	9%	18%	58%
	Female	31%	20%	13%	29%	27%	6%	15%	21%	10%	12%	31%	13%	16%	16%	34%	35%	5%	17%	51%
	Non-binary*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	100%	100%
	Prefer not to say*	22%	10%	-	66%	-	-	-	56%	22%	33%	45%	11%	22%	10%	10%	32%	11%	45%	77%
Ethnicity	Prefer to self describe	-	100%	100%	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	100%
	Asian*	33%	11%	6%	11%	22%	6%	17%	6%	11%	39%	-	11%	11%	22%	61%	6%	22%	67%	
	White/Caucasian	25%	19%	14%	29%	21%	5%	12%	25%	9%	12%	25%	15%	11%	16%	30%	31%	6%	18%	52%
	Black/African American*	60%	20%	10%	40%	20%	20%	10%	-	20%	20%	40%	-	30%	30%	40%	-	-	10%	60%
	Hispanic/Latinx*	33%	-	-	-	-	-	33%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	33%	67%	-	-	-	100%
	Indigenous American*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	50%	50%	50%
ZIP Code	Prefer not to say*	13%	19%	13%	25%	13%	6%	13%	25%	6%	31%	25%	6%	6%	-	6%	25%	25%	31%	50%
	Other*	29%	14%	14%	29%	29%	-	14%	43%	14%	14%	71%	-	43%	14%	43%	43%	29%	14%	29%
	48864	27%	19%	11%	32%	19%	4%	13%	26%	7%	15%	30%	13%	10%	17%	30%	34%	4%	21%	59%
	48823	32%	21%	12%	18%	20%	6%	12%	25%	13%	8%	21%	11%	17%	16%	30%	34%	8%	8%	51%
	48840	24%	12%	13%	22%	25%	8%	15%	16%	10%	9%	23%	12%	9%	12%	28%	30%	11%	22%	50%
	48895*	100%	50%	-	-	50%	-	-	-	-	-	50%	-	50%	-	100%	-	-	-	50%
Sample	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Yes	27%	18%	12%	27%	20%	6%	13%	23%	9%	12%	26%	12%	12%	16%	30%	33%	7%	18%	55%
	No	35%	20%	6%	46%	14%	14%	3%	22%	8%	30%	30%	13%	8%	11%	33%	37%	5%	24%	65%

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2021 Meridian Township Resident Engagement and Priority Study Response Count 386 +/- 5.0% Weighted by Ethnicity		Which of the following improvement should the Township pursue?									Continue program	
		Improve broadband internet access to all areas of the Township	Improve broadband internet service for business areas for economic development	Support installation of 5G cellular services in the Township	Expand solar and other green initiatives	Expand/enhance trails and pathways	Expand/enhance pedestrian/safety features at railroad crossing	Establish railroad quiet zones	Invest in upgrading and modernizing our water and sewer facilities	None of these	Support	Oppose
Overall		52%	20%	31%	49%	52%	18%	18%	49%	6%	81%	13%
Residency	One year or less*	28%	23%	23%	21%	69%	8%	37%	30%	-	100%	-
	1-5 years	50%	25%	34%	65%	63%	25%	14%	40%	2%	80%	10%
	6-10 years	62%	17%	34%	71%	59%	20%	26%	55%	3%	86%	10%
	More than 10 years	52%	19%	30%	43%	48%	17%	16%	51%	8%	81%	15%
Own/Rent	Own	53%	19%	31%	50%	52%	19%	18%	50%	7%	81%	13%
	Rent/Lease	58%	31%	31%	48%	64%	20%	18%	50%	5%	77%	18%
Employment	Yes	50%	18%	42%	50%	68%	24%	19%	53%	7%	85%	13%
	No, a different community	64%	21%	36%	60%	59%	24%	17%	51%	4%	80%	12%
	Not currently employed*	62%	27%	14%	36%	77%	14%	40%	36%	3%	83%	10%
Age	I am retired	41%	20%	24%	39%	37%	11%	16%	47%	8%	82%	14%
	18 to 24*	65%	-	25%	65%	74%	25%	16%	25%	9%	83%	17%
	25 to 34*	77%	44%	68%	92%	86%	33%	11%	68%	-	67%	28%
	35 to 44	65%	28%	41%	57%	67%	22%	20%	46%	7%	85%	7%
	45 to 54	55%	11%	34%	46%	65%	18%	17%	54%	7%	72%	13%
	55 to 64	45%	19%	23%	48%	49%	21%	21%	43%	9%	84%	14%
Education	65 or over	45%	21%	26%	41%	39%	13%	17%	50%	5%	84%	13%
	Some high school or less	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	High school graduate*	28%	14%	21%	50%	28%	30%	37%	42%	7%	79%	21%
	Some college	44%	17%	26%	40%	46%	15%	20%	42%	14%	83%	11%
	College graduate	57%	24%	37%	43%	49%	19%	15%	45%	6%	77%	15%
	Graduate degree(s)	51%	18%	29%	57%	60%	17%	18%	55%	4%	84%	11%
HH Income	\$25,000 or less*	75%	41%	31%	50%	60%	41%	15%	55%	-	65%	30%
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	52%	25%	29%	54%	49%	18%	22%	51%	4%	78%	14%
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	52%	17%	32%	43%	45%	15%	12%	51%	10%	85%	14%
	\$100,001-\$175,000	45%	17%	24%	52%	55%	13%	20%	43%	8%	81%	13%
	More than \$175,000	64%	20%	46%	57%	73%	22%	14%	46%	-	82%	4%
Marital Status	Single	61%	27%	37%	53%	71%	18%	14%	62%	6%	81%	15%
	Married/living with partner	52%	17%	29%	50%	51%	18%	18%	46%	7%	81%	12%
	Widowed*	44%	24%	28%	36%	24%	12%	20%	56%	-	84%	12%
	Separated/divorced*	54%	46%	38%	69%	54%	31%	15%	62%	-	85%	8%
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	57%	22%	42%	62%	71%	27%	27%	47%	5%	77%	16%
	Child(ren) age 12-17	71%	24%	40%	55%	67%	35%	18%	51%	5%	89%	8%
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	63%	17%	29%	59%	56%	15%	17%	53%	4%	80%	11%
	Spouse/partner	53%	18%	31%	51%	51%	19%	20%	48%	7%	83%	13%
	Roommate*	71%	43%	57%	71%	57%	43%	29%	57%	-	43%	43%
	Parent age 65 or older*	86%	46%	77%	70%	66%	48%	17%	70%	7%	83%	17%
Gender	None of these	40%	18%	24%	32%	44%	11%	12%	50%	5%	81%	14%
	Male	47%	23%	31%	42%	47%	15%	20%	43%	8%	85%	11%
	Female	55%	18%	31%	52%	55%	19%	15%	51%	6%	78%	14%
	Non-binary*	100%	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	-	-	100%	-
	Prefer not to say*	33%	11%	23%	44%	66%	33%	-	55%	11%	68%	21%
Ethnicity	Prefer to self describe	100%	-	-	100%	100%	-	-	100%	-	-	100%
	Asian*	56%	22%	44%	44%	61%	33%	17%	44%	11%	83%	17%
	White/Caucasian	52%	22%	30%	52%	51%	17%	17%	53%	4%	81%	14%
	Black/African American*	90%	10%	40%	60%	60%	10%	40%	40%	-	90%	10%
	Hispanic/Latinx*	33%	-	-	-	67%	-	-	-	33%	67%	-
	Indigenous American*	50%	-	50%	50%	50%	-	-	-	50%	50%	50%
ZIP Code	Prefer not to say*	19%	13%	25%	31%	31%	25%	19%	38%	25%	88%	-
	Other*	57%	-	43%	14%	43%	29%	14%	43%	14%	86%	14%
	48864	51%	19%	32%	50%	54%	18%	19%	49%	4%	84%	13%
	48823	55%	22%	36%	45%	52%	21%	18%	48%	12%	79%	12%
	48840	51%	21%	24%	51%	51%	14%	13%	50%	6%	79%	13%
Sample	48895*	50%	-	-	50%	-	50%	50%	100%	-	50%	50%
	Other*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Yes	52%	20%	31%	49%	52%	18%	18%	49%	6%	81%	13%
No	54%	29%	37%	56%	62%	29%	21%	49%	3%	87%	13%	

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Who Responded		Percentages	Counts
Overall		386	386
Residency	One year or less *	2%	9
	1-5 years	15%	58
	6-10 years	12%	47
	More than 10 years	68%	264
Own/Rent	Own	77%	298
	Rent/Lease	9%	33
Employment	Yes	16%	63
	No, a different community	37%	142
	Not currently employed*	4%	14
	I am retired	40%	154
Age	18 to 24*	3%	10
	25 to 34*	5%	19
	35 to 44	14%	53
	45 to 54	14%	55
	55 to 64	18%	69
	65 or over	42%	164
Education	Some high school or less	-	-
	High school graduate*	4%	15
	Some college	12%	48
	College graduate	38%	146
	Graduate degree(s)	43%	165
HH Income	\$25,000 or less*	5%	19
	\$25,001 to \$50,000*	7%	28
	\$50,001 to \$100,000	27%	104
	\$100,001-\$175,000	30%	117
	More than \$175,000	16%	60
Marital Status	Single	12%	48
	Married/living with partner	70%	270
	Widowed*	7%	27
	Separated/divorced*	3%	13
HH Composition	Child(ren) age 12 or under	16%	63
	Child(ren) age 12-17	10%	37
	Adult child(ren) age 18+	17%	64
	Spouse/partner	54%	210
	Roommate*	2%	7
	Parent age 65 or older*	3%	13
	None of these	19%	74
Gender	Male	37%	142
	Female	55%	213
	Non-binary*	0%	1
	Prefer not to say*	2%	9
	Prefer to self describe	0%	1
Ethnicity	Asian*	5%	20
	White/Caucasian	80%	310
	Black/African American*	3%	10
	Hispanic/Latinx*	1%	5
	Indigenous American*	1%	3
	Prefer not to say*	4%	17
	Other*	3%	10
ZIP Code	48864	54%	208
	48823	20%	76
	48840	23%	89
	48895*	1%	2
Sample	Yes	100%	386
	No	100	66

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Park Commission Meeting

November 9, 2021

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2021 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WORK PLAN UPDATE 10-26-21

- **Create a community ice rink at Marketplace on the Green utilizing artificial ice.**
The fencing and skating surface panels have arrived! Staff will install the rink during the first two weeks of November. We are also working to secure
- **Expand and improve parking at Central Park South and North Meridian Road Park.**
Due to budgetary constraints in 2021, these two projects were re-budgeted in 2022.
- **Complete paving of the Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector.**
The project was completed in 2021 and includes an accessible, 1/3rd mile paved trail and boardwalk connecting the Historical Village with Central Park South/Marketplace on the Green/ and Large Dog Park. This project also included a fishing dock in Central Park South pond. Funding for this project was provided through a MNRTF Grant and the Park Millage.
- **Complete the acquisition process of the Okemos Road parcel.** Good news! Funds were awarded and the process is nearly complete. We just received the green light from the DNR on October 25 to proceed with the acquisition process (as they needed to review and approve the updated appraisal.) We are working to complete the purchase in the next 30 - 60 days.
- **Expand markets and activities at Marketplace on the Green.**
The Saturday Farmers Markets have been full of vendors and host approximately 3,000 visitors weekly. The Wednesday Market from July-October hosted free live music concerts from 6-9pm with food trucks. These events grew more popular as the weeks went on and were funded by donations from local businesses. Other activities included a Halloween event with 650 youngsters participating, and Haslett High School Homecoming Dance. Many other groups such as the Girl Scouts have been regularly holding meetings at Marketplace and other pavilions as these outdoor spaces have served a very important function.
- **Continue successful implementation of the Deer Management Program.**
2020-21 was the most successful program year yet! The volunteer archery program netted an all-time record of 176 deer. New in 2021, the Police Department conducted a supplemental cull that added 150 more for a grand total of 326 deer. 7,154 lbs of venison were donated to Lansing- area food banks from this program.

The 2021-22 Volunteer Archery Program is underway with 75 hunters on 42 properties. This program runs from October 1 to January 1. The Police Department Supplemental Cull has also been approved by the DNR and will begin on January 1, 2022 with the goal of harvesting 200 deer.

Non-Goal Accomplishments:

1. **LEAP ART GRANT:** Applied and awarded funds for an art sculpture at Marketplace on the Green. Concrete footings are being poured this Friday for installation and ribbon cutting by the end of the year.

2. **CLOSE EXISTING GRANTS:** Requested all outstanding reimbursable grant funds from the DNR for the following projects:
 - Central Meridian Regional Trail Connector
 - Historical Village Gateway Bridge and Restroom
 - HNC Waterless Restroom
 - HNC Pavilion
3. **FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2022-2026:** Work is underway to update the master plan to remain grant eligible with the DNR. The draft plan will be completed by Thanksgiving with the Public Hearing in December, adoption in January and submittal by the February 1, 2022 deadline.
4. **GRANT APPLICATION for Towner Road Park Intergenerational Fitness and Play Space:** Prepared and submitted a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in April. Award announcements will take place in December. Staff also assisted the Engineering Department with an application supporting the MSU-Lake Lansing Pathway to the MNRTF program as well.
5. **MERIDIAN PATHWAY AND TRAIL MAP GRANT:** Submitted and received a grant from the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage to fund a user-friendly map promoting non-motorized travel opportunities throughout the Township. The map is in its final stages of completion. This map will be ready to print in December as well as to add to our website.
6. **LABYRINTH:** Staff has been working with a resident looking to fund a Labyrinth in Central Park. Because of COVID, it has been a struggle securing bids for installation. We currently have another RFP out with bids due November 4. Once the costs are determine, we will execute a donor agreement and schedule construction for spring of 2022.
7. **RECREATION:** Youth sports programs kicked back into gear this year with the following programs:
 - Youth Spring Soccer - 496
 - Youth Baseball, Softball and Teeball - 300
 - Flag Football – 221 (42 teams) plus teams from Williamston and Bath
 - Fall Youth Soccer – 540 (53 teams)
 - Youth Basketball Registration underway now
 - Sporties for Shorties – 420 participants
 - DOG Park memberships: 539 small dog/ 467 large dog = 875 total members
 - The 55+ Senior workout Program continued to meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the pavilion at Central Park. Approximately 40 seniors participate each program day.
 - Pickleball has exploded at Hillbrook Park and Towner Road Park! The courts are filled with players of all levels year around! Schedules are posted at each site that organizes play by skill level at different times and days of the week.
8. **HARRIS NATURE CENTER**
 - Record high enrollment in Harris Nature Center Summer Camps - 530
 - New elevated 16'x 16' accessible bird viewing platform with two spotting scopes was constructed by the Harris Nature Center Foundation.
 - Held two "Music in Nature" concerts at the Rotary Gathering Circle.

- Poured new concrete to create ADA compliant front walk along new ADA electric doors. This work was completed by park maintenance staff.

9. VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT - STEWARDSHIP

MCC Numbers and program updates

- In 2021 the MCC expanded on many of its programs as well as membership with the addition of 45 individual volunteers and 4 local groups. MCC volunteers have completed 761 hours of stewardship, working across 19 different parks and preserves.
- The Planting a Native Meridian Program has taken off with 220 native trees planted in Township Preserves, as well as the planting of 150 wildflower transplants. Volunteers have helped collect seeds from over 50 native species this fall and will process and plant seeds this fall and spring of 2022.
- There is a fall wetland cleanup scheduled for November 6th, following a successful Earth Day cleanup where 23 tires, 2 couches, and over 1500 pounds of litter were removed from Tihart-Cornell Wetland Preserve.
- Love A Park Day (June 16th, 2021) :34 resident volunteers came out to plant flowers and spread mulch at Ferguson Park, Hartrick Park, Hillbrook Park, Nancy Moore Park, Orlando Park and Wonch Park.
- Community Presentations and Outreach:
- Wetland Education and Outreach efforts have increased throughout the Township, with educational letters and brochures about wetlands and Township Ordinances are being sent out to residents the week of 10/18/2021. Emma Campbell presented to the Conservation Stewards Program as the Capital Area representative for Wetland Conservation.
- The Environmental Benefits of Native Plant: Presented to the Lansing League of Women Voters

10. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT NOKOMIS

Funding was approved for 2021 to assist Nokomis Center with replacing the roof on their building. After obtaining quotes, they entered into an agreement with Jimmerson Roofing Company for the work. The work will be done by November 15.

11. ROOF REPAIR AT GRETTEBERGER FARMHOUSE – HISTORICAL VILLAGE

The roof on the Grettenberger Farm house consists of cedar shakes and is due for replacement. This fall, the roof experienced damage to one area. It is scheduled for repair before in December.

12. DRAINAGE REPAIRS are being made at the Marketplace playground the first week of November.

13. A NEW KIOSK for the entrance to the Historical Village has been assembled for installation later this week.

14. AGILITY EQUIPMENT has been added to the Large Dog Park thanks to Eagle Scout Candidate, Gryffin Porter.

15. PAVILION RENTALS 376 total pavilion rentals March – October, 2021. Other groups using the sports fields and parks on a regular weekly basis include Fitness Over 50, Farmers’

Market, recreation program sports teams, Lansing Cricket League, and Ingham County playgroups. The Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club also utilized park pavilions for their meetings throughout the year.

16. Other Maintenance Activities include:

- Restored the gazebo in the Historical Village
- Planted 13 trees along Central Park Drive adjacent to Central Park South
- Sealed and restriped the parking lot at Harris Nature Center
- Sealed the trail in Wonch Park
- Repaired and sealed the courts at Hillbrook Park
- Installed wind screens on the pickleball courts at Towner Road Park
- **Bench donations and installations include:**
 - Meridian Garden Club donation of three benches for Historical Village and HNC
 - Installed 3 benches at Marshall Park donated by Val Lafferty
 - Installed memorial benches at the Triangle in Haslett for HBA
 - Worked with Kiwanis Club to install benches at Large Dog Park, HNC and Legg Park.

2022 Parks and Recreation Department Goal/Work Plan

Goal: IMPROVE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SERVICE TO RESIDENTS RELATED TO PARKS, RECREATION AND PATHWAYS

- **Demolish house on Okemos Road** in preparation of building support facilities for the MSU-Lake Lansing Trail.
- Improve capacity and safety by **expanding parking at North Meridian Road Park and Central Park South**
- Pending grant approval, **develop inter-generational play and fitness area** at Towner Road Park.
- **To improve water quality at Central Park South pond**, install two Floating Natural Purification Islands planted with live vegetation.
- **Construct a Shade Structure** at Towner Road Park pickleball courts.
- Begin **replacing park signage** with new brand standard signage to enhance continuity and community image.
- Based on input from the recent community survey, work **to schedule smaller special events** throughout the year including skating events at Marketplace, moonlight sledding, Love a Park Day, dog park events, summer music concerts at Marketplace, Halloween, Earth Day, etc.
- **Renew Community Services Millage** for Recreation, Senior Center and Human Services