

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners: Banas, Jaramillo, Stephens (6:01 pm), Wilson  
Staff: Parks and Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner; Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant II Robin Faust

ABSENT: None

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Director Maisner summarized the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting process where the Wonch Park Pathway will be presented. Parks and Land Management Coordinator Greenway has worked with Planning Staff to incorporate the ZBA's concerns with the placement of the pathway throughout the Park. Staff believed the original plan was less intrusive and with less impact on existing trees and foliage but the ZBA did not agree. Staff believes the original plan should stand because Wonch Park was in place prior to changes in the current Ordinance and it should be grandfathered in. It was also noted that Development of Environment Quality (DEQ) has approved the original plan and issued a permit for work within the floodway of the Park.

Chair Wilson called the work session to order at 6 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Under #4, Other, add new #4a, Park Millage discussion, and #4b, ZBA Wonch Park Pathway presentation

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

**3. Interviews for Open position on Park Commission**

Park Commission member Marilyn Aronoff submitted her resignation effective June 1, 2014. A call for interested persons was made in the Towne Courier and on the Township Website. Three persons submitted forms to the Township Clerk's office.

The Commission conducted face to face interviews with each of the three candidates: Shane Goodale, Tassi Miller and Mike MacDonald. Each candidate was asked a prepared list of questions in an effort to learn more about them.

**4. Other**

**a. Park Millage discussion**

Due to the lateness in the meeting, this item was tabled to the regular meeting agenda.

**b. ZBA Wonch Park Pathway presentation**

This item was discussed briefly prior to the commencement of the meeting and due to the lateness in the work session; further discussion on this item was tabled to the regular meeting agenda.

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, Chair Wilson adjourned the work session at 8 pm.