



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Towner Road Park
2055 Towner Road, Haslett, MI 48840

Date, Time June 12, 2018; 6 pm

PRESENT: Chair, Michael McDonald; Vice Chair Amanda Lick; Commissioner Courtney Wisinski
EXCUSED: Commissioner Annika Schaetzl; Commissioner Mark Stephens
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McDonald called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lick moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 8, 2018 Regular Minutes
- B. May 8, 2018 Work Session Minutes

Commissioner Wisinski moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10 2018 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Lick.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Items to/from the Public
None
- B. Commission Information
 - 1. Meridian Historical Village Interpretative Sign Ribbon Cutting Program and Picture
 - 2. Township Meeting Calendar (note: Township Board meeting on June 10 & 24/2nd & 4th Tuesday); Park Commission meeting on June 17/3rd Tuesday)
- C. Staff Inquiries/Response
None

Commissioner Lick moved **TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE**. Seconded by Commission Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Towner Road Park Status – final walk-through next week
- North Meridian Road Park Pavilion Status – Rescheduling installation due to excessive water
- Dog Park Status – Bids were received and awarded for fencing for both the large dog and small dog areas. Areas have been identified in Central Park.
- Central Park Improvements status – contract was signed with Wolverine Engineering and Surveyors. Kick-off meeting scheduled for next week.
- Grant agreements – received Trust Fund grant agreement for action from the DNR. The project is the new pavilion at Harris Nature Center
- Celebrate Meridian – Saturday, June 30, 2018 11am-11pm in Central Park.
- Farmers' Market Status – Finalizing property control now. Next up is working on design and engineering for the project.
- Currently working on the CIP 2019-2024 and the proposed 2019 budget request.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of MNRTF Grant Agreement – Pavilion at Harris Nature Center

Commissioner Lick oved **TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR A GRANT THAT WAS APPROVED FROM THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000**. Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair Michael McDonald, Vice Chair Amanda Lick, Commissioner Wisinski

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Able Eyes

Commissioner Lick shared the purpose and vision of this organization and how meridian township parks and recreation department could benefit by increasing accessibility opportunities in our parks and programs. This organization posts videos of places and programs that serve as a preview of what to expect when visiting or participating. Able Eyes will be invited to attend the August meeting to make a presentation.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. PROPOSED SJR O/SB 763 S:

Director Maisner and Chair McDonald shared the history and outcome pertaining to the distribution of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Revenues.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. Next Park Commission Meeting: **Tuesday, July 17, 2018 (Third Tuesday)**
- B. Meridian Farmers' Market: Saturdays May 5-October 27; 10 am – 2 pm
- C. Event Calendar:
 - 1. Friday, June 29; Meridian Mile Race in Central Park
 - 2. Saturday, June 30: Celebrate Meridian 11am-11pm
 - 3. Township Offices Closed July 4, 2018

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

13. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17, 2018** in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI. Work Session at 6 pm and Regular Meeting at 7 pm.