



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administration Conference Room
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2);

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP)

ABSENT: Ron Rowe (tier 1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Roger Taylor (tier 1); Paul Pratt (ICDC)

OTHERS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Armbruster called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES
- B. RE-APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- C. PROJECTS UPDATE
- D. DAM PROJECT UPDATE
- E. JOE NOHNER INTRODUCTION & SUPPLEMENTAL SAMPLING
- F. PARK MANAGER REPORT
- G. LAKE WATER MINING

3A. Approval of Minutes

The draft March minutes were discussed, and then were unanimously approved as submitted.

3B. PROJECTS UPDATE

Younes informed the committee that the terms of half of Tier 1 & 2 committee members will expire on April 30. These members are: Chair Armbruster, Roger Taylor, and Steve Culling. Both Chair Armbruster and Steve indicated that they would like to serve for another term. Younes stated that he would follow up with Roger about his intention. As

such, the committee voted to unanimously recommend the re-appointments of the subject members, notwithstanding the absence of Roger Taylor.

PROJECTS UPDATE

Younes provided the following project updates:

The spring newsletter has been recently mailed to all residents living within the SAD area.

In early May, the lake consultant Progressive a/e, will conduct the first spring aquatic plant survey, in order to prepare the first herbicide treatment plan.

Sometime this spring the contractor for the natural shoreline demonstration project will return to the site, to remove the temporary wild life protection fence.

The ongoing sanitary sewer replacement project for Reynolds & Quail roads is on track to re-open the boat launch by May 1.

3C. DAM PROJECT UPDATE

Larry Wagenknecht briefed the committee on the recent County Services Committee (CSC) meeting, which discussed the dam project. He noted that the CSC has approved a motion to recommend changing the dam delegated authority from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner (ICDC) to the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD). There was also a discussion about possibly establishing a “Lake Board” to administer the dam operations and maintenance.

3D. JOE NOHNER INTRODUCTION & SUPPLEMENTAL SAMPLING

There was consensus that there would be tangible benefits in financially supporting the supplemental sampling Mr. Nohner is currently undertaking, in his role as a quasi-professional and citizen scientist. The committee will take a formal vote on this matter during next month’s meeting.

3E. PARK MANAGER REPORT

Park Manager Emens provided the following remarks & updates;

- The new restroom building at County Park South is almost complete, and a ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.
- This year’s goose control is underway.
- Manager Emens indicated that he is currently working with the Township’s Parks Department’s Stewardship on a plan to eradicate invasive phragmites’ patches dispersed around the lake.

3E. LAKE WATER MINING

The committee discussed a recent incident where a directional boring contractor was observed withdrawing lake water to a holding tank to be used for drilling operations. It

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was explained by Younes that current state laws do not clearly prohibit this type of mining of lake resources, based on a recent discussion he had with a state official at EGLE. However, Manager Emens indicated that the county has passed a resolution few years ago that banned this type of practice; he will email the committee the approved resolution.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.