



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
TOWN HALL ROOM



WORK SESSION 6 PM
(salmon)

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Strider Bikes**
4. **Facebook and Park Promotion**
5. **Comment**
6. **Adjournment**

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Presentations** (goldenrod)
 - a. Central Park Master Plan Final Report -Sandy Bliesener, O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Assoc
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Commissioner Reports and Comments**
6. **Approval of Minutes** (blue)
 - a. August 11, 2015 Work Session Minutes
 - b. August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
7. **Communications** (tan)
8. **Director's Report** (yellow)
9. **New Business** (pink)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Declaration and Notice – MNRTF Grant
10. **Unfinished Business** (green)
PUBLIC COMMENT

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11. **Other Business** (cherry)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a.
12. **Discussion Items** (lilac)
PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a.
13. **Final Comments**
14. **Announcements**
 - a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015, Town Hall
 - b. Farmers' Market – Wednesdays and Saturdays, July 1-October 31, 8 am – 2 pm, Central Park Pavilion
 - c. Meridian Arts and Crafts Marketplace, Sunday, September 27, 11 am – 4 pm, Central Park Pavilion
 - d. Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 19, 10 am – 3 pm, Central Park-Meridian Historical Village
15. **Public Remarks**
16. **Closed Session**
17. **Adjournment**

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Park Commission Meeting
September 8, 2015

WORK SESSION

- 3. Strider Bikes**
- 4. Facebook and Park Promotions**

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One Day Social Media Campaign: 8/14/2015

Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

- Goal: Increase engagement and visibility to the page
- Purpose: Encourage people to use the parks' system over the weekend

What we did:

- Posted #FF and #FanFriday every hour
- Kept scheduled posts intact
- Did one customized post Saturday morning
- Shared an article on Sunday morning that tied into our parks
- Did one customized video post Sunday morning
- Updated our coverage photo to reflect recreation
- Updated our Profile picture to reflect parks

One Day Social Media Campaign: Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

Reply Reply All Forward
Fri 8/14/2015 10:19 AM

 Deborah Guthrie
Getting more likes on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page today

To All Employees

It's Fan Friday and we are trying something new! I found out about this earlier this week and said; we need to do this for the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page this Friday!!!

Every hour I am posting a Fan Friday post to raise awareness of our awesome park offerings and to get people to like the page. I also have some sweet blogs I thought of that I want to work with LuAnn on to get out to the public. But that will be later.

But for now, today is Fan Friday! This morning we started with 583 likes and we want to get to 1,000 likes!

1. If you haven't "liked" the page already, please like the [Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Facebook Page](#) today!
2. Ask your friends to like. I invited 271 people this morning.
3. Every hour I will do a #FanFriday #FF post.
4. Share the posts and/or like them.
5. Robin will send an email through activenet after I post the recreation post at 11am to raise awareness with their activenet list.

Let's get excited about Parks and Recreation and let's get fans connected in our parks and trails through our virtual Facebook Page connection!

We are also doing this for the [Meridian Township Facebook Page](#) today. Next week we will do The [Fire Facebook Page](#) and [HOMTV](#).

Happy Connecting!!!

 Deborah Guthrie
Communications Director/PIO, Meridian Township
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5151 Marsh Rd. Okemos, MI. 48864



 Join us at our next event: [Meridian Events!](#)

 Subscribe for free: [HOMTV Weekly Top Stories](#)

One Day Social Media Campaign: Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

- The upcoming slides show the posts we created for Fan Friday and the weekend posts
- Following the post slides are the results of the campaign including Facebook insights
- The last slide shows our results of the campaign for that week in comparison to the pages we watch



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation at 1275

Orlando Drive, Haslett

Published by Deborah Guthrie [?] · August 14 at 8:56am · 🌐

Got kids? We got play structures! It's #FanFriday and we want to connect with you and your families to enjoy all that Meridian Township Parks has to offer! Share our page with your friends and like us on Fan Friday #FF!



👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Brandie Yates, Kristine J. Guthrie, Robin Sumner Faust and 4 others like this.

2 shares



Write a comment...



360
People Reached

12
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie [?] · August 14 at 9:57am · 🌐

Got paws and feet? We got miles of trails! It's #FanFriday and we want to connect with you and your families and walk our miles of connected pathways to our parks! We have almost 100 miles for you to enjoy #MeridianTrails this weekend and every weekend! #FF share our page with your friends and lets connect our paths! 😊



👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Brandie Yates, Andrea L Smiley, Robin Sumner Faust and 3 others like this.

3 shares



Write a comment...



305
People Reached

6
Post Clicks

[View Insights](#)

[Boost Post](#)



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation added 2 new photos.

Published by Brandie Yates [?] · August 14 at 11:02am · Edited ·

Monarch caterpillars have been spotted at Hartrick Park! Third graders from Bennett Woods Elementary planted milkweed at the end of the last school year and now those plants are supporting the monarch caterpillars. [#savethemonarchs](#)

Thank you to resident Dave Reicosky for sharing this discovery and photos!



Like Comment Share

Robin Sumner Faust, Kristine J. Guthrie, Jane Greenway and 14 others like this.

4 shares



Kristine J. Guthrie I so love this. Wish i could show Ashton.
Like · Reply · August 14 at 12:30pm



Write a comment...



1.1K
People Reached

65
Post Clicks

View Insights

Boost Post



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 11:32am · Edited ·

Got game? We got sports! It's #FanFriday and we want to Play Ball with you! We have tons of opportunities to play in our recreation leagues! It's #FF so please share our page with your friends and lets hit this #FanFriday out of the park!
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/meridiantwpparksandr.../Home>



Like Comment Share

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation and Robin Sumner Faust like this.

3 shares



Write a comment...

288
People Reached

4
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by SocialNewsDesk (?) · August 14 at 12:00pm ·

Feeling inspired? Comment with your suggestions for a new name for the Meridian Central Wetland Preserve. Name that #GreenSpace.



Like Comment Share

Philip Deschaine and Alex McCollough like this.

Most Recent

2 shares



Alex McCollough I'm always partial to historical names, I'll cast my vote for the 'Meskwaki Preserve'

Unlike · Reply · 1 · August 14 at 1:11pm



Harmony Belle Gmazel We should ask the Nokomis center to name it.

Unlike · Reply · 1 · August 14 at 2:14pm



Write a comment...

350
People Reached

34
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 1:31pm · 🌐

Got Nature Lovers? We got Nature! It's #FanFriday and we've got tons of nature for you and your little explorers to see! Including [Lake Lansing Parks](#), we have over 29 parks to enjoy and explore! It's #FF so please share our page with your friends and let's enjoy the beauty of Meridian in Pure Michigan! <http://bit.ly/ParksGuide>



👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Kristine J. Guthrie, Melanie Jaramillo, Barbara Hansen and 3 others like this. Most Recent ▾



Jane Greenway Kind of a funny story behind this picture. This precious little girl was at the Farmers' Market with her mother and when her mom turned around, she was gone. Of course her mother flipped out and frantically ran around the market looking for her missing daughter. Lo and behold she was 15 feet away picking a dandelion bouquet 😊 Her mom sent it to us because she thought it was cute.

Unlike · Reply · 👍 2 · August 14 at 1:45pm



Barbara Hansen She knew where she was! She feels safe there as she's grown up going to the Farmers' Market. Miss Independence!

Unlike · Reply · 👍 3 · August 14 at 11:22pm



Write a comment...



695
People Reached

44
Post Clicks

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Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by SocialNewsDesk [?] · August 14 at 2:00pm · Edited ·

Don't forget to stop by the Farmers' Market tomorrow from 8-2! We will be located at the Meridian Mall parking lot across the street.



Like Comment Share

Robin Sumner Faust likes this.



Write a comment...



215
People Reached

2
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie [?] · August 14 at 2:00pm ·

Looking for a place to relax? We've got a spot just for you! It's #FanFriday and we are connecting our love for parks, recreation, and nature with our fans on social! So get your #FF on, share with your friends and let's enjoy the rest of summer in Meridian together.



Meridian Township Parks

Take a look at the beautiful parks in Meridian Township!

YOUTUBE.COM

Like Comment Share

Philip Deschaine and Robin Sumner Faust like this.



Write a comment...



212
People Reached

2
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation shared Capital Area District Libraries's photo.

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 2:59pm · Edited ·

You've got books! We've got places to read! It's #FanFriday and we've got plenty of places to sit back and enjoy a good book. Thank you for the #FF Shoutback #CADL! We are glad to share the joy of reading in our parks with our fans and yours.



Capital Area District Libraries

Jane is reading her favorite book in Central Park! #FanFriday Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Like Comment Share

Kati Adams, Robin Sumner Faust, Andrea L Smiley and 3 others like this.



Write a comment..

214
People Reached

4
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 4:13pm · Edited ·

You've got a camera and pictures in our parks? We have a Flickr account we've started to share photos with all our fans! It's #FanFriday and we invite you to share your photos with us and we will add them to our account! #FF on social today and let's make memories together in the beauty that is Meridian Township!



Like Comment Share

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation, Robin Sumner Faust, Philip Deschaine and 2 others like this.

1 share



Write a comment..

223
People Reached

6
Post Clicks



Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 5:33pm · 🌐

We want to thank you for joining us today on social for our first #FanFriday! We love connecting with you and sharing all the great things happening in our parks. Today's last #FF post is a shout out to all the volunteers in our parks. Thank you for everything you do! Have a wonderful weekend and we hope you get a chance to enjoy the beauty of Meridian in our parks this weekend! #HappyFriday!



👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

Andrea L Smiley and Shari Middlewood like this.



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People Reached

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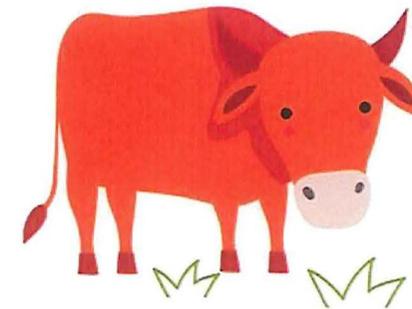


Meridian Township Parks & Recreation shared Meridian Township Farmers' Market's photo.

Published by Deborah Guthrie (?) · August 14 at 10:34pm · 🌐

Don't forget that the Meridian Farmers' Market will be at the mall parking lot across the street THIS Saturday, August 15 to make room for parking lot improvements.

We're moooving!



Meridian Township Farmers' Market

The Meridian Township Farmers' Market is temporarily moving to the Meridian Mall Parking Lot across Central Park Drive in the Yonkers Men's Parking Lot because ...

[See More](#)



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Karen Nichols and Joan Kreutzman like this.



Write a comment...



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People Reached

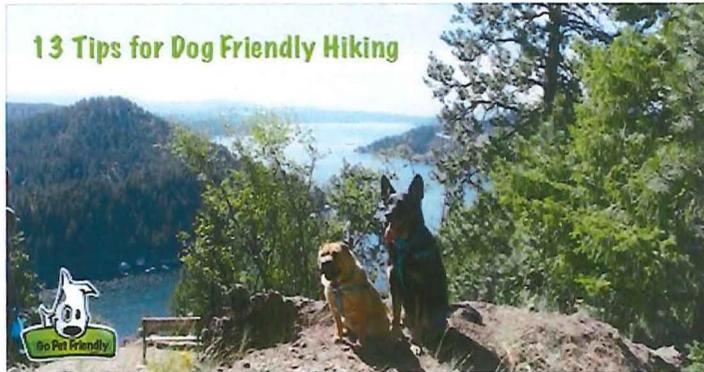
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Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie [?] · Yesterday at 8:55am · Edited ·

It's a beautiful day! The sun is peeking through the trees and waking up the trails. It's a perfect summer morning to take your furry friend on a #meridiantrails nature hike. We found this great article on exploring the trails with your dog we thought we'd share. Please remember dogs must always be on a leash in Meridian Township. Enjoy the day!



13 Tips for Dog Friendly Hiking

One of our favorite ways to explore new areas and spend time with the dogs is to take a hike. It gives us the opportunity to enjoy nature, appreciate vistas that you can't see from the car, and get a little exercise at the same time. We're day hikers...

GOPETFRIENDLYBLOG.COM

Like Comment Share

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation and Robin Sumner Faust like this.

1 share



Write a comment...



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People Reached

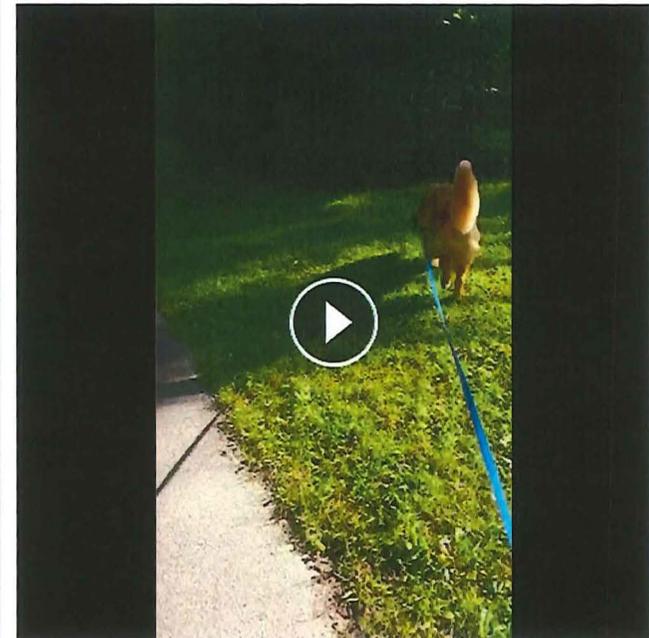
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Meridian Township Parks & Recreation

Published by Deborah Guthrie [?] · 23 hrs ·

We know dogs lives are much shorter than our own. Enjoying the time we have with them is precious. We're happy to provide so many #meridiantrails for you and your pup to make lasting #puppytrails memories. It's a gorgeous day today to make some memories and to make your little furry friend wag his tail.



48 Views

Like Comment Share

Joan Kreutzman and Melanie Jaramillo like this.



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People Reached

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One Day Social Media Campaign: Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

Results

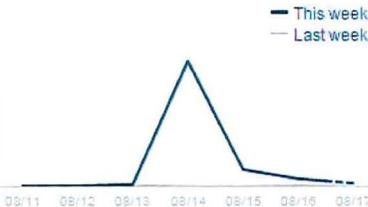
- Increased fanpage likes by 302 people from 583 to 870
- Increased reach by 122% reaching 4,460 people
- Increased engagement by 286%, engaging 129 people through likes, comments, and shares
- Organically reached 2,107 people
- Highest post reach that day was 1,134
- Out performed other pages we watch

Showing data from 08/11/2015 - 08/17/2015

Page Likes >

870 Total Page Likes
▲53.2% from last week

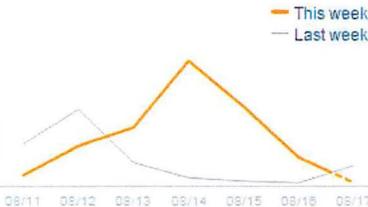
302 New Page Likes
▲5,940%



Post Reach >

4,460 Total Reach
▲251.5% from last week

2,719 Post Reach
▲121.6%



Engagement >

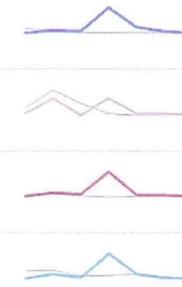
517 People Engaged #
▲285.8% from last week

182 Likes

23 Comments

52 Shares

612 Post Clicks #



Your 5 Most Recent Posts >

Reach: Organic / Paid Post Clicks Likes, Comments & Shares

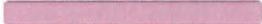
Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement	Promote
08/16/2015 11:57 am	We know dogs lives are much shorter than our own. Enjoying the time we have with them is	Video	Global	156	3 3	Boost Post
08/16/2015 8:55 am	It's a beautiful day! The sun is peeking through the trees and waking up the trails. It's a perfect summer	Image	Global	93	3 3	Boost Post
08/14/2015 10:34 pm	Don't forget that the Meridian Farmers' Market will be at the mall parking lot across the street THIS	Image	Global	83	1 2	Boost Post
08/14/2015 9:54 pm	Meridian Township Parks & Recreation shared their photo.	Image	Global	81	0 1	Boost Post
08/14/2015 5:33 pm	We want to thank you for joining us today on social for our first #FanFriday! We love connecting with	Image	Global	132	8 2	Boost Post

Pages to Watch

Compare the performance of your Page and posts with similar Pages on Facebook.

Add Pages

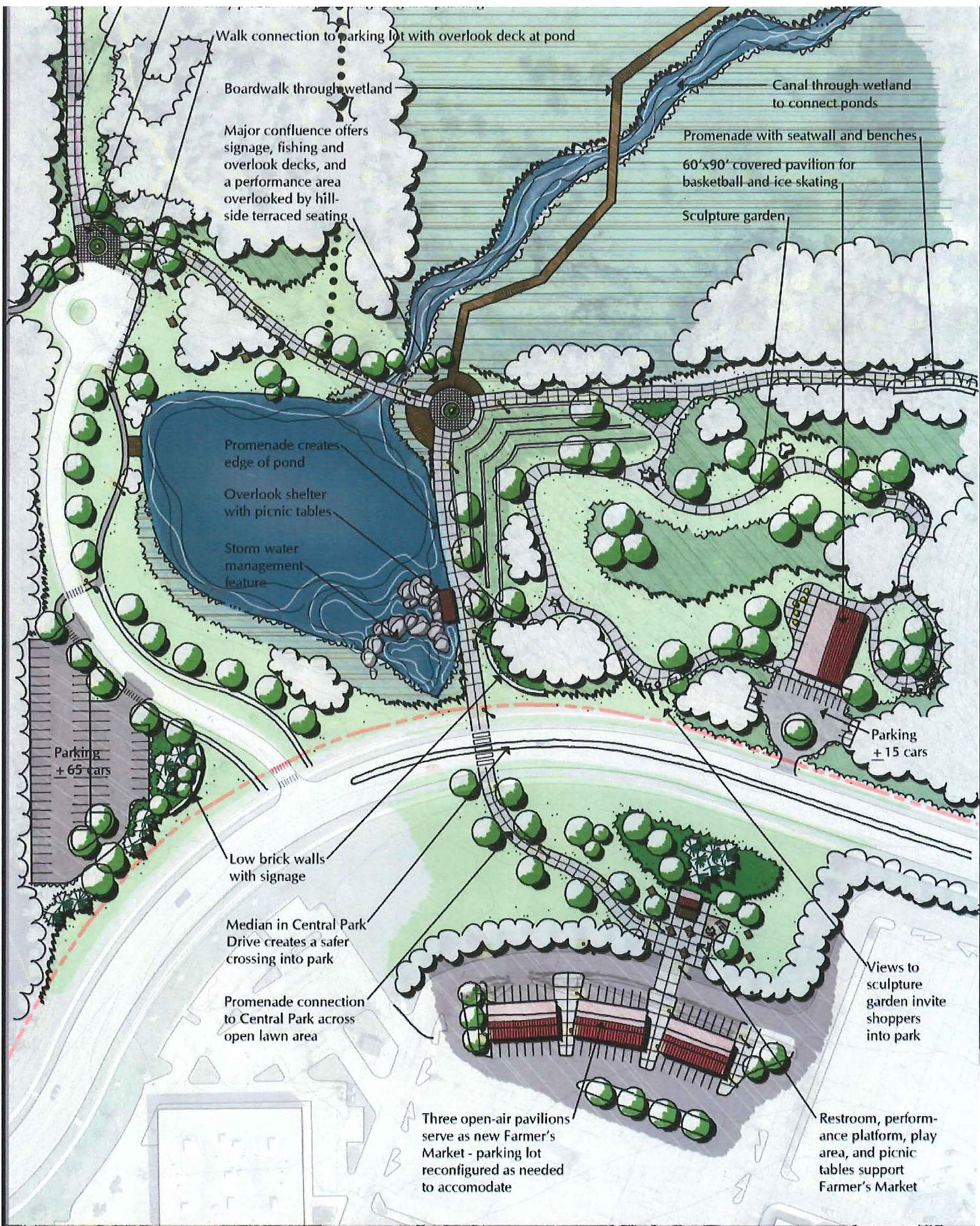
Likes, Comments & Shares

Page	Total Page Likes	From Last Week	Posts This Week	Engagement This Week
1  Lansing Parks and Recr...	2.5K 	▲0.3%	17	51 
2  MParks Michigan Recrea...	1.1K 	▲1.1%	10	42 
3  Meridian Township Park...	870 	▲53.4%	28	129 

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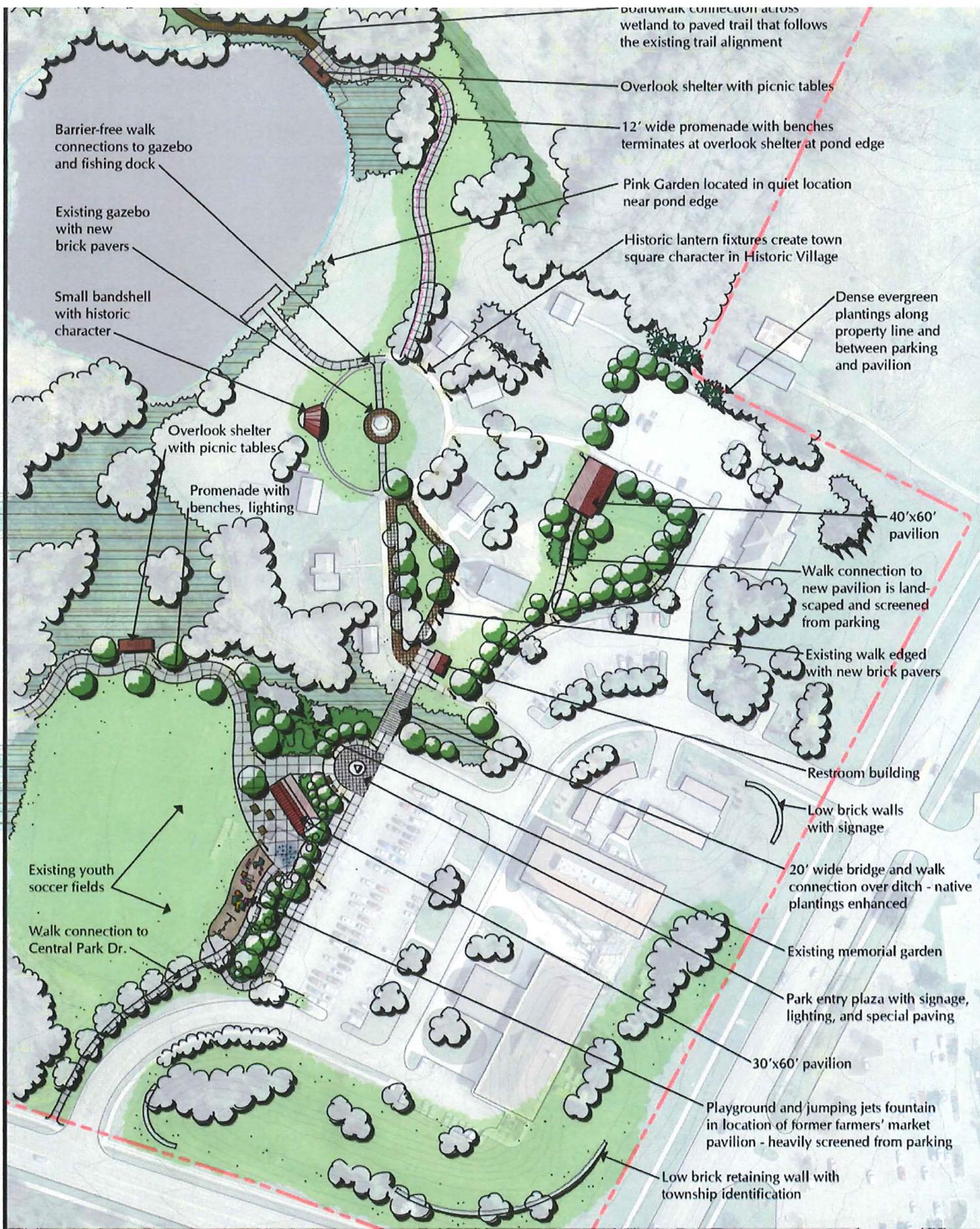
3. PRESENTATIONS

- Central Park Master Plan Final Report –
Sandy Bliesener, O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and
Assoc.



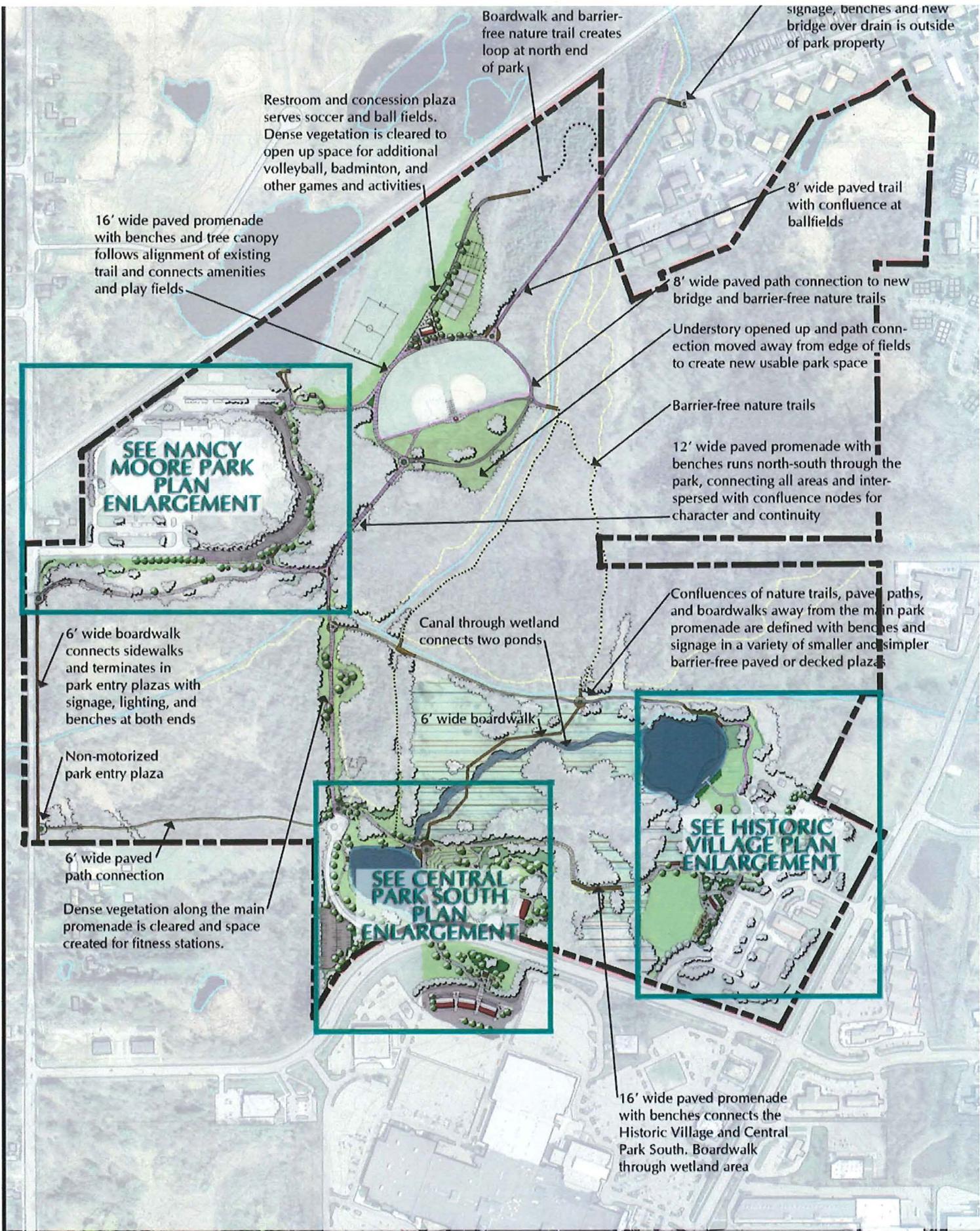
Central Park South Plan Enlargement

Central Park Master Plan



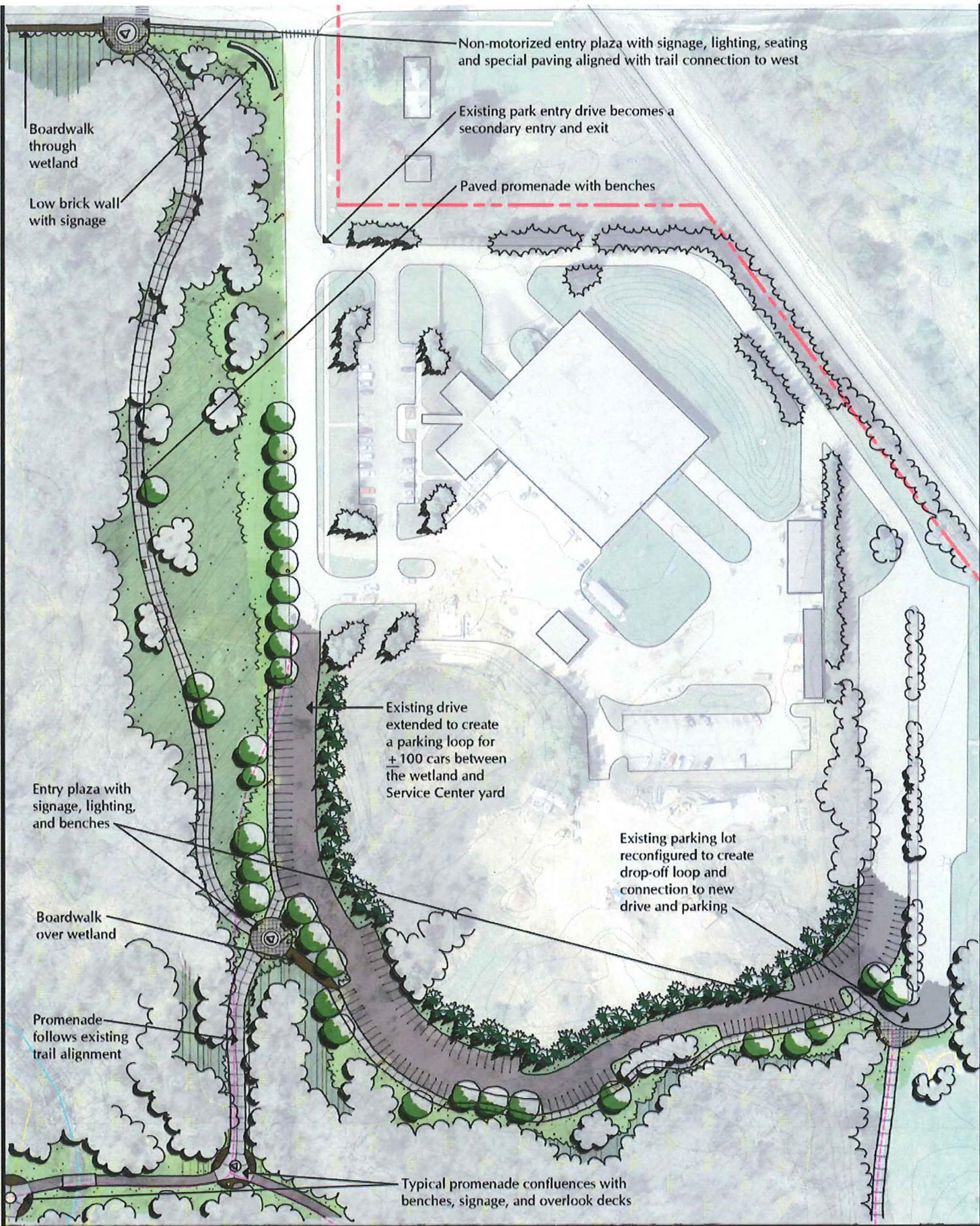
Historic Village Plan Enlargement

Central Park Master Plan



Overall Park Development Plan

Central Park Master Plan



Nancy Moore Plan Enlargement

Central Park Master Plan



Preliminary Budget Estimate for:
Central Park Master Plan
 Meridian Township, Michigan
 4 September 2015



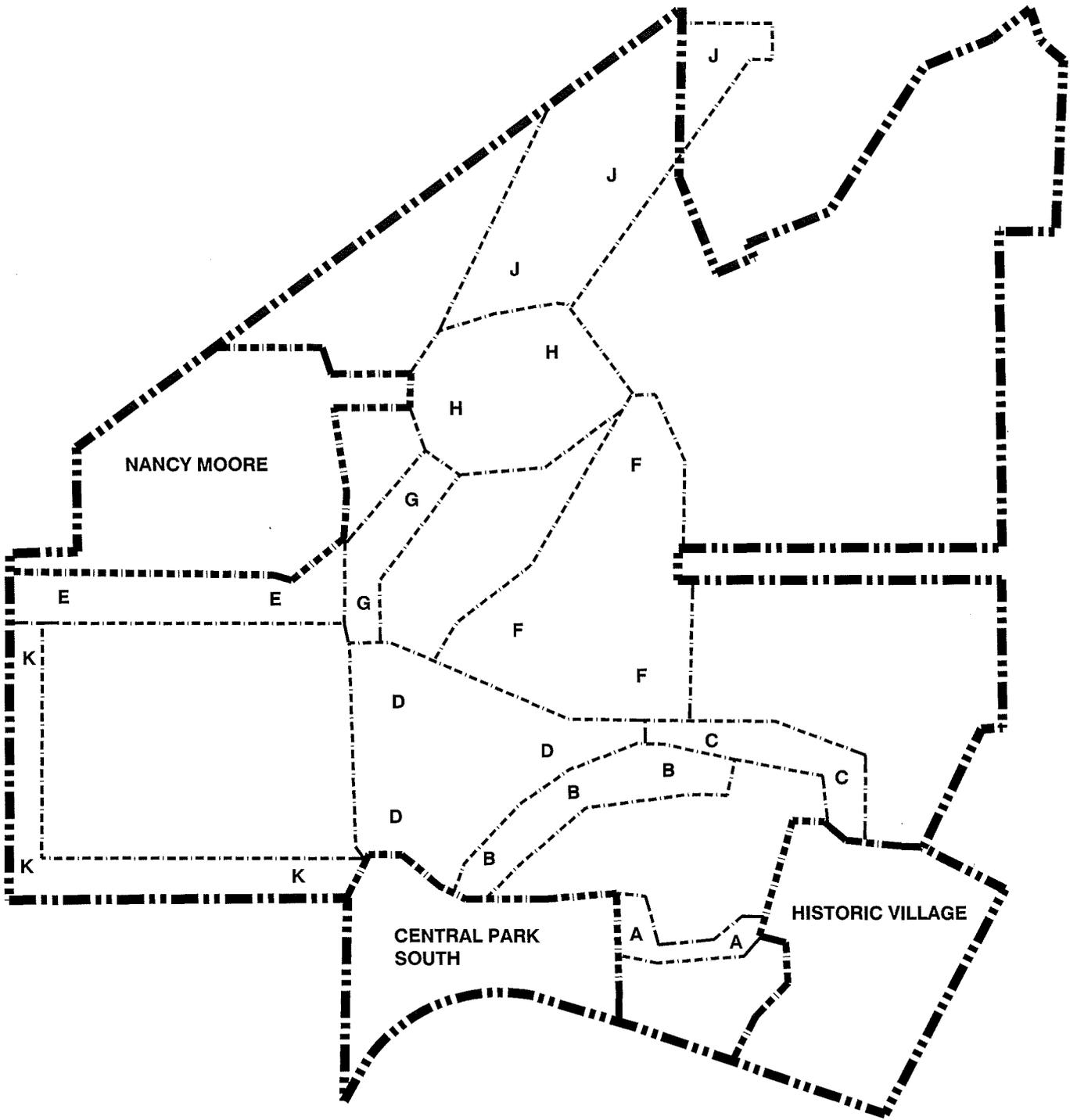
	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total
Nancy Moore Park Improvements				
Removals	1	LS	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Existing Pavilion and Restroom Demolition	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Grading and Drainage	1	LS	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00
Utilities	1	LS	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Asphalt Drive and Parking	6,000	SY	\$20.00	\$120,000.00
Concrete Paving	13,000	SF	\$5.00	\$65,000.00
Integral Curb	450	LF	\$8.00	\$3,600.00
20x30 Picnic Pavilion	2	EA	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Restroom Building	1	EA	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Composting Toilets	6	EA	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00
Bike Racks	4	EA	\$825.00	\$3,300.00
Benches	5	EA	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
Picnic Tables	4	EA	\$1,600.00	\$6,400.00
Trash Receptacles	10	EA	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00
Recycling Stations	2	EA	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Wheel Stops	50	EA	\$75.00	\$3,750.00
Wetland Boardwalk	180	LF	\$225.00	\$40,500.00
Entry Plaza				
Information Kiosk	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interpretive Signs	4	LS	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Concrete Paving	1400	SF	\$5.00	\$7,000.00
Benches	3	EA	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
Lighting	4	EA	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
			Nancy Moore Park Improvements Subtotal	\$731,550.00
Historic Village Area Improvements				
Removals	1	LS	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Existing Pavilion and Restroom Demolition	1	LS	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Utilities	1	Allowance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grading and Drainage	1	LS	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Concrete Paving	28,800	SF	\$5.00	\$144,000.00
Integral Concrete Curb	250	LF	\$8.00	\$2,000.00
Decorative Paving in Historic Village	6,000	SF	\$9.00	\$54,000.00
Brick Retaining/Sign Walls	300	LF	\$125.00	\$37,500.00
20' Wide Bridge	1	Allowance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
30'x60' Pavilion	1	Allowance	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
40'x60' Pavilion	1	Allowance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Restroom Building	1	Allowance	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
10'x30' Overlook Shelter with Guardrail	2	EA	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Bandshell	1	Allowance	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00
Splash Pad Elements and Mechanical System	1	Allowance	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Play Area and Safety Surfacing	1	Allowance	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00
Bike Racks	6	EA	\$825.00	\$4,950.00
Benches	22	EA	\$2,000.00	\$44,000.00
Picnic Tables	10	EA	\$1,600.00	\$16,000.00
Trash Receptacles	20	EA	\$1,200.00	\$24,000.00
Recycling Stations	3	EA	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	14	EA	\$5,000.00	\$70,000.00
Boardwalk	180	LF	\$225.00	\$40,500.00
Landscaping	1	Allowance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Signage				
Entrance Sign	1	EA	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Information Kiosk	3	LS	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interpretive Signs	6	LS	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
			Historic Village Area Improvements Subtotal	\$1,734,950.00

	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total
Central Park South Improvements				
Removals	1	LS	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Storm Water Management Feature at Pond	1	LS	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Exsting Pavillion and Restroom Demolition	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Utilities at Pavillion	1	Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Grading and Drainage	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Asphalt Drive and Parking	3,300	SY	\$20.00	\$66,000.00
Concrete Paving	24,000	SF	\$5.00	\$120,000.00
Integral Concrete Curb	150	LF	\$8.00	\$1,200.00
Asphalt Path (10' wide)	1,100	SY	\$16.00	\$17,600.00
Retaining/Seat Walls	2,500	SF	\$30.00	\$75,000.00
Brick Retaining/Sign Walls	200	LF	\$125.00	\$25,000.00
60'x90' Pavillion	1	Allowance	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
10'x30' Overlook Shelter with Guardrail	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Overlook Deck at Pond	1	Allowance	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00
Sculpture Displays		Not Included		Not Included
Bike Racks	6	EA	\$825.00	\$4,950.00
Benches	12	EA	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00
Picnic Tables	6	EA	\$1,600.00	\$9,600.00
Trash Receptacles	12	EA	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00
Recycling Stations	1	EA	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	8	EA	\$5,000.00	\$40,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Signage				\$0.00
Entrance Sign	2	EA	\$8,500.00	\$17,000.00
Information Kiosk	3	LS	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interpretive Signs	6	LS	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Central Park South Improvements Subtotal				\$920,250.00
Farmers' Market Improvements				
Removals	1	LS	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Utilities at Pavillions	1	Allowance	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Grading and Drainage	1	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Asphalt Drive and Parking	900	SY	\$20.00	\$18,000.00
Concrete Paving	13,000	SF	\$5.00	\$65,000.00
Restroom Building	1	Allowance	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Play Area / Performance Platform	1	Allowance	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
40'x90' Pavillion	3	Allowance	\$120,000.00	\$360,000.00
Bike Racks	6	EA	\$825.00	\$4,950.00
Benches	10	EA	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00
Picnic Tables	6	EA	\$1,600.00	\$9,600.00
Trash Receptacles	10	EA	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00
Recycling Stations	1	EA	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	12	EA	\$5,000.00	\$60,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Signage	1	Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Central Park Drive Median		Not Included		
Farmers' Market Improvements Subtotal				\$847,550.00
Area `A' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Concrete Paving	13,000	SF	\$5.00	\$65,000.00
Benches	6	EA	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
Boardwalk (16' wide)	225	LF	\$275.00	\$61,875.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$750.00	\$750.00
Area `A' Subtotal				\$148,125.00
Area `B' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
6' wide Boardwalk	1,060	LF	\$150.00	\$159,000.00
Canal Dredging	1	Allowance	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Area `B' Subtotal				\$384,000.00
Area `C' Connector				
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Asphalt Path (6' wide)	300	SY	\$20.00	\$6,000.00
Decorative Paving of Plaza	1,000	SF	\$9.00	\$9,000.00
Benches	4	EA	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
Signage	1	Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Boardwalk (6' wide)	170	LF	\$150.00	\$25,500.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area `C' Subtotal				\$66,000.00

	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total
Area `D' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Concrete Promenade (12' wide)	10,000	SF	\$5.00	\$50,000.00
Boardwalk (6' wide)	160	LF	\$150.00	\$24,000.00
Accessible Nature Trails	900	LF	\$10.00	\$9,000.00
Decorative Paving at Plaza	900	SF	\$9.00	\$8,100.00
Asphalt Path (6' wide)	750	SY	\$18.00	\$13,500.00
Benches	4	EA	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
Trash Receptacles	2	EA	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Fitness Stations	1	Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
			Area `D' Subtotal	\$156,000.00
Area `E' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Concrete Promenade (12' wide)	13,500	SF	\$5.00	\$67,500.00
Concrete Promenade (16' wide)	4,000	SF	\$5.00	\$20,000.00
Entry Plaza				
Decorative Paving	1,200	SF	\$9.00	\$10,800.00
Signage	1	Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Benches	2	EA	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Trash Receptacles	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Brick Retaining/Sign Walls	55	LF	\$125.00	\$6,875.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	3	EA	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
			Area `E' Subtotal	\$156,875.00
Area `F' Connector				
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Accessible Nature Trails	2,800	LF	\$10.00	\$28,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
			Area `F' Subtotal	\$30,500.00
Area `G' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Concrete Promenade (12' wide)	10,300	SF	\$5.00	\$51,500.00
Decorative Paving	900	SF	\$9.00	\$8,100.00
Benches	2	EA	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Trash Receptacles	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Pedestrian Bridge	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500.00
			Area `G' Subtotal	\$83,300.00
Area `H' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Concrete Paving	26,000	SF	\$5.00	\$130,000.00
Decorative Paving	900	SF	\$9.00	\$8,100.00
Asphalt Path (8' wide)	1,500	SY	\$20.00	\$30,000.00
Benches	8	EA	\$2,000.00	\$16,000.00
Picnic Tables	4	EA	\$1,600.00	\$6,400.00
Trash Receptacles	6	EA	\$1,200.00	\$7,200.00
Recycling Stations	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Bike Racks	4	EA	\$825.00	\$3,300.00
Pedestrian Bridge	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
			Area `H' Subtotal	\$271,200.00

	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Total
Area `J' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Excavation and Grading	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Concrete Paving	10,000	SF	\$5.00	\$50,000.00
Asphalt Path (6' wide)	400	SY	\$18.00	\$7,200.00
Asphalt Path (8' wide)	1,250	SY	\$20.00	\$25,000.00
Boardwalk (6' wide)	200	LF	\$150.00	\$30,000.00
Accessible Nature Trail	750	LF	\$10.00	\$7,500.00
Restroom/Concession Building	1	EA	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Game Courts	1	Allowance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Pedestrian Bridge	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Decorative Paving	900	SF	\$9.00	\$8,100.00
Bike Racks	2	EA	\$825.00	\$1,650.00
Benches	4	EA	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00
Picnic Tables	2	EA	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Trash Receptacles	2	EA	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Recycling Stations	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	3	EA	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Signage	1	Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
			Area `J' Subtotal	\$510,950.00
Area `K' Connector				
Removals	1	LS	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Boardwalk (6' wide)	1,100	LF	\$150.00	\$165,000.00
Concrete Paving	1,000	SF	\$5.00	\$5,000.00
Decorative Paving	500	SF	\$9.00	\$4,500.00
Bike Racks	1	EA	\$825.00	\$825.00
Benches	2	EA	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
Lighting (Includes Electrical Service)	3	EA	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
Landscaping and Restoration	1	Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Signage	1	Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Soil Erosion Control Measures	1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
			Area `K' Subtotal	\$236,785.00

Central Park Master Plan Subtotal	\$4,306,581.00
Permit Fees	\$20,000.00
Contingency @ 10%	\$430,658.10
Professional Fees @ 8%	\$380,579.13
CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN TOTAL	\$5,137,818.23



Budget Estimate Area Key Plan

Park Commission Meeting
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6. MINUTES

- a. August 11, 2015 Work Session Minutes
- b. August 11 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners: Deschaine (6:05 pm), Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens, Wilson
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

EXCUSED: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Due to time constraints, the Central Park Master Plan was moved to the end of the Work Session agenda creating the following agenda shift:

- item #3, Newton Road Parking Lot
- item #4, Dog Rule Discussion
- item #5, Historical Village Furnace Replacement
- New item added #6, Facebook Page
- item #7, Central Park Master Plan Update
- item #8, Other
- item #9, Public Comment
- item #10, Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson accepted the agenda as amended.

3. Newton Road Parking Lot

Director Maisner reported on August 4th, the Township Board held a public hearing on a special assessment district to pave Newton Road between Lake Lansing and Saginaw/BL-69/M-78. The property owners and the Township will share in the paving costs. The park portion is approximately \$8,608. Staff has asked for a cost estimate to pave the parking lot of Newton Road Park at the same time as the road paving. Director Maisner will forward the cost to the Commission for consideration.

4. Dog Rule Discussion

Commissioner McDonald asked the Commissioners to consider visiting the rules for dogs in the parks. Ottawa County Parks and Recreation dog rules were distributed as an example.

Discussion:

- Use of retractable leashes
- Increasing leash length to 10-12 feet
- Designate off leash areas

This item will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion

5. Historical Village Furnace Replacement

The Friends of Historic Meridian currently have their office in the Brick House/General Store and it now requires a new furnace. They have ordered one for installation. Staff is recommending reimbursement in the amount of cost. \$3,114. This item will be added to the regular meeting agenda for action.

6. Central Park Master Plan Update

Director Maisner distributed the power point presentation created by the consultant, OCBA (copy in minute book), and stated she will be using some of these pages for her presentation during the regular meeting. Director Maisner summarized the park elements for the four (4) main areas for development: Central Park/Historical Village, Ledebuhr site, Nancy Moore Park, and Farmers' Market relocation.

OCBA will present the final plan during the September regular meeting. Any additional Commissioner comments will be forward to her for inclusion into the plan.

7. Other

None

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson adjourned the work session at 7:05 pm.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners: Deschaine, Jaramillo, McDonald, Stephens
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and
Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

ABSENT: Commissioner Wilson

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 7:11 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Under item #9, New Business, add item #a. Historical Village Furnace Replacement and #b Facebook Promotion

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED, COMMISSIONER DESCHAINE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Presentations

None

4. Public Comment

David Ledebuhr, Cornell Road, Okemos, stated he is the Vice Chair for the Meridian Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The EDC has made the Farmers' Market activity one of their priority projects this year. The EDC supports a more prominent, visible location, and with its relocation to the Meridian Mall, the Market will be able to expand and improve its commerce base. He supports the proposal for a walkway, pavilion, improvements to the pond and all the connections for the Ledebuhr parcel (which his family donated to the Township). He supports all of the improvements for Central Park.

Maddie Masterson, President of the Meridian Garden Club, stated they are in support of the improvements but suggests relocating the new Pink Garden to a different location. The purpose of the Pink Garden is to raise awareness of breast cancer would prefer a more serene location to offer visitors a quiet place for reflection. Director Maisner will forward the suggestion to the consultant.

5. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Stephens thanked everyone who participated in the charrettes and believes OCBA has done a great job so far on Central Park Master Plan project.

Commissioner Deschaine spoke about the Kids and Dogs store and would like a presentation at a future Commission meeting about the strider bikes.

Vice Chair McDonald complimented OCBA for their work on the Central Park Master Plan and was impressed with their research and knowledge of this project.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 9, 2015 Work Session Minutes
- b. June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – page 5, item #12, Discussion items, #b, Social Media, second sentence, change 5% to 500

COMMISSIONER DESCHAIINE MOVED, COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

7. Communications

A. Items to/from the Public

1. From: Mary Gebbia-Portice, RE: Graham Riley and Zach Reid Assisted Park Visitor

B. Commission Information

1. August Calendar of Events for Parks & Recreation
2. Parks & Recreation Department 2nd Quarter Report (April-June 2015)
3. Towne Courier: **June 7:** Frog forage campfire at nature center June 27; **June 14:** Meridian Fishing Derby this Sunday; **June 28:** Meridian Township parks and getting lots of love; **July 5:** Harris Nature Center campfire set for July 11; Nature camps offered at Harris Nature Center; Meridian hosts Music in Village each Wednesday; **July 12:** Kids two-day camps offered at Harris Nature Center; Meridian seeks input for Central Park improvements; **July 19:** Kids two-day camps offered at Harris Nature Center; Nature center hosts Bat time campfire; **July 26:** Meridian Township seeking input on Central Park's future; Full moon walk in woods takes place July 31; Kids two-day camps offered at Harris Nature Center
4. Lansing State Journal: **June 22:** Buggin' Dad on Dad's Day
5. Press Releases: **July 6:** Meridian Township Park Commission Requests Residents' Input/Focus Groups Scheduled to Discuss Central Park Master Plan; **July 24:** Participatory Design Charrettes Planned/Two-day Open Studio Meetings to Discuss Central Park Master Plan

C. Staff Inquiries/Response

None

Vice Chair McDonald appreciated the compliment on the two employees from the Township resident.

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

8. Director's Report

CENTRAL PARK

- Master Plan Update (OCBA, public input sessions and focus group meetings well attended, design charrettes)
- The Town Hall parking areas are scheduled for light replacement and resurfacing in August/Sept

WONCH

- Wonch Pavilion
 - 40' hexagon Polygon pavilion – PO is requested
 - Wonch Parking lot paving - Being done this week
 - Electrical conduit and water line installed under new parking lot
 - Wonch Park Pathway Ribbon Cutting - suggested dates: Wednesday, August 26, September 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14-18
- Wonch Park Fencing - Black, aluminum railing installed
- Wonch Park Gate and Restroom Railings - Painted black

ORLANDO PARK SWINGS & SLIDES

- In the selection process now. Will order

HILLBROOK ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

- Working on plan currently. Received one bid for play equipment.

TOWNER ROAD PARK Phase I

- Entering into agreement with Viridis Design Group to begin redesign of front of park and bid project. Time projection for bidding: early October
- Demolition of Applegate house and surrounding structures late September

HARTRICK PARK

- Player Bench Covers - September project

HARRIS NATURE CENTER

- Crack-fill, seal and stripe parking lot HNC-next week. Waited for summer camps to conclude. Greatest summer camp season ever! 440 campers over 8 weeks. Congrats to staff
- Improve parking lot runoff area to reduce erosion – September project
- Progress report on Nature Exploration Area: Turtle, Fossil Dig area, log jam climbing structure, spider web, accessible trail all done. Gathering Circle construction in process
- Steps near canoe launch (Jay Hanks and volunteers)

FERGUSON PARK

- Crack filled , sealed and striped parking lot - done

NANCY MOORE PARK

- New siding Nancy Moore Park pavilion - done
- Safety Fencing on Ball diamonds - done

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

- A scout is working on gaga ball at N Meridian Rd Park

NEWTON ROAD

- Road will be paved in front of Newton Road Park

NEW RECREATION COORDINATOR

- Darcie Weigand, new Parks and Recreation Specialist - Welcome

SNELL-TOWAR RECREATION CENTER

- Summer program is complete

LEGG PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- No updates

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- Jay Hanks and Lansing Oar and Paddle Club installed steps down to river near canoe deck
- Midge Morrow and 21 volunteers from the Capital Area Geocache Club spent two hours cleaning up Wonch and Ferguson

DEER MANAGEMENT

- A third deer was found with CWD
- Planning an August 27 Town Hall meeting to discuss CWD (DNR). Time to be determined.

MERIDIAN GARDEN CLUB

- Continues to beautify the gardens near the Town Hall and the Village. Staff has been very busy attending to work orders that include pruning, mulch spreading, irrigation repairs, landscape bed edging, moving rocks, etc. This has been our busiest summer in the village yet and it shows.

GOOD-BYE TO OUR INTERN AND LEAD WORKER ROB MACKENZIE

- Travis Larson is leaving on Friday, he has done an excellent job and his friendly personality will be missed
- Lead Worker in Parks and Grounds, Rob MacKenzie has moved to lead the Sewer Department. Rob was an outstanding worker and leader in our department and I thank him for his dedicated efforts.

9. New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Historical Village Furnace Replacement

The Friends of Historic Meridian are a volunteer organization who manages the Meridian Historical Village and provide programming for the community year around. The furnace in the brick house needs replacing. The Friends have ordered a new unit for installation.

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED, COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO SECONDED, TO REIMBURSE THE FRIENDS OF HISTORIC MERIDIAN \$3,114 FOR THE NEW FURNACE INSTALLED IN THE BRICK HOUSE.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

b. Facebook Promotion

Commissioner Jaramillo reported she met with representatives from the Township's Communication Department to discuss effective ways to better promote the parks in our community through social media. Funds are available in the current budget for target marketing and boosting on Facebook and Twitter. They also discussed different ways to engage residents. The Commissioners supported the idea.

10. Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. Other Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. Discussion Items

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Central Park Master Plan Update

Director Maisner presented the preliminary plans that were created for Central Park by O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Associates. The process began in June with a thorough evaluation of the site and site conditions to determine opportunities and challenges for future development. A number of input opportunities were held including the public, stake holders, staff and Commission. This plan was developed from this foundation.

- To navigate the facility, 16' wide paved pathway promenade through the area with big entrance points and open areas; improving the north/south and east/west connections.
- Focus on all entrance points into the park.
- Identity – Signage, amenities, name all areas Central Park
- Historical Village area would include a “town center feel” with new pavilion, restroom building, light posts, benches, signage, new pink garden, small amphitheater and wide bridge connecting the Village to Central Park.
- Due to site constraints, the Farmers’ Market activity would move to a new location. This will provide new opportunities for this site. The current pavilion would be removed and replaced, the restroom would be relocated to the Village, add a fountain play area, plaza feature, family picnic space, new play equipment, Wi-Fi, and open green space.
- Ledebuhr site would include a sculpture garden walking trail, covered basketball/ice rink facility, paved pathways, boardwalks, signage, access walk to the Meridian Mall
- Relocation of the Farmers’ Market to the Meridian Mall, with covered open structures in the parking lot. The large greenspace would transform into a small park with restroom building, picnic area, small music stage, etc. A street crossing area will connect the Market with Central Park South.
- Central Park South - improved water quality, canal connecting to pond in Historical Village, boardwalk through wetland along canal, picnic area, parking and overlook/fishing area
- Nancy Moore Park would have a new entrance with the extension of Gaylord C Smith Court into the park (as in the original design), additional pavilion, restroom building.

This is just a summary of the plan. Sandy Bliesener from O’Boyle, Cowell, Blalock and Associates will attend the September 8 regular meeting to make a detailed final presentation including cost estimates.

13. Final Comments

None

14. Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015, Meridian Service Center
 - Farmers’ Market – Wednesdays and Saturdays, July 1-October 31, 8 am – 2 pm, Central Park Pavilion
- b. Meridian Arts and Crafts Marketplace, Sunday, August 23 & September 27, 11 am – 4 pm, Central Park Pavilion
- c. Heritage Festival – Saturday, September 19, 10 am – 3 pm, Meridian Historical Village and Central Park

15. Public Remarks

Mary Lou Hatfield, Okemos, shared her concern of having an open air design for the farmers' market pavilion during times of cold weather. Director Maisner replied that those types of details will be researched and determined during the design phase of that project.

Vice Chair McDonald reported he was please to see representation from Ingham County Parks and East Lansing Parks and Recreation at the meetings.

16. Closed Session

None

17. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER DESCHAINED MOVED, COMMISSIONER JARAMILLO SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Park Commission Meeting

September 8, 2015

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Items to/from the Public

1. From:

B. Commission Information

1. September Calendar of Events for Parks & Recreation
2. Towne Courier: **Aug 2:** Kids two-day camps offered at Harris Nature Center; **Aug 9:** Expert to guide edible plant walking tour; **Aug 23:** Chinese Qigong exercises occur each Monday; Exploration of Red Cedar River water Sept 13; Delicious or Dangerous? Harris Nature Center walk teaches attendees how to spot safe edibles in the wild; **Aug 30:** Exploration of Red Cedar River water Sept 13; Preschool will focus on dragon flies Sept 10; Meridian Heritage Festival Sept 19 at Historical Village; Meridian Township's Wonch Park opens new paved pathway
3. Lansing State Journal: **Aug 17:** Delicious or Dangerous? Harris Nature Center walk teaches attendees how to spot safe edibles in the wild
4. DeWitt Bath Review: **Aug 30:** Meridian Heritage Festival Sept 19 at Historical Village
5. Press Releases: **Aug 10:** Meridian Township Hires Recreation Specialist/ New Employee Brings More than Eight Years of Experience; **Aug 24:** Meridian Township Takes Residents Back in Time/History Comes to Life at Annual Heritage Festival; **Aug 24:** Meridian Township Celebrates Grant Funded Project/Wonch Park Pathway Ribbon Cutting Event Scheduled; **Aug 31:** Teamwork and Timbers Return/History Comes to Life at Annual Heritage Festival; **Aug 31:** Meridian Township Celebrates Grant Funded Project/Wonch Park Pathway Ribbon Cutting this Wednesday

C. Staff Inquiries/Response

1. From: Martha Wyatt, Associate Planner/Landscape Architect; RE: Site Plan Review#15-14-07 (Meridian Township Parks & Recreation); 4555 Okemos Road; remove existing and install new pavilion

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation September Calendar of Events

September 7 – Youth and Adult Advanced Archery registration deadline

September 8 – Fall Sporties for Shorties Camps

September 10 - Meridian Citizen's Academy

September 10 – Preschool Science Exploration/Dragonfly Dance

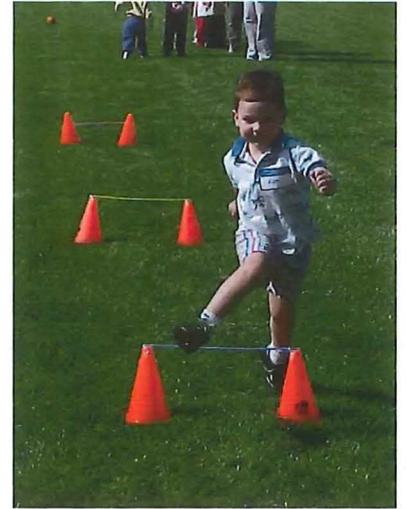
September 13 – Family Special: River Safari in Legg Park

September 17 – Fall Sporties for Shorties Camps

September 17 – Chipmunk Story Time/Hello Harvest Moon

September 18 – Playmakers Kids' Running Club registration deadline

September 19 – Meridian Heritage Festival



September 19 – HNC Stewardship Mornings

September 21 – My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers

September 21 – Timber Tots

September 22 – My Cub and I: Nature for Toddlers

September 23 – NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

September 24 – FHM Lecture Series

September 26 – Harvest Moon:

Tales Around the Campfire
September 27 – Meridian Arts & Crafts Marketplace

September 30 – Meridian Parks Photography Contest registration deadline



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

Exploration of Red Cedar River water Sept. 13

There's a lot more than fish living in the Red Cedar River in Legg Park, 3891 Van Atta Road in Meridian Township. On Sunday Sept. 13, 3 p.m., guided by the Harris Nature Center naturalists, you can use a net to dip in the water and down in the mud to find a world of invertebrate animals. The program is open to all ages.

There is a \$3/person or \$7/family fee due at the time of the program. For more information, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517-349-3866. The Harris Nature Center will provide equipment for people to use during this activity.

Participants are encouraged to wear old shoes and to register ahead. For more information about this and other programs offered at the Harris Nature Center, contact us at 517-349-3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us.

WV Sunday, August 9, 2015

Expert to guide edible plant walking tour

Peter Carrington, assistant curator of the W. J. Beal Botanical Garden at MSU on a late summer edible plant walking tour of the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road in Meridian Township, 3 p.m., Sunday Aug. 16. There is a \$3/person fee due at the

time of the walk. For more information, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517.349.3866. For more information about programs offered at the Harris Nature Center, contact them at (517) 349-3866 or hnc@meridian.mi.us and find out more online at www.meridian.mi.us and www.facebook.com/HarrisNatureCenter and www.twitter.com/HarrisNatureCnt.

Preschool will focus on dragon flies Sept. 10

Preschool children will enjoy hands-on science exploration activities at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, in Meridian Township 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. This month's Preschool Science Exploration theme is Dragonfly Dance. The program is designed for 4-5 year old children. The fee is \$4/child and is due at the time of the program. For more information, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517.-349-3866.

This month's exploration will be about dragonflies. Each class will have a different science topic and will always include a walk and a craft in addition to the science activity.

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Kids two-day camps offered at Harris Nature Center

If your camper's schedule doesn't permit a week of camp, they can still connect with nature at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road by participating in a two-day nature camp for children entering kindergarten through 6th grades Aug. 4-5. The camps meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and have a \$65 fee. All campers will receive a camp tee shirt. Campers must bring a sack lunch and should dress for the weather. For information, contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517.349.3866.

The camps also include games, crafts, nature activities and time with live animals. Registration for all Nature Camps is ongoing. Two-day Nature Camps include themes of *Feathery Friends*, *Animal Seekers* and *Nature's Artists* for kids entering kindergarten and 1st grade; *Grossology*, *Bug Me*, and *Nature's Artists II* for kids entering 2nd and 3rd grades; *CSI: Critter Scene Investigations*, *River Explorations* and *Earth Friends* for kids entering 4th through 6th grades.

Chinese Qigong exercises occur each Monday

Classes for Qigong (chi gung), an ancient Chinese exercise practice that conditions the body while quieting the mind, take place 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays this summer at the Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road in Okemos. The fee is \$10/person/class attended. There will not be class on Aug. 10. Contact hnc@meridian.mi.us or 517-349-3866 for more information. Qigong can be practiced by all people of all ages and abilities.

Meridian Heritage Festival Sept. 19 at Historical Village

The Meridian Heritage Festival will take place free of charge, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Meridian Historical Village near Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road. Residents will celebrate the community's history by enjoying a day of pioneer food, entertainment, demonstrations, games, exhibits and activities providing fun for visitors of all ages. The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of Historic Meridian present the history event.

Some activities offered at the festival include: Civil War home-life re-enactments from the Sisters of the Union and a civilian encampment by the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company B. Returning this year are cart and pony rides, rug making, lace making, and basket weaving, French Voyagers and a demonstration of Colonial-era medical equipment. New this

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Performers include the Haslett-based Gracewood Singers who will sing old-fashioned gospel songs. The Meridian Arts & Crafts' Marketplace will be open.

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Meridian Township's Wonch Park opens new paved pathway

MERIDIAN TWP. — A grand opening and ribbon cutting event for the new paved loop pathway in Wonch Park will take place at 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the park, 4555 Okemos Road.

Acquired in 1969, Wonch Park is one of the oldest parks in the Meridian Township Park System. The pathway is just one feature of an overall master plan that was developed for Wonch Park in 2008.

Additional improvements to Wonch Park in 2015 include a parking lot repaving project and new picnic pavilion.

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The entire project cost was \$60,000. The pathway was constructed by Central Excavating with numerous dead trees removed by Joe Penoni, Rapid Tree Removal Ser-



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The opening of a three-quarter mile long paved path will be celebrated Sept. 2 at Wonch Park.

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Additional contributors were the Okemos Kiwanis, who constructed four benches that are located along the new

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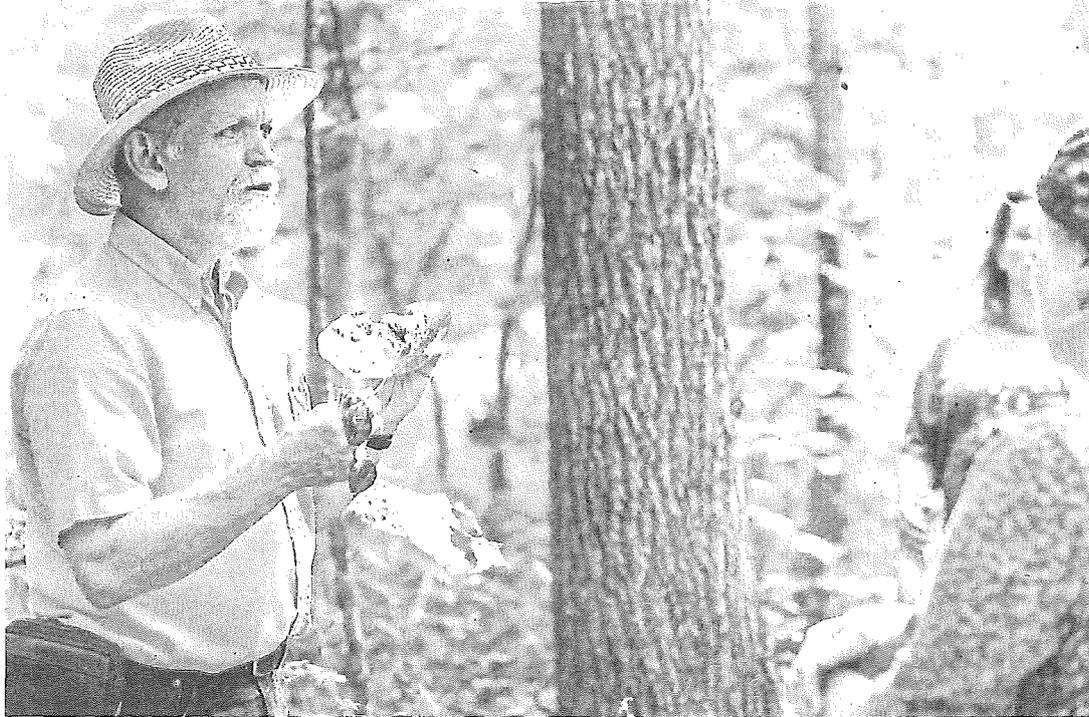
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Peter Carrington, assistant curator of the Beal Botanical Gardens at MSU, talks about the basswood tree has edible buds in fall during a walk at Harris Nature Center Sunday.

Delicious or dangerous? Harris Nature Center walk teaches attendees how to spot safe edibles in the wild

RJ WOLCOTT
LANSING STATE JOURNAL

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It was Jewett's son John who inspired him to learn more about foraging.

"I was eating some wild grapes and my son said he was a bit reluctant because he wasn't sure what was safe and what wasn't," he recalled.

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Carolyn White from East Lansing smiles as she listens to the entertaining talk about edible plants by Peter Carrington Sunday.

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He cautioned attendees numerous times throughout the hour-long walk to avoid members of the carrot family. While the seeds, stems and flower of Queen Anne's lace are enjoyable to

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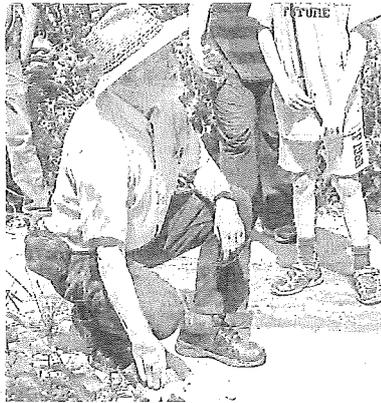
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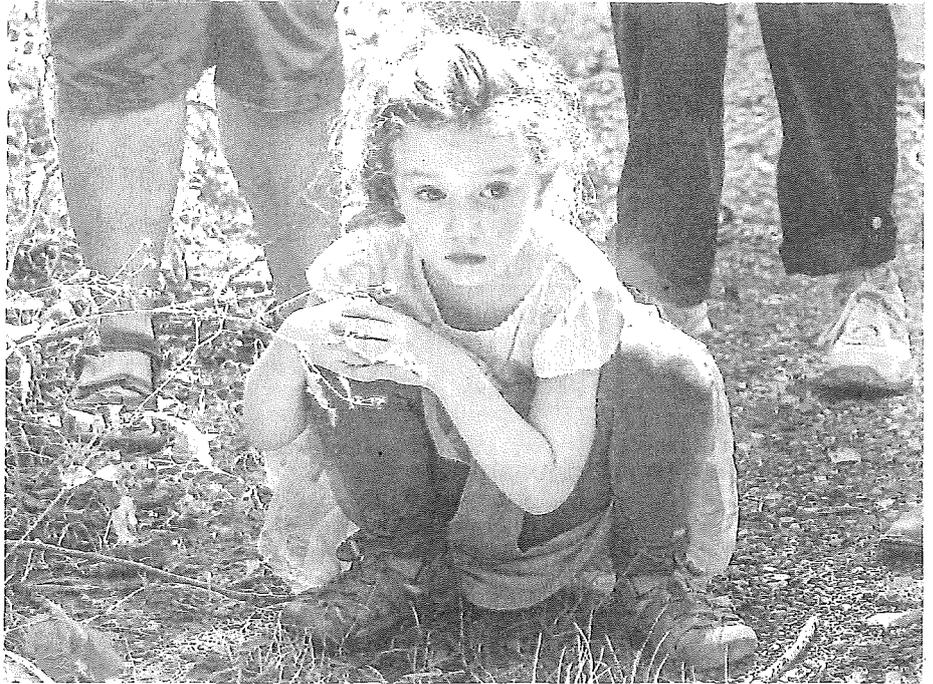
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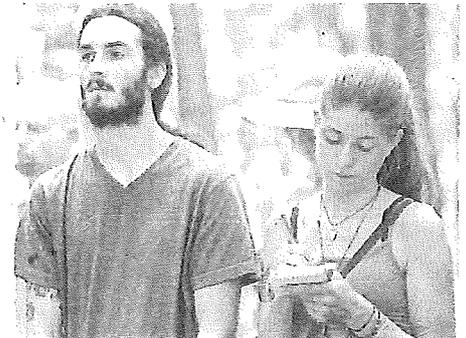
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Meridian Township Hires Recreation Specialist *New Employee Brings More Than Eight Years of Experience*

Meridian Township, MI — Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to welcome Darcie Weigand as the new Parks & Recreation Specialist. She replaces Greg Grothous who recently accepted a position with the city of St. Joseph, MI.



Darcie will be working with the Williamston Recreation programs, adult sports, as well as with special events.

“I’m passionate about Parks & Recreation and I’m very excited to join the Meridian Township team,” said Recreation Specialist Darcie Weigand.

Darcie comes to Meridian Township with over eight years of Parks & Recreation experience. She received her degree in Recreation from California State University, Long Beach where she was a student-athlete on the Women’s Track and Field team.

While with the City of El Segundo, Darcie supervised a variety of programs, special events and facilities. She was very involved with California Parks & Recreation Society, serving as the Region 5 Representative on the aquatics state board.

Over the last two years, Darcie was the Special Events Coordinator for the Coconino County Parks & Recreation Department in Flagstaff, Arizona. Darcie and her husband, Ryan, moved to the area at the end of July when Ryan took a position with the MSU Athletics Department.

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Meridian Township Takes Residents Back in Time *History Comes to Life at Annual Heritage Festival*

Meridian Township, MI — The Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with the Friends of Historic Meridian to present the Meridian Heritage Festival. Residents will celebrate the community's history by enjoying a day of Pioneer food, entertainment, demonstrations, games, exhibits and activities providing fun for visitors of all ages.

DATE: September 19, 2015

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Central Park, Meridian Historical Village (5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos)

“The Friends of Historic Meridian have been hard at work creating a fun and family-friendly line-up of activities for the community at the festival,” said Jane Rose, Executive Director of the Meridian Historical Village. “There will be fun activities for all ages, with rides, hands-on activities and games for children.”

Some activities offered at the festival include: Civil War home-life re-enactments from the *Sisters of the Union* and a civilian encampment by the *7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company B*. Returning this year are cart and pony rides, rug making, lace making, and basket weaving, French Voyageurs and a demonstration of Colonial-era medical equipment. New this year will be demonstrations of how to make socks on an antique turn-of-the-century machine. Returning after a hiatus of a few years is the Michigan Barn Preservation Network's Teamwork and Timbers project for children and adults to help put together a ¼ size barn.

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Admission to the event is free and vendors will be on hand in the food court with a selection of delicious food for sale. The Meridian Arts & Crafts' Marketplace will also be open featuring products from a variety of local vendors.

All visitors are encouraged to park at the Meridian Mall as on-site parking will be very limited. Bicycle parking is available for residents to pedal to the event.

For more information about the Meridian Heritage Festival activities, please visit the Meridian Township website at www.meridian.mi.us or the Meridian Historical Village website at www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

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Meridian Township Celebrates Grant Funded Project

Wonch Park Pathway Ribbon Cutting Event Scheduled

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Teamwork and Timbers Returns *History Comes to Life at Annual Heritage Festival*

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DATE: September 19, 2015

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Central Park, Meridian Historical Village (5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos)

“The Friends of Historic Meridian are thrilled to have this barn project back this year,” said Jane Rose, Executive Director of the Meridian Historical Village. “Visitors had a great time the last time we had the barn here. Children learned about the parts of the building and helped ‘raise the barn’ as they would have 100 years ago. The parents had almost as much fun as their children did.”

According to the Michigan Barn Preservation Network, the “youth barn raising [program] is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity that provides information, exposure, and experience through a traditional community barn raising common in Michigan communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Similar to husking bees, quilting bees, and other shared-work activities, neighbors depended upon each other to accomplish what they could not do alone.”

The barn-raising will take place inside the red Unruh Barn located in the Meridian Historical Village.

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For those unable to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony, there will be live coverage via HOMTV’s Periscope channel featured on Twitter.

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 4555 Okemos Road**

Dear Ms. Maisner:

Staff has reviewed the submitted site plan application and deemed it complete. The proposed project is a request to remove an existing pavilion and install an approximate 40 foot diameter pavilion with concrete pad and new walkway in Wonch Park, located at 4555 Okemos Road. For your information, the thirty (30) day review period began September 3, 2015 and ends on October 3, 2015. During the thirty (30) day review period, staff will review the site plan and forward comments to you regarding required revisions. Upon review of the revised plans, the Director of Community Planning and Development will make a decision to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application for site plan review.

The project requires a special use permit for work in the 100 year floodplain. The public hearing for Special Use Permit #15-14051 is scheduled for the September 14, 2015 meeting of the Planning Commission. An approved special use permit for the project is required prior to site plan review approval being granted.

A site plan review meeting is not required for the project. Staff will continue to review the submitted site plans and forward comments to you. If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-853-4580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha K. Wyatt".

Martha K. Wyatt
Associate Planner/Landscape Architect

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Park Commission Meeting
September 8, 2015

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Declaration and Notice – MNRTF Grant

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Commission

FROM: 
LuAnn Maisner, CPRP
Director of Park and Recreation

DATE: September 4, 2015

RE: Resolution of Declaration and Notice
Wonch Park DNR Pathway Grant

The Township was awarded a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$45,000 to construct a universally accessible paved loop pathway in Wonch Park. The pathway project is now complete and the final paperwork is being submitted to close out the project and receive the final reimbursement.

A new requirement in the grant process with the Department of Natural Resources is the recording of a "Declaration and Notice" and boundary map with Ingham County Registrar of Deeds.

The purpose of the "Declaration and Notice" is to assure that the grant funded site remain in the public domain for public use. By recording this document, Meridian Township is confirming its obligation to retain ownership of Wonch Park and continue its conservation for public outdoor recreation.

Resolution for consideration is attached.

**DECLARATION AND NOTICE
FOR WONCH PARK PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 8th day of September, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following Declaration and Notice was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

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

Legal Description Attached

Tax ID #33-02-02-21-451-004 / Wonch Park

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:

- A. Meridian Township developed the Property, in part, through the grant money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- B. 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.

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-12-024, WONCH PARK PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT, BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, EXECUTED ON JULY 2, 2013. 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:

NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting 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 relative to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 8th of September, 2015.

Todd Wilson, Chair
Meridian Township Park Commission