



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 4:30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair, Mary Nardo Farris; Commissioner, Mark Stephens; Commissioner, Mike McDonald
ABSENT: Commissioners Amanda Lick and Ami Van Antwerp - excused
STAFF: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks and Recreation and Bridget Cannon, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nardo-Farris called the meeting to order at **4:37 pm**.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Nardo-Farris called the roll of the Commission. Commissioners Lick and Van Antwerp excused absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McDonald moved **TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. February Stewardship Calendar
- B. February Snell-Towar Calendar

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED TO PLACE THE COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS PRESENTED ON FILE. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Marshall Park Update

Three contractors currently bidding on play structures for Marshall Park, concept plans deadline this week to Director Wisinski. Existing play equipment at the park will be deconstructed and play structure will be replaced. New play structure will be inclusive and ADA compliant. Future budget items at Marshall Park will include a new walking path and an update to the parking area. Conceptual designs will be on display at Parks Office.

B. Central Park Pavilion Update

Renovation of current pavilion. RFP deadline is February 29 all bids due with architectural assessment. There has been a lot of interest from contractors.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Joint Commissions Meeting – March 26, 2024
- Celebrate Meridian Festival – June 28 and June 29, 2024 – festival planning underway
- Farmers' Market 50th Anniversary – yearlong celebration planning and a new logo being designed for the anniversary year
- Friends of Historic Meridian – 50th Anniversary
- mParks annual conference last week of February

9. LAND PRESERVATION REPORT – Commissioner Stephens

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners like to see the additional programming taking place at Snell-Towar, Commissioner Stephens suggested partnering with Groovy Donuts for a Vinyl Night at the Rec Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nardo Farris adjourned the meeting at **5:50 pm**.

The next scheduled meeting is **March 12, 2024**, at the Township Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, 4:30 pm.