



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING  
March 13, 2018 6:00 pm

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**WORK SESSION – TOWN HALL ROOM 6 PM**

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER
2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. REVIEW GRANT HEARING PROJECTS
5. TRI-COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING
6. OTHER
7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
8. ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

**REGULAR MEETING – TOWN HALL ROOM 7 PM**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. January 16, 2018 Regular Minutes
  - B. January 30, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS-MDNR GRANT SUBMISSIONS
  - A. Natural Resources Trust Fund –Inclusive Play and Nature Observation Space for Towner Road Park
  - B. Land and Water Conservation Fund – Native Landscaping, Accessible Courtyard and Pavilion Renovation for Central Park
  - C. Michigan Recreation Passport – Neighborhood Play Space and Fitness Zone for Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park
8. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Natural Resources Trust Fund – Inclusive Play and Nature Observation Space for Towner Road Park
  - B. Land and Water Conservation Fund – Native Landscaping, Accessible Courtyard and Pavilion Renovation for Central Park
  - C. Michigan Recreation Passport – Neighborhood Play Space and Fitness Zone for Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park
9. CLOSED SESSION
10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
  - A. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018
  - B. Township Offices closed Friday, March 30 at Noon in observance of Good Friday.
  - C. Meridian Farmers' Winter Market: April 7 & 21; 10 am – 2 pm; JC Penney Corridor; Meridian Mall
  - D. April Family Fun Events:
    1. April 15 - Explore Nature Open House
    2. April 21 - HNC Stewardship Mornings
    3. April 21 - Song Bird Nest Box Workshop
    4. April 22 - Earth Day Walkabout
    5. April 27 - Howl at the Moon
12. ADJOURNMENT

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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained from the Supervisor.  
Appointment of Supervisor Pro Tem and/ or Temporary Clerk if necessary.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting:  
Parks & Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett or 517.853.4600 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall

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Park Commission Meeting  
March 13, 2018

4. MINUTES

- a. September 12, 2017 Work Session Minutes
- b. September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Administrative Conference Room

Date, Time      January 16, 2018

PRESENT:        Chair, Michael McDonald; Vice Chair Amanda Lick; Commissioner Annika Schaetzl;  
                         Commissioner Mark Stephens; Commissioner Courtney Wisinski  
ABSENT:        None  
STAFF:           LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

**2. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Schaetzl moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Vice Chair Lick.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Wisinski.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Received LWCF Grant award notification \$50,000 for Restroom facility at Harris Nature Center
- 80 total deer were harvested in the Deer management program. Sharpshooters will begin on Jan 22
  - MSU Deer Study – MSU PhD Student, Jonathan Trudeau is conducting research in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to identify deer movement patterns. They will be affixing GPS collars to the deer over a four-county area. He has requested to use some of our parks for his study. Director Maisner will

obtain additional details about the process and respond back to Mr. Trudeau with an approval letter.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Proposed Grant Projects for 2018

Commissioner Lick moved to **SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE MDNR FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

- **MICHIGAN NATURAL TRUST FUND PROGRAM – CENTRAL PARK PAVILION**
- **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND – TOWNER ROAD PARK PLAYGROUND AND AMENITIES**
- **MICHIGAN RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM – OTTAWA HILLS PLAYGROUND/OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA.** Seconded by Commissioner

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

A. Friend of the Park Ceremony, Tuesday, January 30, 2018

B. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 (February meeting canceled)

C. Public Hearing for Proposed Grant Projects, Tuesday, March 13, 2018

D. Farmers' Market:

1. Winter Market: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, December – April, 10 am – 2 pm, JC Penney Corridor, Meridian Mall

E. Township Offices closed Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.

F. January/February Winter Family Fun Events:

1. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, January 20; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
2. Winter Wonderland at Harris Nature Center, Saturday, January 27; 10 am – 3 pm
3. Meridian Moonlight Sledding, Saturday, January 27; 6-8:30 pm; North Meridian Road Park
4. Polar Bear 5 K Run/Walk, Sunday, January 28; 10 am; Central Park/Nancy Moore Park
5. Howl at the Moon, Friday, February 2; 7 pm; Harris Nature Center
6. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, February 10; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
7. Meridian Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, February 17; 9am-Noon, Central Park pond
8. Chinese New Year Celebration, Sunday, February 18; 1-3 pm, Meridian Mall
9. Moonlight Ski and Shoe, Saturday, February 24; 6-9 pm, Harris Nature Center
10. Meridian Moonlight Sledding, Saturday, February 24; 6-8:30 pm; North Meridian Road Park
11. Meridian Swims at MAC, Tuesday, February 28; 6:30-8 pm; Michigan Athletic Club

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

**13. NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13, 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.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Town Hall Room  
January 30, 2018 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Chair, Michael McDonald; Commissioner Annika Schaetzl; Commissioner Mark Stephens; Commissioner Courtney Wisinski  
ABSENT: Vice Chair Amanda Lick  
STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director, Parks & Land Management Coordinator Jane Greenway; Stewardship Coordinator Kelsey Dillon; HNC Coordinator Kit Rich

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Hearing no objections, Chair McDonald accepted the agenda as submitted.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Meridian Township Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

Park Commissioners acknowledged the following individuals, groups and organizations for their contributions in 2017 to Township Parks and Land Preserves:

**Meridian Garden Club**—Successfully dedicated the Plant it Pink Garden for Breast Cancer awareness, planted and maintained gardens in the Historical Village, the gardens in front of the Municipal Building and Claire Twohy Memorial Garden in Central Park – Helen Tanner/Founding President, Jodie Szalankiewicz/President

**Haslett Beautification Association**—Planted and maintained gardens in Haslett green spaces and engaged youth in meaningful beautification projects - Teri Banas/President, Shari Middlewood/Vice President, Chris Decker/Treasurer, Anne Perkins/Secretary; and board members: Patty Cotter, Diane Robinson, Simar Pawar and Peter Menser

**Friends of Historic Meridian**—Efforts toward growth and sustainability of the Meridian Historical Village and provided meaningful education programs and community events for youth and families – Jane Rose, Executive Director

**Meridian Senior Center Advisory Board**—Provided input, direction and program support for the Meridian Senior Center - Peggy Frish/President, Jack Whitmeyer/Vice President, Darla Jackson/Secretary, Betsy Bricker, Richard Fox, Gen Healy, Kristen Campbell/Ingham County Care Facility, Matt Prinz/Chippewa Middle School teacher

**Harris Nature Center Foundation**— Jim Buscetta/President, Nancy Parmenter/Vice President, Barb Kissling/Treasurer, Rachel McDaniel/Secretary, June Hicks, Julie Moore, Martha (Patty) Robbins, Roxanne Truhn, and Nora Thompson

**Haslett Kiwanis Club**—Participated at two locations for the annual Love A Park Day

**Kiwanis Club of Okemos**—Solicited giftcards from local businesses for the Harris Nature Center Silent Auction and donated money for a new flagpole at Towner Road Park

**Haslett-Okemos Rotary**— Sponsored the new interpretive signs at the Historical Village

**Howard and Helen Tanner**—Honorary directors of the Harris Nature Center Foundation

**Red Cedar Kid's 4-H Club**—Received training and monitored a vernal pool in a park for the Mid-Michigan monitoring program for a year; Elisabeth Baumann/Teen Leader, Maggie Callender/Member, Greta Gmazel/Member, Harmony Gmazel/Leader and Nature Study co-leader, Becky Callender/Volunteer Leader), Krista Baumann/Volunteer Leader, Jean Fierke/Nature Study co-leader

**Lansing Oar and Paddle Club**—Continued stewardship of the Red Cedar River ; President Jay Hanks, Vice-President Loretta Crum

**MSU Global Day of Service Volunteers**—Students and staff from MSU removed the invasive species Autumn Olive at the Davis Foster Land Preserve

**Earth Day Volunteers**—Okemos Daisy Scouts and staff from Okemos Goldfish Swim School planted flowers and cleaned up Nancy Moore Park

**Love A Park Day Volunteers**—Hillbrook and Orlando Parks – Haslett Kiwanis Club, Meridian Democrats, Bobby Dubyne, Township Board member Phil Deschaine; Harris Nature Center – Okemos Kiwanis Club, Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club, Treasurer Julie Brixie, Meridian Democrats; Hartrick Park – Martha Hentz and Chris Buck with families; Sander Farm – Larry Hennessy; Forest Hills Natural Area – Forest Hills Neighborhood Association; Ferguson Park- Haslett Scout Troop #265 and Lansing Young Professionals Kiwanis Club; Wonch Park- Williamston Girl Scout Troop

**Vernal Pool Volunteers**—Attended a presentation, training and monitored a vernal pool over the course of 2017: Leslie Kuhn (lead organizer for Ingham county properties), Jim Hewitt, Jeff Potter, Margo Smith, Elaine Fischhoff, Michael Fields, Cathryn Fields, Jan Derksen, Chris Leodler, John Leodler, Bri Krauss, Nicholas Stevenson, Ken Rosenman, Roger Webster, Becca Blundell, Karrie Korroch, Julie Walker, Joe Walker, Clara Bratton, Abigail King, Steve Hensel, Marion Gorton, Ralph Gorton, Ellen Link, Julia O'Connor, Jacqueline Stewart, Aaron Davis, Richard Baker, Hannah Lundin, Katie Gorman , Cindy Drier, Samantha Courtney, John Cox, Emma Jakobcic, Pat Witte, Tim Buckley, Travis Coon, Sara Huetteman, Chelsea Taylor, Rachelle Roake, Wendy Koerner, Jacqueline Stewart, Therese Nugent, Julie Hupp, Amy O'Brien, Michael Sanders, Mary Hennessey, Katherine Neils, Eckhart Dersch, Jean Fierke, Corey Lucas, Julia O'Connor, Deborah Harris, and the Red Cedar Kid's 4-H Club

**Eckhart Dersch**—Provided reports on parks throughout the Township identifying maintenance needs

**Larry Hennessey**—Cleaned and monitored the bluebird boxes in Sander Farm Preserved Natural Area and Tacoma Hills Natural Area

**Georganne Withey**—Fitness Over-50 Program Coordinator at the Meridian Mall

**Kelly Colflesh**—Assisted with annual Meridian Fishing event

**Leslie Kuhn and Jim Hewitt**—Treated invasive Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed across the Township; Mapping, permitting, owner contact and treatments. Mid-Michigan coordinators of the Stewardship Network

**Dave Reicosky and Julie Taliber**—Helped with the planting and continued maintenance the Monarch Garden at Hartrick Park

**Ellen Passage and Mary Ann Peterson**—Cleaned and maintained the Paul Peterson Memorial at Nancy Moore Park

**Steve Thomas & Sower Woods Neighbors**—Regularly maintained Sower Woods Land Preserve by removing invasive species and planting native forbs

**Frank Hatfield & Sylvan Glen Neighbors**—Removed invasive Autumn Olive from Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve

**Gene Wasserman**—Maintenance, monitoring and reporting of Bluebird boxes in Meridian Riverfront Park and Hartrick Park

**Friends of the Red Cedar River**—Stewards and advocates for the Red Cedar River

**Friends of Meridian Township Pathways**—Stewards and advocates for non-motorized transportation in Meridian

**Kaden Bartlett**—Completed his Eagle Scout project by building a split rail fence around the east and south sides of the Nature Exploration Area at the Harris nature Center (Boy Scout Troop 96)

**Steve Wilson, Ron Elowski, Bob Reszck**- Raised funds and organized the Boulder Garden Exhibit

**Studio [intrigue] Architects**—David Vanderklok, Anna Breithaupt, Mackenzie Parsons - Raised funds, designed and built Beaver Lodge Playhouse

**Capital Area Audubon Association** - Clara Bratton and Bruce Cohen volunteered as leaders for bird walks

**Rosemary Buscetta**—Volunteer instructor, prepared and taught the Magic of Fairy House

Building event

**Gerry and Gaelen McNamara**- Long time generous donors and supporters of the Harris Nature Center

**Steve DeBrabander**—Cleared and maintained trail at Brattin Woods Park

**Robert and Nancy Smith**—Trails and pathways trash removal in Central Park

**Towar Woods Preserve**—Cleared invasive plants, planted 175 trees, conducted activities to reduce deer damage to trees and cleaned up trash: Dave Caszatt, Donald Dickman, Nick Sanchez, Sandy Davis, Bobbie Davis, Cathie and Max Lindquist, Dave Wearsch, Jim Kielbaso, Margo Smith, Rick Loftus, Matt and Leah Jones with three kids, Mary, Maria & Adriana Flores, Mary Fielding, Mark and Paula Frantz with two sons, Shelby Schueller, Tom and David W., Andy Tobias with daughter, and Tammy Black

**Haslett Boy Scout Troop 265**—Scouts and parents planted trees at the Northridge Land Preserve, participated in Love A Park Day and ran the bike valet at the Celebrate Meridian

**Bennett Woods Elementary School**—90 first grade students extended the certified Monarch garden at Hartrick Park by adding new forbs

**Chippewa Middle School**—Hartrick Park: students grew flowers in their greenhouse and donated them to be planted in the Monarch garden

**Murphy Elementary School**—Davis Foster Seed Ball Project: fifth grade students enhanced the grassland at Davis Foster by creating native seed balls; Lake Lansing North tree planting: students planted 32 native hardwood trees on Arbor Day

**Brian Van Order (Michigan Demolition and Excavation, Inc.)** —Contributions of time, expertise, equipment for many park projects including the boulder project at the Harris Nature Center

**Joe Pennoni (Rapid Tree Removal)**—Contributions of time, expertise, equipment for many park projects

**Outdoor Expressions**—Staff and their families helped with the annual Arbor Day tree planting; went above and beyond on work in Towar Woods land preserve

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objection, Chair McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

6. **NEXT MEETINGS:**

The February 13, 2018 has been canceled and the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13, 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.

# Park Commission Meeting

## March 13, 2018

### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Items to/from the Public

1. From: Lori Irwin, Ed.D., CPRP, Central Michigan University, RE: Thank you
2. From: Jonathan K. Trudeau, PhD Student, MSU, RE: Requesting permission to conduct research on white-tailed deer movement
3. From: Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner; RE: Towar Gardens prescribed burn

#### B. Commission Information

1. Towne Courier Legal Notice 2018 DNR Grant Applications
2. Harris Nature Center Foundation 2017 Annual Report

#### C. Staff Inquiries/Response

1. To: Jon Mayes, Land Preservation Advisory Board Chair and Mike McDonald, Park Commission Chair, RE: Mandenberg Woods



**Lori Irwin, Ed.D., CPRP**

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*Hi Ann,*

*Thank you so much for your leadership and continued support of the PR profession - Your example and passion are a huge motivation for students and new professionals - I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of your hard work - Your effort to work to connect us all makes a huge impact on our students - Thank you very much! You are much appreciated! Love, Lori Irwin*

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

February 5, 2018

Meridian Township  
5151 Marsh Road  
Okemos, MI 48864

Dear LuAnn Maisner,

I am requesting permission to use Meridian Township property to conduct research on white-tailed deer movement from February 5th through May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This research is part of a large-scale collaboration between Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) aimed at characterizing deer movement across a landscape with varying human development. With the emergence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in mid-Michigan, it is crucial to understand how deer move across the landscape to best inform effective disease management practices. Our study area spans Ionia, Clinton, Ingham, and Shiawassee counties.

We intend to capture adult white-tailed deer and fit them with a global positioning system (GPS) collars so their movements can be monitored over an extended period of time. To accomplish this, we are requesting permission to use drop-nets, clover traps, and dart projectors on Township property. A drop-net is a large net suspended approximately 7 feet off the ground. A small amount of bait (corn, apples, peanut butter) is placed under the net to attract deer. Once under the net, the net is dropped on top of the deer, field staff physically restrain them, and the deer is chemically immobilized by trained research staff. The second method of capture proposed is a clover trap. A clover trap is a large mesh sided box that is open on one end and closes behind the deer when it enters the trap. These traps are only used in low traffic areas as deer may be trapped within the clover trap for multiple hours. At all clover traps and drop nets, we will post signs describing the use of the equipment and that they are property of MSU and should not be tampered with.

Alternatively, we will capture deer using a dart projector, which sedates the deer remotely via injection of a dart containing immobilization agents. This will typically occur over a small bait pile. Field staff will be located in a tree stand or in a ground blind while darting. Opportunistic darting in areas with minimal human foot traffic will also occur. All immobilizing agents are completely reversible and deer will be released onsite. We will affix each deer with a tracking collar, ear tags, and we will collect blood, hair, and tissue samples. Our research protocols have been approved by the MSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (AUF 10/17-191-00) and all field staff received extensive training prior to research activities.



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Fax: 517-432-1699  
[www.canr.msu.edu/fw](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fw)

We seek permission to utilize the following properties; Central Park, North Meridian Road Park, Ted Black Woods, Nancy Moore Park, North Meridian Road Park, Ted Black Woods, Towar Woods, Central Meridian Uplands, Foster/Davis Preserve, Red Cedar River East Preserve, Tiaht/Cornell Wetland Preserve, Legg Park, Forest Grove Preserve, North Ridge Preserve, the Transfer station, and the parcel acquired from Ms. Judy Lynn.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information related to this request. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan K. Trudeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'T'.

Jonathan K. Trudeau  
PhD Student  
Email: [jtrudeau@msu.edu](mailto:jtrudeau@msu.edu)  
Cell: (860) 942-6476

# Patrick E. Lindemann

## Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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Carla Florence Clos  
*Deputy Drain Commissioner*

Paul C. Pratt  
*Deputy Drain Commissioner*

David C. Love  
*Chief of Engineering and Inspection*

Sheldon Lewis  
*Administrative Assistant*

March 9, 2018

Dear Towar Gardens Resident,

The Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner had a successful prescribed burn in 2017 at the Towar Park and in the rear yard rain gardens. We are planning to continue this maintenance program this spring. The maintenance burn will occur sometime in March or April depending on the weather (please see attached brochure).

Please contact Assistant Project Coordinator Angie Cosman at (517) 719-5431 if you have any questions or would like further information about this maintenance. Also, call Project Coordinator Cosman if you need to avoid the smoke exposure for medical reasons or would otherwise like to be informed of the day the maintenance will occur.

Thank you in advance for your help. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and the other citizens of Ingham County.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

# Patrick E. Lindemann

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### NEWS RELEASE

## CONTROLLED/PRESCRIBED BURN TOMORROW!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Angie Cosman  
517-676-8395 or 517-719-5431

Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann will conduct a controlled/prescribed burn in the Towar Gardens neighborhood between **12 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 10, 2018**. The burn areas are shown in the attached map.

“This buffer area planted in native flowers and grasses will thrive better after the controlled burn which targets the early season invasive and non-native vegetation,” according to Drain Commissioner Lindemann. Native plants are important because they filter and cleanse the runoff before it enters the water. They also have deeper root systems that hold the soil and increase its porosity.

Historically, fire was a common feature of the midwest landscape. Reintroducing fire helps to curb the non-native invasive species and give the native fire-adaptive plants a chance to renew.

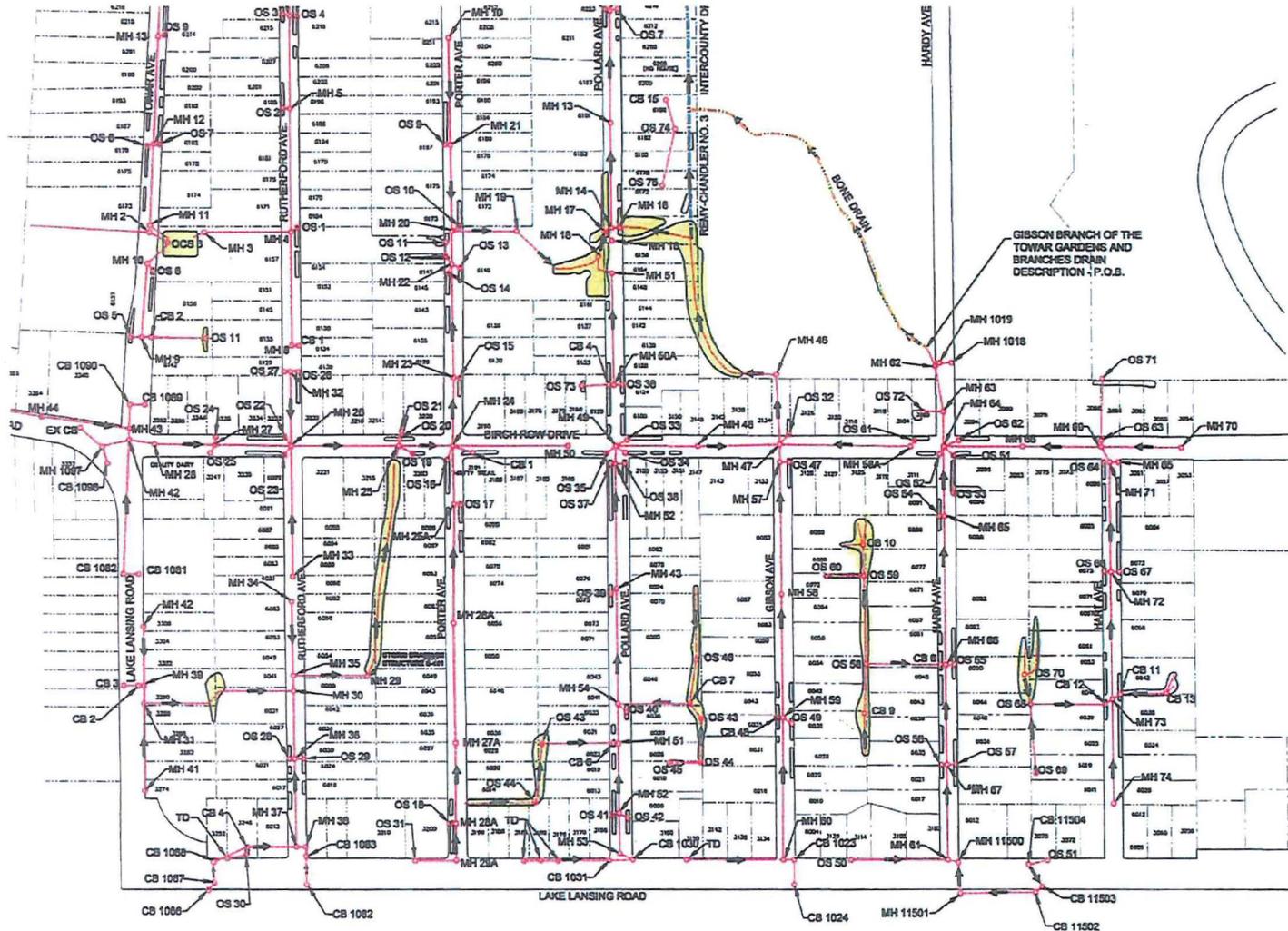
The burn will be conducted by David Borneman, LLC. David Borneman, its President, has over 28 years of professional experience conducting prescribed, ecological burns on thousands of acres.

The whole procedure should take only a few hours. The Meridian Township Fire Department will be in attendance. The neighborhood has received notice of this event by mail. Additional information or questions can be directed to Deputy Drain Commissioner Carla Clos at the Drain Office, 676-8395 or Project Coordinator Angie Cosman at 517-719-5431.

**PATRICK E. LINDEMANN**  
**INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER**  
**TOWAR GARDENS AND BRANCHES DRAIN**  
 MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, INGHAM COUNTY, MI

PROJECT NO.  
**04070.00**

SHEET NO.  
**1 of 1**



**STRUCTURE NUMBER EXHIBIT**

DRAIN ID NO.  
**T05-53**

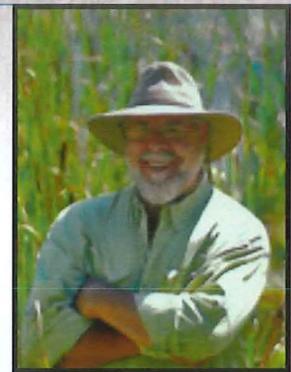
# CONTROLLED PRESCRIBED BURNING

## NOTICE

<p><b>Who?</b>  <i>Ingham County Drain Commissioner, managing the Towar Snell and Towar Gardens Drains.</i></p>	<p><b>Why?</b>  <i>Restore native plantings that are designed to clean stormwater.</i></p>	<p><b>When?</b>  <i>March or April 2018</i></p>	<p><b>Where?</b>  <i>see attached map</i></p>
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### CONTROLLED PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE

The Towar Snell and Towar Gardens and Branches Drain Drainage Districts are planning a controlled prescribed burn.



Ingham County Drain Commissioner  
**Patrick E. Lindemann**

*Residents and Neighbors of the Towar Snell and Gardens Drains:*

*As part of maintaining the drain and its natural buffer vegetation, we will be conducting a controlled prescribed burn on some areas around the wetland ponds and rain gardens. This flyer is designed to give you some information needed to understand the process. Should you have questions, please feel free to call (517) 676-8395.*



**Why Burn?** Historically, fire was a common feature of the midwest landscape. By reintroducing fire we are reintroducing a natural process. With the cessation of fire, we have allowed many fire-intolerant, non-native plant species to out-compete the native, fire-adapted plants. Native plants are needed at Towar for their superior ability to help cleanse stormwater of pollutants from our neighborhoods.

**Are Burns Safe?** **The burn is conducted by well-equipped, fully-trained staff with the Meridian Township Fire Department in attendance.** A prescribed burn will produce some smoke. In general, emissions from burns are significantly less than those produced from mowing a comparably-sized site. Persons needing to avoid any smoke exposure for medical reasons may leave contact information with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, and they will be given individual notice of the burn timing. Animal life will be protected by not burning while ground nesting activity occurs.

**When?** Burns are best done in Spring, before much new growth has occurred. We're planning this burn for March or April. In order to conduct a prescribed burn, we must wait until conditions are right. Weather conditions - temperature, wind direction and strength, humidity, barometric pressure, and ground moisture - all must be within the proper range before we proceed. We will notify local news media on the morning we are conducting the burn. If you would like to be notified the morning we plan to burn, please call.

**Towar Gardens Rain Garden**



Picture taken 2 weeks after prescribed burn.



Picture taken 6 weeks after prescribed burn.

*This year, the prescribed burn will occur around the parks and rear yard rain gardens (see attached map on the back of the letter for areas highlighted in yellow).*



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**LEGAL NOTICE - 2018 DNR GRANT APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that the Park Commission of Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7 pm in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, to hear comments from all persons interested in the proposed 2018 DNR grant applications for the following projects:  
• Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application for pavilion construction project in Central Park, 5151 Marsh, Okemos.  
• Michigan Recreation Passport Grant application for play equipment for Ottawa Hills Park, 4980 Hillcrest Avenue, Okemos.  
• Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for play equipment

**Legal Notices**

for Towner Road Park, 2055 Towner Road, Haslett. Information may be examined at the Parks and Recreation Office, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI between 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Questions, call 517-853-4600. TC-2767883 3/4, 3/11/18

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF INGHAM NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.18-138-DE  
Estate of William H. Mason, deceased  
Date of birth 4/29/1916

**TO ALL CREDITORS: \***  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, William H. Mason died 10/06/2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard H. Mason, personal repre-

**Legal Notices**

sentative, or to both the probate court at 1029 W. Grand River, Apt. 1-12, Okemos, MI 48864 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
date 2/26/2018

Attorney: Robert E. McCarthy P28450  
Attorney: 411-C Lake Lansing Rd, Ste. 110 East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 337-2000

Richard H. Mason, Personal Representative  
1029 W. Grand River, Apt. 1-12 Okemos, MI 48864 (517) 999-3457  
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**Bath Charter Township 2018 Board of Review**

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2018 assessment appeals:

Monday, March 12th  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
1:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

Tuesday, March 13th  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
1:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

Appointments may be scheduled by calling (517) 641-6728. Letters of Appeal will be accepted by the Board of Review until 4:00 p.m.

on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808.

All meetings will be held at the Bath Charter Township Hall, 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808. All Meetings are open to the public. Bath Charter Township will provide to individuals with disabilities, reasonable auxiliary aids and services which are needed to fully participate in any Township meeting providing a 72 hour notice is received by phone or in writing. Contact the Bath Charter Township Clerk's office, 14480 Webster Road, Bath, MI 48808; phone (517) 641-6728 to request the necessary assistance.

Beth Botke  
Assessor

DBR/TC-2750158

2/25, 3/4, 3/11/18



# **Harris Nature Center Foundation 2017 Annual Report**

The mission of the Harris Nature Center Foundation is to provide a reliable source of funding for special projects to enhance the quality of nature appreciation and education at the Harris Nature Center.

**2017 Board of Directors**

Patty Robbins, President  
Roxanne Truhn, Vice-President  
Nora Thompson & Rachel McDaniel, Secretary  
Barbara Kissling, Treasurer  
Jim Buscetta  
June Hicks  
Julie Moore  
Nancy Parmenter  
Ex Officio - Kit Rich, Senior Park Naturalist

Honorary Directors:  
Howard and Helen Tanner  
Rick Preuss

## **Contact Information:**

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### **Harris Nature Center**

[hnc@meridian.mi.us](mailto:hnc@meridian.mi.us)  
517-349-3866

## **A Message from the President**

**Happy 20th Birthday to Harris Nature Center!** How wonderful that in just two decades, a modest, private home on a beautiful, wooded property by the river has become Meridian Township's prime destination for year-round family fun and nature

enjoyment, thanks, in large part, to its creative and dedicated naturalists, Kit Rich and Kati Adams.

The Harris Nature Center Foundation was created in 2006 in order to provide financial support for HNC programs and enhancements that were not covered by Township funds (including millages). Foundation contributions have sponsored programs like bus scholarships for local school visits, and have funded the popular Nature Exploration Area. Because of the Foundation, classes can gather at the River Overlook for storytime, families can take pictures at or on the Turtle, children can climb on the Log Jam or build with Sticks & Stones, and budding paleontologists can find real 400-million-year-old fossils and some Ice Age mammal replicas in the Michigan Fossil Dig. Tots can climb the Spider Web, while their parents use it as a hammock! Groups can meet and musicians can perform at the Gathering Circle. Next spring, we will celebrate our newest addition - the Beaver Lodge! We can't wait to see and explore this fun, artistic creation for children - a beautiful gift, designed, built, and largely funded by our neighbor, David VanderKlok, of Studio [intrigue] Architects.

Of course, the funds and volunteer efforts that made these Foundation achievements possible came from individuals, families and organizations in our wonderful community! Our 2017 fundraising efforts included our Silent Auction/Nature Sale, Panera and Culvers Fundraisers, the Big Bang-quet Fundraiser sponsored by the University Club, the One Dime at a Time Fundraiser sponsored by Whole Foods, the Turtle Toast celebration, and the annual fundraising letter in the Fall. Once we finish supplementing the cost of the Beaver Lodge, we will concentrate on funding for our next big project - a pavilion! A grant from the DNR, plus a matching contribution from Meridian Township have already raised \$100,000. HNCF has pledged to raise the additional amount needed to build a pavilion large enough to be perfect for HNC and community programs.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we have selected the Capital Region Community Foundation to administer our Harris Nature Center Foundation Endowment Fund. We feel confident that our endowment funds are wisely invested for growth of principal and generation of income that can provide long-term support for Harris Nature Center, contributing to the enjoyment of future generations.

Patty Robbins, HNCF President

## **2017 -The Year in Review**

### **Foundation Projects**

- **School Bus Scholarships:** Teachers can ask HNCF to provide \$100 for bus expenses for single classroom visits to the nature center. For week long programs, teachers can request \$200 per bus. During the 2016-17 school year, HNCF gave \$1617 so that 34 classes (697 children) could participate in nature programs. Scholarships are critical when school funding for field trips is limited or not available.
- **The River Overlook deck** was the first project funded by HNCF. It continues to be used for classes and other programs. It is a serene place to view the river and surrounding woods and to learn about wildlife.
- **Nature Exploration Area (NEA)** is a natural play area, created and funded by the Harris Nature Center Foundation. Components completed previously include the Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club Gathering Circle, the Spider Web, Sticks and Stones, the Log Jam, the DeLind Turtle Sculpture and the Michigan Fossil Dig. This year the perimeter of the Dig was upgraded by volunteers, who replaced the small border rocks with larger ones. The fossils were redistributed, and shovels were replaced. An Eagle Scout finished the fence around the east and south sides of the NEA. A new HNC-funded geology-themed Boulder Garden in the middle of the circular drive will complement NEA features. An MSU class worked with HNC naturalists to create a website with information about geology and fossils. Due to the size of the Beaver Lodge, now under construction, plans for a Treehouse and Aerial Walkways have been put on hold. HNCF plans to honor those who funded and helped complete the NEA with signs or plaques.
- **The Beaver Lodge (NEA) is nearing completion.** It will be a fun, beaver-themed play space for young children on a small hill near the Michigan Fossil Dig. Local architect David VanderKlok, from Studio [intrigue] Architects designed this fanciful and artistic play structure *pro bono*, and continues to secure funding for the project. The HNCF has contributed \$5,460 so far towards the cost of materials. Volunteers cut hundreds of saplings for David to weave into the Lodge. David has set up a Go Fund Me site to solicit donations to fund the blue-tinted tempered glass for the deck, which will simulate water. This feature is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018.
- **Pavilion** The Board has agreed to help fund a large, much-needed pavilion at the nature center. A DNR grant of \$50,000 will be matched by Meridian Township, totalling \$100,000 already committed to the project. HNCF will provide the rest of the money needed to construct an attractive pavilion large enough to accommodate nature center programs and public gatherings. This will be our focus after the Beaver Lodge is completed. Two local residents have

offered \$20,000 to stimulate fundraising efforts, and we will apply for an additional grant. The structure will be built in 2019-2020. In addition, the Township will fund construction of bathrooms, a drinking fountain, and a parking lot extension.

## **Fundraising and Volunteer Contributions**

- **Silent Auction and Nature Sale:** On January 28, the Foundation held its ninth silent auction in conjunction with the nature center's Winter Wonderland festivities. The auction featured nature-related items and merchant gift certificates and raised \$1425. The Okemos Kiwanis Club helped greatly by soliciting business gift card donations.
  
- **Restaurant Fundraisers**
  - At our Panera fundraiser on February 1, patrons turned in 44 flyers, and 15% of their bill totals were given to HNCF. Total earnings were \$168.
  - The Culvers fundraiser was held June 27 at the Okemos Road location from 5 to 10pm. No flyers were needed. Earnings totaled \$317.
  
- **The Big Bang-quet Fundraiser**, sponsored by the University Club, was held Feb 13 - March 22. People could vote for their favorite nonprofit at \$5 per vote, mostly online. Each of the 25 participating organizations kept the donated money (minus a 5% U Club fee to cover costs), along with the list of their donors. HNCF earned \$716 from this event.
  
- **The Turtle Toast** celebrated the Township's 175th year and Harris Nature Center's 20th Birthday on July 22. The Township solicited sponsors and arranged the event, which included food, wine, and entertainment, as well as the chairs, tables, a tent and other equipment, so that it was possible for HNCF to profit from ticket sales and auction items. HNCF Directors helped with ticket sales, decorations, the auction, and in other ways. The three families of our largest donors were honored at the event. 72 people attended the Turtle Toast Gala, which raised a total of \$1895.
  
- **One Dime at a Time** is a fundraiser sponsored by Whole Foods as part of their community giving program. Whole Foods chose HNCF as the local nonprofit to receive funds from April 1 through June 30 when customers chose to contribute a dime instead of using a store bag. The program yielded \$1892 for HNCF. Whole

Foods continues to support the nature center in other ways by providing a table for the nature center at its Earth Day event, donating finger foods and vegetables for our Turtle Toast, and donating \$5 gift cards for HNC visitors at the Halloween Adventures event.

- **Annual Fund Drive:** In the Fall a letter describing Foundation activities and community support during the year was sent to individuals on the mailing list. The 2017 Fall funding letter yielded \$1725 and \$1400 for the Endowment.
- **Amazon Smile** HNCF is registered at smile.amazon.com for charitable donations. In 2017 HNCF received \$15 from Amazon.
- **Major Grants and Donations** for 2016 are listed at the end of this document.
- **In-Kind Donations and Volunteer Contributions**
  - Architect David VanderKlok and his team from Studio [intrigue], especially including Anna Breithaupt and Mackenzie Parsons, have been donating their time and materials to build the Beaver Lodge playhouse, designed *pro bono* by David. This community gift will delight children and their families!
  - Community volunteers cut hundreds of saplings to be woven into the Beaver Lodge structure.
  - Volunteers from Okemos Independent Bank, MSU Campus Lions and Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department cut 700 leaf-shaped pads for the glass deck of the Beaver Lodge Playhouse.
  - Volunteers installed boulders, around the perimeter of the Michigan Fossil Dig to keep the sand in and helped maintain the Dig.
  - Three geology experts planned and helped install the new geology rock garden in the center of the circular drive. Brian Van Order of Michigan Demolition moved the boulders into place. This feature complements our Nature Exploration Area.
  - Students from an MSU class on Community Sustainability created a website with information about fossils and geology to enhance learning at our Michigan Fossil Dig and Geology Boulder Garden.
  - Many local businesses donated gift certificates and items to support our Silent Auction. The Haslett-Okemos Kiwanis Club helped to contact businesses and collect gift cards
  - Eagle Scout Kaden Bartlett finished the fence around the east and south sides of the NEA.
  - Many other community volunteers and all Directors provided labor, support, auction donations and financial contributions

- **Endowment.** After considering many options, the Board voted in July to establish the Harris Nature Center Foundation Endowment Fund under the management of the Capital Region Community Foundation. The Community Foundation administers over 400 funds in our community, with with assets totalling more than \$88 million. Such a large portfolio of investments yields much larger dividends than our endowment monies were earning in a bank account. A guaranteed annual payment of 5%, minus 1% operating fees, can be spent or reinvested to grow our fund. The CRCF can accept both cash and tangible assets, current and deferred gifts, and memorial funds. The Harris Nature Center Foundation Endowment Fund can be named as a beneficiary in wills or estate plans. Several memorial funds, along with key donations, established our current endowment fund, which totaled \$16,926 at the end of 2017.
- **A Policy on HNCF Donations** was approved. Donors are asked to choose the fund for their donation (general, endowment, school bus scholarship, or current project). If no choice is made, monies go into the general fund, except memorials, which go into the endowment.
- **Tree of Thanks:** A wall graphic design of a tree with engraved gold and silver leaves honors those who have given \$500 or \$300 to the Harris Nature Center Foundation in one year.

### **Organization Development and Administration**

- The Foundation met on the second Monday evening of each month at the nature center, except in February and August.
- The following officers began their duties in January: President Patty Robbins, Vice President Roxanne Truhn, Secretary Nora Thompson, Treasurer Barb Kissling.
- During 2015, two new Directors joined the Board: Nancy Parmenter in April and Rachel McDaniel in July. Nora Thompson resigned from the Board in July. Director profiles are posted on our website.
- Officers elected for 2018 were President Jim Buscetta, Vice President Nancy Parmenter, Secretary Rachel McDaniel, and Treasurer Barb Kissling.
- The HNCF website, [www.hncfoundation.org](http://www.hncfoundation.org), is maintained by Julie Moore.
- A new gmail account enables HNCF to use Google Drive to store and share Foundation documents.
- The Foundation published a 2016 Annual Report with information on projects, activities, financial statements, the budget, and a list of donors. This report was

distributed to the Meridian Township Park Commission and placed on the Foundation website.

- An electronic mailing list of about 1700 names and a paper mailing list of about 280 names were used for event publicity and fundraising. Efforts were made to collect email addresses to avoid mailing costs.
- A combined Harris Nature Center and HNC Foundation newsletter was emailed three times during the year, as well as two activity notifications (Big Bang-quet Competition and Turtle Toast Gala). Information about Foundation projects is featured on the HNC facebook page and is included in HNC press releases.
- Directors spoke about Foundation projects to community members and organizations, to the media, and at local events. These included the Friends of the Parks Barbecue ,the Turtle Toast, the Nature Friends Barbecue, and HOMTV interviews.
- A PowerPoint on the Nature Exploration Area is updated as new projects are completed. It is used for speaking engagements and to provide visual and written information to potential sponsors.
- A brochure about HNCF is available at the Harris Nature Center and at fundraising events. It will soon be updated.
- The Foundation continued to carry Directors and Officers Insurance with Great American Insurance Company.

## Harris Nature Center Foundation Balance Sheet

(As of December 31, 2017)

<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash – checking	31,307.34	Opening Cash – checking	26,206.80
Savings – Endowment Fund	15,451.95	Opening Savings/ Endowment Fund	10,577.92

		Total Opening Balance Equity	<u>36,784.72</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>46,759.29</u>	Net Income	9,974.57
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>46,759.29</u></b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u>46,759.29</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity    <u>\$46,759.29</u></b>			

**Profit & Loss**  
(January through December 2017)

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expense</b>	
Donations: General	6585.96	Insurance	748.00
Bank Savings/Endowment	4100.00	Postage	337.00
Grants		Fees	78.74
Fundraising Events:		Fundraising expenses	91.70
Silent Auction/Nature Sale	1425.00	Pass-through donations	180.00

Panera	167.89	Project Expenses	
Amazon Smile	14.57	Bus Scholarships	2446.50
Bg Bang-quet	715.50	Beaver Lodge	5459.66
Culvers	316.67	Fossil Dig	299.00
Turtle Toast	1895.00		
Whole Foods	1892.39		
Fall Fund Drive	1725.00		
Bank Savings/Endowment interest	1.50		
CRCF Endowment interest	772.69		
Insurance Rebate	3.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>19,615.17</u></b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>9640.60</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b><u>\$9974.57</u></b>	

**Harris Nature Center Foundation Endowment Fund  
Statement of Financial Activity  
Community Foundation  
1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017**

Contributions & Revenue	\$
Contributions - Non-spendable (CRCF)	1,400.00
Contributions - Agency (HNCF)	14,679.26
Interest Income on Investments	251.00

Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(0.47)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	595.85
Total Contributions & Revenue	16,925.64
Net Assets beginning 8/28/2017	0
Change in Net Assets	16,925.64
Net Assets ending 12/31/2017	16,925.64

## 2018 Budget

Income	\$	Expenses	\$
Checking balance 12/31/17	31,307.34	Insurance	800.00
Reserve fund	11,307.34	Postage	500.00
2016 carryover	<u>20,000.00</u>	Printing & Copying	200.00
<b>Income: 2018</b>		Fees	200.00
Donations		Fundraising Expenses	1,000.00
Individual	5,000.00	Project Expenses	
Club/Foundation	3,000.00	Bus Scholarships	3,000.00

Fundraisers		Nature Exploration Area	
Silent Auction/Sale	1,500.00	Beaver Lodge	10,000.00
Turtle Toast	1,000.00	Signs	1,000.00
Restaurants	500.00	Future Projects	21,300.00
Fall Fund Drive	2,000.00		
Grants	5,000.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>		
<b>Total income with 2017 carryover</b>	<b>38,000.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>38,000.00</b>

## 2017 Donors

We thank the following friends of Harris Nature Center and Harris Nature Center Foundation for their support in 2017. If your name is missing or inaccurate, we apologize and ask that you let us know so that we may correct our records.

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<p><b>\$500+</b>          Girl Scout Troop 30251          Tom &amp; Barb Kissling          Gerry McNamara          Nancy Parmenter          Kenneth &amp; Evelyn Stoffer</p> <p><b>\$300+</b>          Martha (Pat) &amp; Larry Robbins</p> <p><b>\$200+</b>          Frances Dittrich          Virginia Ederer          Alan &amp; Cara Jones          Meridian Garden Club          MI Health &amp; Hospital Association          Nathan Moore          Richard &amp; Joan Witter</p>	<p>Mike &amp; LuAnn Maisner          Betty &amp; Michael Moore          Ryan &amp; Nicole Olszowy          Bruce &amp; Marcia Tanner          Kay Trosko          Roxanne Truhn          Katherine Rich          Jerrold &amp; Sue Weiss</p>
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**\$1 - \$99 Donors**

<p>Armstrong/Kapp          Jennifer Arnold-Champagne          Joyce Benvenuto          Patrick &amp; Rebecca Baughan          Jim &amp; Rosemary Buscetta          Larry &amp; Patricia Bacon          Leona Bronstein          Laura Brown          Kelly Boyle          Teri Banas          Richard Cole          Pamela Cantin          Charitable Giving Card Program          Frances Dittrich          Richard &amp; Doris Drake          Brett Dreyfus</p>	<p>Tina Kahn          James Kidder          Paul &amp; Judy Kindel          Mark Kissling          Charles &amp; Barbara Kotz          Jessica Kovan          Mike &amp; Connie Lenkowski          Branden Lyon          Pamela Mayle          Brian &amp; Joyce McKenna          Laurie McMahan          Julie Moore          Lora Pence          Tiffany Peeler          Siri Rainone          Matt Schoenherr</p>
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## 2017 Silent Auction Donors

Thanks to all individuals who contributed items for our Nature Sale.

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## LuAnn Maisner

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**From:** LuAnn Maisner  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** Jon Mayes  
**Cc:** Mike McDonald (macmeridian@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Mandenberg Woods

Hi Jon,

I wanted to make sure you were both included on this email to make sure I am providing the correct response.

Jon was under the impression following the joint meeting of the Park Commission and Land Preservation Advisory Board that the Park Commission was going to share in the acquisition and/or development cost of Mandenberg Woods Land Preserve on Hamilton Road. At that meeting, there was no formal action taken by either body.

1. All items on the agenda were under discussion only and there was no formal action taken by either body.
2. At least two of the Park Commissioners were not even familiar with the property.
3. I don't think it was clear if a majority of the Land Preservation Board Members were supportive of a joint acquisition/development project on the site.

I would suggest that if there is a majority of each board interested in pursuing a joint venture, then an agreement can be drafted with respect to that parcel.

Thoughts? Please let me know if I am mistaken.

Thanks much!



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# Park Commission Meeting

## March 13, 2018

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**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application 2018**  
**Organization: Meridian Charter Township**  
**Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information: Towner Road Park**

TF18-0086

<b>*Is the application for site development <u>or</u> land acquisition?</b> ✓ Development Acquisition			
<b>*Name of Applicant (Government Unit)</b> Meridian Charter Township		<b>*Federal ID Number</b> 38-6007712	<b>*County</b> Ingham County
<b>*Name of Authorized Representative</b> LuAnn Maisner		<b>*Title</b> Director of Parks and Recreation	
<b>*Address</b> 5151 Marsh Road		<b>*Telephone</b> (517) 853-4604  <b>Fax</b> (517) 853-4099	
<b>*City</b> Okemos	<b>*State</b> MI	<b>*ZIP</b> 48864	<b>*E-mail</b> maisner@meridian.mi.us
<b>*State House District</b> District 70		<b>*State Senate District</b> District 25	<b>*U.S. Congress District</b> District 8

<b>*Proposal Title</b> (Not to exceed 60 characters) INCLUSIVE PLAY AND NATURE OBSERVATION SPACE
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**\*Proposal Description**

The proposed INCLUSIVE PLAY AND NATURE OBSERVATION SPACE at Towner Road Park is a unique inclusive park destination that will provide stimulating play for various ages and abilities. The design strives to provide an equitable, accessible and comfortable multi-aged social space where people of all ages and abilities can enjoy various play features alongside accessible nature observation areas. Notable features include accessible play equipment that will stimulate the senses and a nearby "quiet" area for reflection and less stimulating play. Native landscaping at the adjacent existing pond will include pollinator and songbird plantings to attract wildlife for nature observation. Although park millage funds paid for the infrastructure and primary design features of this brand new 24-acre community park, we are seeking financial assistance to construct the inclusive play area and a wetland habitat restoration. This proposed project will serve as a destination for our entire community.

<b>*Address of Site</b> 2055 Towner Road Haslett, MI 48840	<b>*City, Village or Township of Site</b> Meridian Township	<b>*Zip</b> 48840
<b>*County in which Site is located</b> Ingham	<b>*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location</b> <i>Letters must be upper-case:</i> <i>(examples: T02N, R13E, 22)</i> (Town) T02N (Range)R13E (Section)04	<b>*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance</b> 42.766301 -84.423321
<b>*Park Name</b> Towner Road Park		

**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application 2018**  
**Organization: Meridian Charter Township**  
**Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources**

TF18-0086

<u>SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS</u>	<u>PROJECT COST AMOUNTS</u>
*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)	\$200,900.00
<b>Total Match</b>	<b>\$86,100.00</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$287,000.00</b>
Percentage of match commitment (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)	30%
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$86,100.00
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	
c) Federal or State Funds	

*You have entered a value for item c). Please provide the information below for each federal or state program from which matching funds will be provided. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) ARE THE ONLY FEDERAL FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED AS MATCH:*

*(1) Program Name	*Administering Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount

\*Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded

Date grant funds approved

Grant funds applied for, not yet approved

Estimated approval date

Appropriated funds

Date appropriated

Other, explain

\*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

\*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes No

Check to add program information for additional State of Federal funds that will be used as Match.

# Towner Road Park



**Legend**

 Towner Rd. Park

 Roads



**Towner Road Park Details:**  
**Address: 2055 Towner Road, Haslett**  
**Area: 22 acres**

**Owner: Meridian Township**  
**Department of Parks and Recreation**  
**2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court**  
**Haslett, MI 48840**

**PLAY AREA**

**TOWNER**

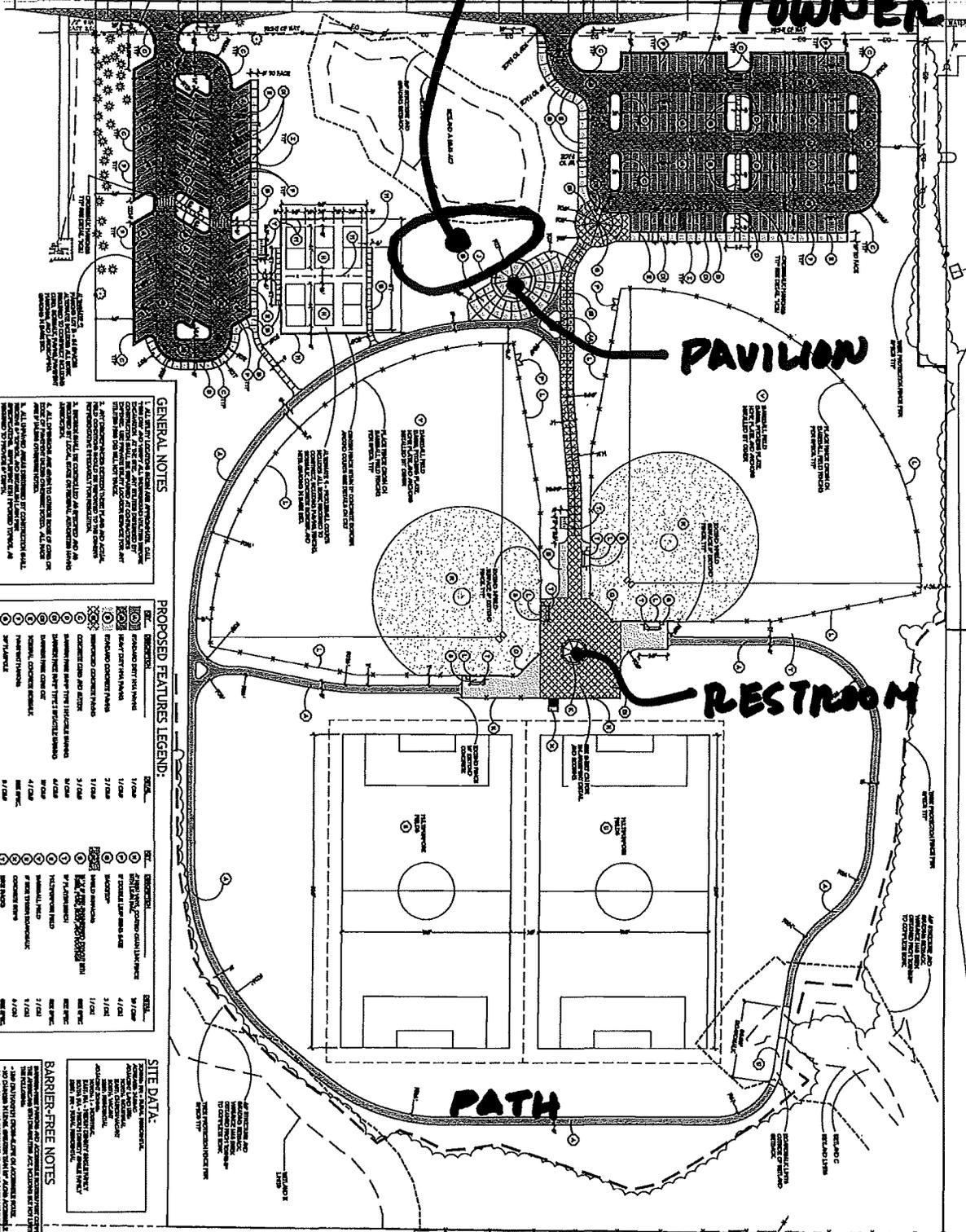
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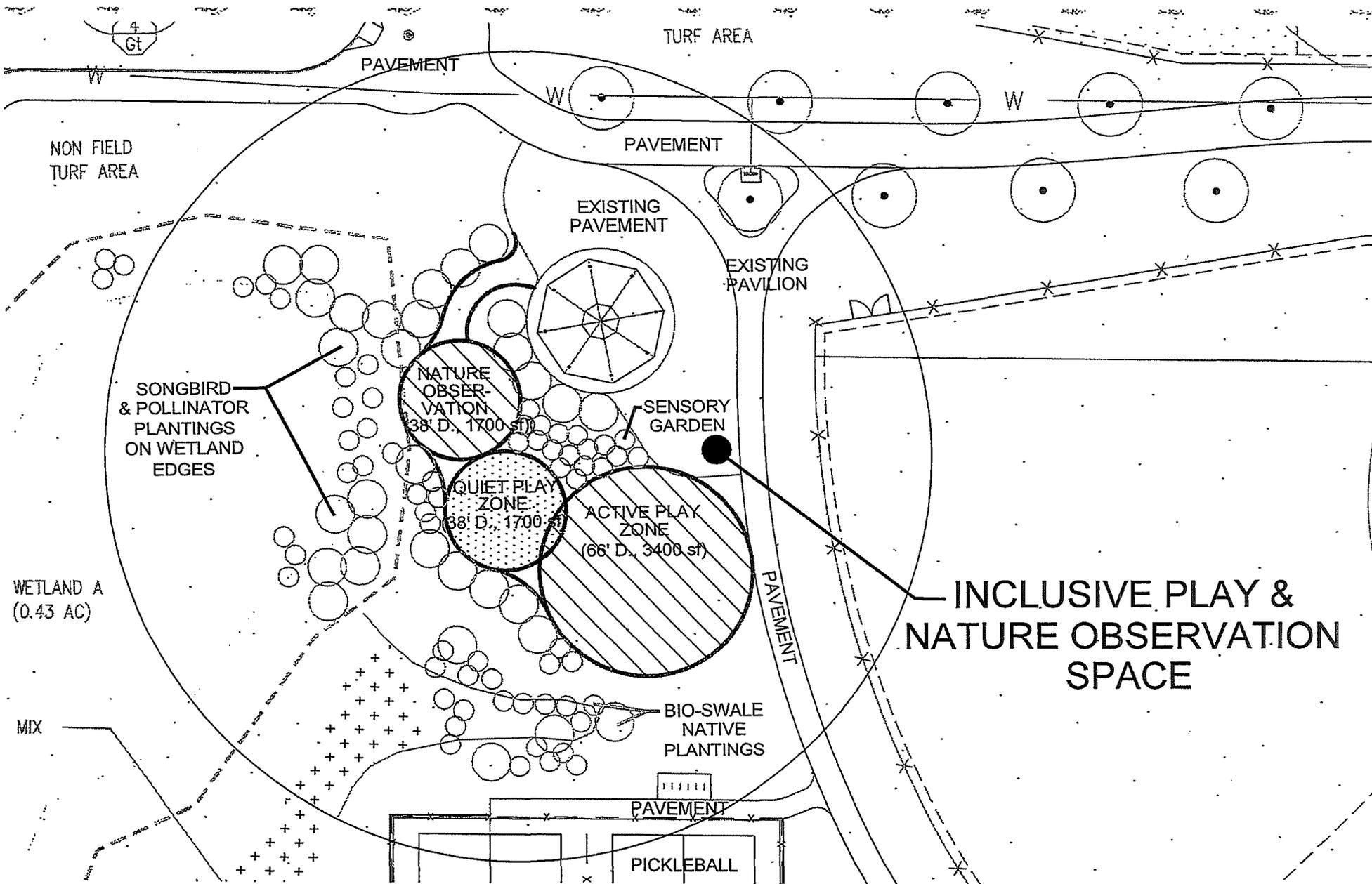


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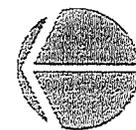
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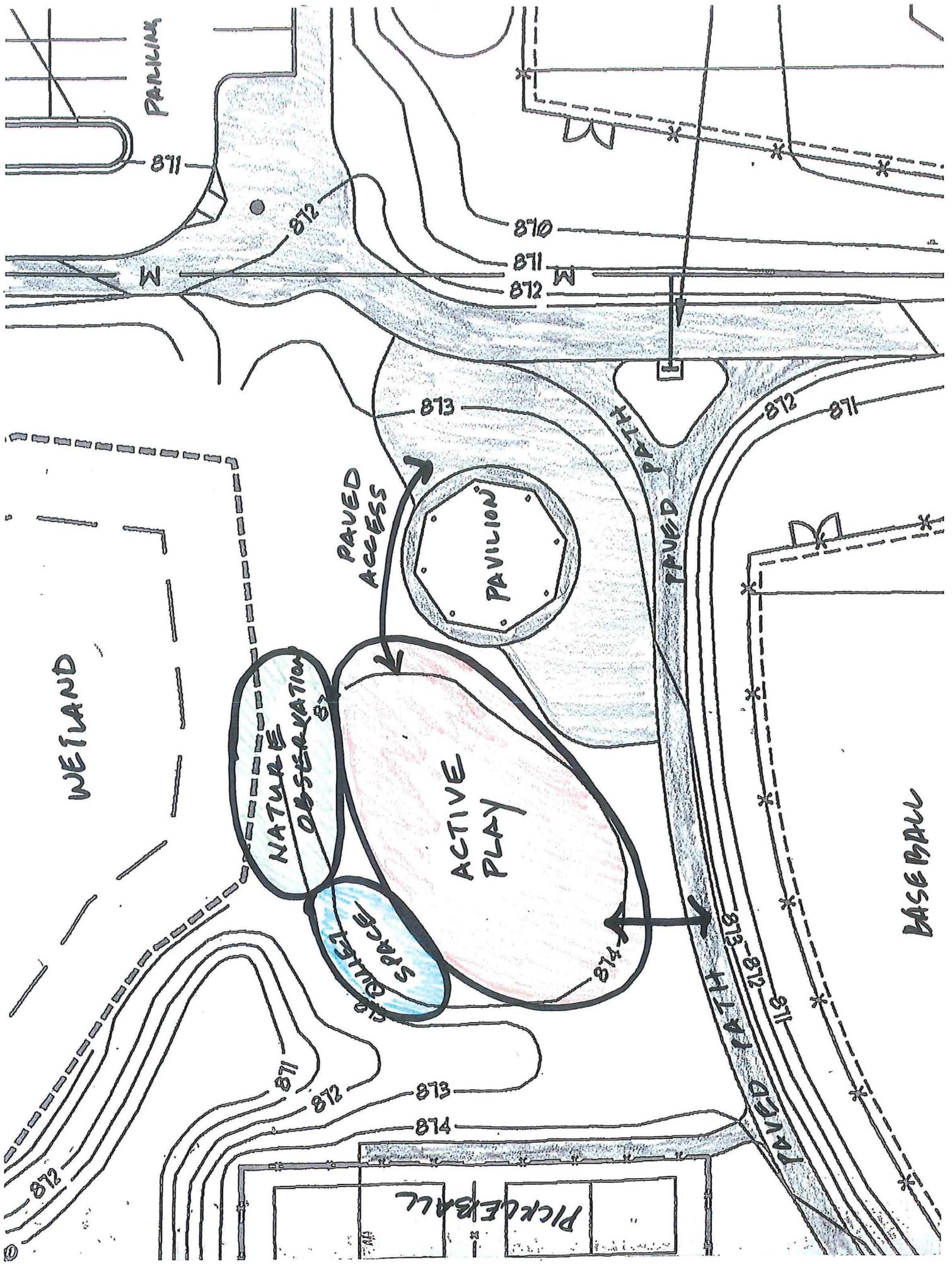


**TOWNER ROAD PARK**  
 MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN  
 INCLUSIVE PLAY & NATURE OBSERVATION SPACE



SCALE: 1" = 40'





Park Commission Meeting  
March 13, 2018

7. Public Hearings – MDNR Grant Submissions

**B. Land and Water Conservation  
Fund – Native Landscaping,  
Accessible Courtyard and Pavilion  
Renovation for Central Park**

**PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE**

- a) Chair declares public hearing open
- b) Staff presents project overview
- c) Staff acknowledge received items of communications
- d) Public comment
- e) Commissioners comment
- f) Chair declares public hearing closed



# CENTRAL PARK

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN  
PAVILION RENOVATION PROJECT, LANDSCAPING, PATIO



SCALE: 1" = 30'



Park Commission Meeting  
March 13, 2018

7. Public Hearings – MDNR Grant Submissions

**C. Michigan Recreation Passport –  
Neighborhood Play Space and  
Fitness Zone for Ottawa Hills  
Neighborhood Park**

**PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE**

- a) Chair declares public hearing open
- b) Staff presents project overview
- c) Staff acknowledge received items of communications
- d) Public comment
- e) Commissioners comment
- f) Chair declares public hearing closed

**Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program 2018**

**Organization: Meridian Charter Township**

**RP18-0071**

**Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information: Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park**

<b>*Name of Applicant (Government Unit)</b> Meridian Charter Township			<b>*Federal ID Number</b> 38-6007712	<b>*County</b> Ingham County
<b>*Name of Authorized Representative</b> LuAnn Maisner			<b>*Title</b> Director of Parks and Recreation	
<b>*Address</b> 5151 Marsh Road			<b>*Telephone (517) 853-4604</b>  <b>Fax</b>	
<b>*City</b> Okemos	<b>*State</b> MI	<b>*ZIP</b> 48864	<b>*E-mail</b> maisner@meridian.mi.us	
<b>*State House District</b> District 70		<b>*State Senate District</b> District 25	<b>*U.S. Congress District</b> District 8	
<b>*Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)</b> Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park - Play Space and Fitness Zone				

**\*Proposal Description**

Ottawa Hills Park is a 2.7 acre neighborhood park located in the central portion of Meridian Township. This park is generally located northwest of the Grand River Ave. Okemos Rd. intersection surrounded by residential development. The park was acquired in 1984 and a play structure, swing set, and half-court basketball court was added in 1998. The Ottawa Hills Park Play Equipment Replacement Project proposes to replace the old play structure with a newer model that will better suit the needs of the community. This new play structure will serve a wider variety of age groups as well as be a universally accessible design to accommodate children with disabilities. This proposed, much-needed improvement of the play equipment will be part of a larger renovation project of the park to better suit the needs of the neighborhood.

<b>*Address of Site</b> 4980 Hillcrest Avenue	<b>*City, Village or Township of Site</b> Meridian Township	<b>*Zip</b> 48864
<b>*County in which Site is located</b> Ingham	<b>*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location</b> <i>Letters must be upper-case: (examples: T02N, R13E, 22)</i> (Town)T02N (Range)R13E (Section)21	<b>*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance</b> 42.725386 -84.429090
<b>*Park Name</b> Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park		

**Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program 2018**  
**Organization: Meridian Charter Township**  
**Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources**

RP18-0071

**SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS**

**PROJECT COST AMOUNTS**

*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)	\$75,000.00
<b>Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section D1 Project Details page)</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
Percentage of match commitment ( <b>Must be at least 25% of total project cost</b> )	25%
Value of any Land Repurposed to Recreation as Part of the Project (2xSEV)	
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$25,000.00
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	
c) Federal or State Funds	

*You have entered a value for item c). Please provide the information below for each federal or state program from which matching funds will be provided.*

*(1) Program Name	*Administering Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount

\*Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded

*Date grant funds approved*

Grant funds applied for, not yet approved

*Estimated approval date*

Appropriated funds

*Date appropriated*

Other, explain

\*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

\*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

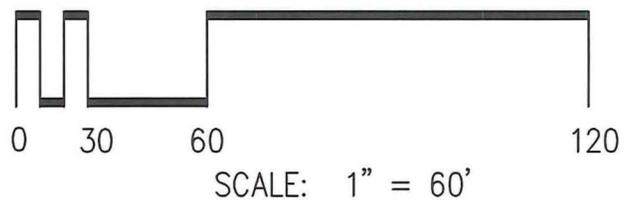
Yes No

Check to add program information for additional State of Federal funds that will be used as Match.



# OTTAWA HILLS PARK

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN  
PLAY SPACE



# PARK COMMISSION

March 13, 2018

## 8. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Natural Resources Trust Fund –Inclusive Play and Nature Observation Space for Towner Road Park
- B. Land and Water Conservation Fund – Native Landscaping, Accessible Courtyard and Pavilion Renovation for Central Park
- C. Michigan Recreation Passport – Neighborhood Play Space and Fitness Zone for Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park

**Inclusive Play and Nature Observation Space for Towner Road Park  
RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 13th day of March, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources accepts grant requests from local units of government to assist in the development and acquisition of recreation properties; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have up to 75% of the total project cost funded by the Natural Resources Trust Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission is interested leveraging local Park Millage Funds by obtaining supplemental grant funding for park projects whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has prepared a grant application for submission to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$287,000 of improvements to Towner Road Park consisting of an Inclusive Play and Nature Observation Space to improve and expand recreation opportunities and accessibility for visitors of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified and supported in the 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Meridian Township Board and Park Commission, and is on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant request is outlined and justified in the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program adopted by the Township Board and Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, park development and improvements are supported by Township Board Policy and 2018 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this grant request was open to public review on March 13, 2018;  
and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To support submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural  
Resources Trust Fund for development of an Inclusive Play and  
Nature Observation Space in Towner Road Park with a total project  
cost of \$287,000. The thirty (30%) percent local match of \$86,100  
will be funded by the Park Millage, with the remaining seventy (70%)  
percent (\$200,900) funded by the MNRTF grant.

ADOPTED:  
YEAS:

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Chair of the Park  
Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY  
CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at  
a regular meeting of the Park Commission on the 13th of March, 2018.

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Michael McDonald , Park Commission Chair

**Native Landscaping, Accessible Courtyard and Pavilion Renovation  
Central Park  
RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 13th day of March, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources accepts grant requests from local units of government to assist in the development and acquisition of recreation properties; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have up to 50% of the total project cost funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission is interested leveraging local Park Millage Funds by obtaining supplemental grant funding for park projects whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has prepared a grant application for submission to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for \$200,000 of improvements to Central Park consisting of Native Landscaping, accessible courtyard and pavilion renovation for the purpose of improving and expanding recreation opportunities and accessibility for visitors of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified and supported in the Central Park Master Plan and in the 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Meridian Township Board and Park Commission, and is on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant request is outlined and justified in the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program adopted by the Township Board and Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, park development and improvements are supported by Township Board Policy and 2018 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this grant request was open to public review on March 13, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To support submission of a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for native landscaping, accessible courtyard and pavilion renovation with a total project cost of \$200,000. The fifty (50%) percent local match of \$100,000 will be funded by the Park Millage, with the remaining fifty (50%) percent (\$100,000) funded by the LWCF grant.

ADOPTED:  
YEAS:

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Commission on the 13th of March, 2018.

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Michael McDonald, Park Commission Chair

**Neighborhood Play Space and Fitness Zone  
Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park  
RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Park Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 13th day of March, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Fund accepts grant requests from local units of government to assist in the improvement and renovation of recreation properties; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to have up to 75% of the total project cost funded by the Recreation Passport Fund grant program; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Passport Fund grant funds are derived from the purchase of a State Park stickers during the driver's license renewal process that includes a small allocation to support local recreation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Park Commission is interested leveraging local Park Millage Funds by obtaining supplemental grant funding for park projects whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township has prepared a grant application for submission to the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for \$100,000 of improvements to Ottawa Hills Neighborhood Park consisting of a neighborhood play space and fitness zone to expand recreation opportunities and accessibility for visitors of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified and supported in the 2017-2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by the Meridian Township Board and Park Commission, and is on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant request is outlined and justified in the 2017-2021 Capital Improvements Program adopted by the Township Board and Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, park development and improvements are supported by Township Board Policy and 2018 Goals and Objectives; and

WHEREAS, this grant request was open to public review on March 13, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To support submission of a grant application to the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Fund for development of a play space and fitness zone with a total project cost of \$100,000. The twenty-five (25%) percent local match of \$25,000 will be funded by the Park Millage, with the remaining seventy-five (75%) percent (\$75,000) funded by the Recreation Passport program.

ADOPTED:  
YEAS:

NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Chair of the Park Commission, Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Commission on the 13th of March, 2018.

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Michael McDonald, Park Commission Chair