

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

7:00 p.m. Meridian Service Center

Members Present: Mary Helmbrecht Vice Chair, Members Frank Hatfield, Steve Webster, Mark Stephens, Jim Kielbaso, Ken Sink

Members Absent: Margo Smith

Staff: Jane Greenway, Land Management Coordinator

Public Present: Pat Witte, Leslie Kuhn, Jon Mayes

1. Call meeting to Order

Vice-Chair Helmbrecht called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The LPAB welcomed new resident member, Ken Sink.

3. Approve Minutes for September 14, 2011

MOTION was made by Mark Stephens, seconded by Frank Hatfield to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011, Land Preservation Advisory Board, as amended. MOTION carried unanimously.

4. Communications

- a. Elections of officers was discussed and will be held at the February 8, 2012 meeting.
- b. Mark Stephens requested to attend the Stewardship Network Conference on January 20, 2012.

5. Presentations

None

6. Land Management Update

- A. Jane Greenway, Land Manager

1. Local Aquifer Information

- a. Jane will obtain township aquifer information for all LPAB members.

2. Deer Management Plan

- a. To date, 41 antlerless deer have been harvested from township properties.

3. Prairie/Savannah Book

- a. Per Margo Smith's request, Jane will order a copy of "Prairies and Savannahs in Michigan", O'Conner, Kost, Cohen, for each LPAB member.

7. New Business

- a. Frank Hatfield gave a report from the January 6, 2012 Joint Township meeting. Vice-Chair Helmbrecht requested copies of Mr. Hatfield's presentation to distribute to the LPAB.
- b. Invasive Species Removal in the Northwest Land Preserve.

Former LPAB member David Caszatt has offered to continue to treat the invasive species, buckthorn, within the Northwest Land Preserve. Dave will be assisted by Nick Sanchez, who serves as the Stewardship Coordinator for Ingham County Parks and the Mid-Michigan Stewardship Initiative.

LPAB received maps of the treatment area and also Nick's treatment plan in 2011. The proposed 2012 treatments follow the original plan, as approved by the LPAB.

MOTION was made by Mark Stephens, seconded by Frank Hatfield for the Land Preservation Advisory Board to approve to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the purpose of treating the highly invasive buckthorn shrub, located in the Northwest Land Preserve.

Roll Call Vote: YEAS: Helmbrecht, Hatfield, Webster, Stephens, Kielbaso, Sink

NAYS: none

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Corner marker posts on Davis Foster Land Preserve

The Township received a preliminary quote from KEBS, Inc. for \$4100.00 to place an additional 30-45 posts on the Davis Farm. The typical

