



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Location: Service Center Building
Okemos, MI 48864

DATE: July 9, 2019
PRESENT: Commissioners Stephens, Van Antwerp, and McDonald
EXCUSED: Commissioners Lick and Schaetzl
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:31pm.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Jane Rose, Certificate of Appreciation

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

WHEREAS, the Friends of Historic Meridian, a non-profit organization, entered into a partnership with Meridian Township and the Park Commission to collect and maintain numerous 19th century buildings in Central Park and to provide programs, workshops, tours, camps and other historic activities; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2002, the Friends of Historic Meridian Board hired Jane Rose as its Executive Director to operate the Historical Village; and

WHEREAS, Jane assisted Friends of Historic Meridian and the Meridian Park Commission in building a replica of the 1870's Okemos Methodist Episcopal Church and through its popularity was awarded the "Best Wedding Venue" in the Greater Lansing area in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jane developed a historic lecture series, authored articles on Meridian History, and created a pictorial review of Meridian Township; and

WHEREAS, Jane has developed and conducted numerous lectures and tours and worked with approximately 3,000 schools students annually, teaching early American history by engaging in chores such as churning butter, grinding corn, doing laundry on a washboard; and

WHEREAS, Jane has provided 17 years of dedicated service in leading the Friends of Historic Meridian; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Park Commission and Parks and Recreation Department wish to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to Jane Rose for her outstanding efforts in providing meaningful service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that Jane Rose is presented with this “Resolution of Appreciation” for her dedication and leadership that contributed to the development of the Meridian Historical Village that enhances the quality of life for residents of Meridian Township.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Commissioners McDonald, Van Antwerp, Stephens

NAYS: None

The resolution passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stephens moved TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. Seconded by Commissioner Van Antwerp

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Van Antwerp MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Marketplace on the Green – Contract for construction has been awarded to Gordon Construction Services.
- Celebrate Meridian Festival took place on June 29 with approximately 25,000 in attendance. Great event.
- A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, July 8 for the special use permit and wetland use permit. The permit applications will also be reviewed by the Environmental Commission on Wednesday, July 10 with final action on July 22 by the Planning Commission. The plans and specs are currently under review by the DNR. The project will go out for bid by the end of the month.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Budget Amendment/Marketplace on the Green

Fundraising for Marketplace on the Green has gone extremely well but additional funds are necessary to complete the project. The Park Commission allocated \$200,000 toward this project in the current budget year. The General Fund allocation and donations have brought us to a total of \$1,140,143.

Donation Partners:

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| Meridian Economic Development Corporation | \$ 50,000 |
| Haslett and Okemos Kiwanis Club | \$ 75,000 |
| Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club | \$ 35,000 |
| Capital Region Community Foundation | \$ 75,000 |
| Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MRDC) | \$ 50,000 |
| Delta Dental | \$ 50,000 |
| Patronicity Crowd Funding | \$ 20,143 |
| Meridian Area Business Association | \$ 3,000 |
| Greater Lansing Association of Realtors | \$ 2,000 |
| Michigan Association of Realtors | \$ 2,500 |
| WalMart Foundation | \$ 2,500 |
| LINC | \$ 3,800 |
| Meridian Township | <u>\$775,000</u> |

TOTAL REVENUE TO DATE \$1,143,943

Cost of Project

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| Gordon Construction Services | \$1,403,699 |
| Other amenities | <u>\$ 250,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$1,703,699 |
| Amount needed to complete project | (\$509,756) |

Commissioner Van Antwerp moved to APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR MARKETPLACE ON THE GREEN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FROM THE PARK MILLAGE FUND BALANCE. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020 BUDGET REQUEST. The motion was supported by Commissioner Stephens.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Stephens, Van Antwerp, McDonald

Nays: None

The motion passed.

B. Capital Improvement Program 2020-2025

Each year the Township reviews and updates major projects as part of the budget process. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed projects for 2020 and recommended that the playground at Towner Road Park be moved to 2021 and to seek grant support to assist in

funding. They agreed by consensus to the 2020 projects but will further review the remaining years at their August meeting.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Project Name</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Funding Source</u> |
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| 2020 | Marketplace on the Green Playground, stage, Ice, site furnishings | \$300,000 | Park Millage |
| 2020 | Parking Lot Expansion (Central Park South, N. Meridian Rd Park) | \$102,000 | Park Millage |
| 2020 | Large Dog Park | \$ 25,000 | Park Millage |
| 2020 | Towner Road Park Playground (move to 2021) | <u>\$200,000</u> | Park Millage |
| TOTAL | | \$627,000 | |
| <hr/> 2021 | | | |
| 2021 | Ottawa Hills Playground | \$100,000 | Park Millage, Grants |
| 2021 | Central Park Pavilion Renovation, Landscaping | \$250,000 | Park Millage |
| 2020 | Harris Nature Center Parking Lot Expansion | <u>\$70,000</u> | Park Millage |
| TOTAL | | \$420,000 | |
| <hr/> 2022 | | | |
| 2022 | Hillbrook Park Restroom Building | <u>\$200,000</u> | Park Millage, Federal and State Grants |
| TOTAL | | \$200,000 | |
| <hr/> 2023 | | | |
| 2023 | Nancy Moore Park Playground, Pavilion | \$300,000 | Park Millage |
| 2023 | Nancy Moore Park Loop Trail | \$80,000 | Park Millage |
| 2023 | Marshall Park Playground Replacement | <u>\$100,000</u> | Park Millage |
| TOTAL | | \$480,000 | |
| <hr/> 2024 | | | |
| 2024 | Central Park Improvements-Splash pad or State | \$500,000 | Park Millage, Federal |

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| | | | Grants |
| 2024 | Wonch Park Improvements – Restroom, State Streambank, launch, Wi-Fi | \$500,000 | Park Millage, Federal or Grants |
| 2024 | Snell-Towar Recreation Center Improvements State | <u>\$185,000</u> | Park Millage, Federal or Grants |
| | TOTAL | \$1,185,000 | |

2025

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| 2025 | Meridian Riverfront Park Trail Improvements Millage, | \$1,000,000 | Park Millage, Pathway Federal/State Grants |
| 2025 | Newton Road Park Playground | <u>\$100,000</u> | Park Millage |
| | TOTAL | \$1,100,000 | |

C. 2019 Park Development Budget Request

Listed below are the recommended projects from Capital Improvement Projects list for 2020 from the Park Millage:

2020 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

PARK MILLAGE-PARK DEVELOPMENT

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| Marketplace on the Green | \$ 250,000 |
| Central Park South Parking Lot Expansion | \$ 20,000 |
| North Meridian Road Park Parking Lot Expansion | \$ 82,000 |
| Large Dog Park | \$ 35,000 |
| Artificial Ice for Skating | <u>\$ 50,000</u> |
| | \$ 437,000 |

COMMISSIONER Van Antwerp MOVE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PARK PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437,000 FROM 2020 PARK MILLAGE BUDGET. The motion was supported by Commissioner Stephens. Vote passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

None

10. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

A. Commissioner Comments

- a. Chair McDonald commended Director Maisner for her work on Celebrate Meridian and for working an 18- hour day.
- b. Commissioner Stephens commented on his work in promoting legislation to reinstate a \$2 youth fishing license to help promote youth fishing and to support the Great Lakes.

B. Events Calendar:

1. Farmers' Market:

- a. Saturdays, 8 am-2 pm, Central Park Pavilion, through end of October
- b. Wednesdays, starting July 10, 3-7 pm; through the end of October.

C. Meridian Senior Center Fundraiser Rummage Sale, July 11 & 12, 9 am – 5 pm, July 12, 9 am to Noon

D. Howl at the Moon, July 19, 9 pm, Harris Nature Center

E. Music in Nature, July 20, 5-8:30 pm; Harris Nature Center

F. Fireflies and Friends Campfire,, July 27, 7-8:30 pm; Harris Nature Center

G. Turning Back the Pages Day Camp, August 5-9, 9 am – Noon, Meridian Historical Village

H. National Night Out, August 6, 6-9 pm, throughout the Township

I. Senior Center Art Show, August 22, 10 am – Noon, Meridian Senior Center

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.

12. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 13, 2019**, 6 pm regular meeting in the Service Center Building, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith, Haslett This will be a non-televised meeting.