

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners: Deschaine (6:07 pm), Jaramillo, McDonald, Wilson  
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and  
Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

EXCUSED: Commissioner Stephens

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Wilson called the work session to order at 6:04 pm

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Under item #6, add item #a. Township Foreclosed Parcels

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

**3. Love a Park Day – June 20, 2015, 9 am – 12 Noon**

Commissioner Deschaine reported he received good feedback on this project and has signed up five (5) primary groups to work on “Love a Park Day” projects and although there are scout troops listed, their work day will be later in the year. He asked Commissioners to volunteer to assist at one of the park locations. Chair Wilson chose Harris Nature Center; Commissioner Jaramillo chose Hillbrook Park; and Commissioner McDonald reported he knows John Hess who is assigned to Newton Road Park and will contact him about their work date. Commissioner Deschaine stated he spoke with Teri Banas and the Haslett Beautification Association has already worked on Marshall Park and will be joining the Kiwanis Club at Orlando Park and he will volunteer there as well. Parks and Land Management Coordinator Greenway will be preparing a list of projects needed to be completed at each park and coffee and pastries will be provided for the volunteers.

**4. Central Park Master Plan Update**

Director Maisner distributed a copy of the kick-off minutes from the May 28, 2015 meeting with consultant, O’Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates (OCBA). She summarized this first meeting and the information gathered for their review. On page 2 is a list of proposed public input sessions. After a brief discussion with staff and the consultant, the beginning of the public input sessions will begin on July 15. She also distributed a proposed list of stakeholders for the meeting and asked Commissioners to review and forward additional invitees to her within the next week.

**5. 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan**

As a follow-up to the Special Meeting on May 19, 2015, Director Maisner distributed the final proposed 2016-2021 CIP document for comment. It was agreed that \$900,000 will be dedicated to construction of Towner Road Park in 2016. If we are awarded any of the three grant requests submitted this year, construction of those would take place in 2017.

Director Maisner reported she accompanied DNR Grant Coordinator, Chip Kosloski to tour our grant sites. Commissioner McDonald suggested sending the most recent Meridian Monitor to Steve DeBrabander and Jon Mays.

**6. Other**

**a. Township Foreclosed Parcels**

Director Maisner distributed a map and description of two parcels available on the Foreclosed Parcels list provided by Ingham County. Parcel #1 consists of a triangular island surrounded by roadways on Marsh Road and the second parcel, located on Haslett Road, not adjacent to Hillbrook or a land preserve. By consensus, the Commission was not interested in purchasing either parcel.

**7. Comment**

None

**8. Adjournment**

Hearing no objections, Chair Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:58 pm.