

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Frank Hatfield, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Members Absent: Roland Harmes,

Staff: Jane Greenway, Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator;
Kelsey Dillon, Stewardship Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Kielbaso called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Add:

#6, Old Business, #a. Southwest Meridian Upland Site Visit Report
#7, New Business, #c. Lake Lansing North Management

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS MOVED, COMMISSIONER MAYES
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion
passed.

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Approve Minutes

a. September 14 – regular meeting

b. October 12 - regular meeting, page 1, item #4, Discussion, first two bullets to
read:

- Is this project the best use of the funds
- Is there an alternative to the plan such as inter-planting between the dead
Buckthorn

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED, COMMISSIONER LEE SECONDED, TO
APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AND OCTOBER 12, 2016 MEETING
MINUTES AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications
 - a. Email from Kelsey Dillon, To: LPAB, RE: Davis Foster Prescribed Burn Hearing no objection, Chair Kielbaso accepted and placed the item of communication on file.

6. Old Business
 - a. Southwest Meridian Upland site visit report

Board Member Hatfield offered the following on the prairie project (September 17): The area has a diversity of species (grasses and forbs) without concentrations of non-native invasives. The land is recovering by natural succession. Abundant milk weed nourishes the monarch butterfly population. Perhaps wild flower seeding is not appropriate except in scattered bare areas.

7. New Business
 - a. Meeting Schedule Resolution

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, THAT THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN THE DECEMBER 7, 2016 STAFF MEMORANDUM BE ACCEPTED, THE ATTACHED MEETING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AND COPIES OF THE MEETING SCHEDULE AND/OR RESOLUTION BE FOWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Frank Hatfield, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens, James Kielbaso

NAYS: None

Motion/resolution passed.

- b. Resolution of Appreciation

CHAIR KIELBASO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Frank Hatfield has served as a member of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian from 2008 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hatfield was an integral part of the first community supported and funded program of its kind in Michigan for the acquisition and permanent preservation of ecologically important open space and natural features; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hatfield served on the Red Cedar Glen Stream Restoration Advisory Committee which worked with the Ingham County Office of the Drain Commissioner to develop site restoration recommendations that helped create a beautiful and sustainable restored site; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hatfield has devoted much of his time and energy on management and stewardship efforts in the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hatfield's service on the Land Preservation Advisory Board has been very beneficial to the Charter Township of Meridian, its citizens, and its natural environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN extends its best wishes to Frank Hatfield and expresses its gratitude for his service to the community.

Supported by Board Member Smith

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Frank Hatfield, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens, James Kielbaso

NAYS: None

Resolution passed

c. Lake Lansing North Management

Coordinator Greenway reported the LPAB walked Lake Lansing North in November to look at the exclosures. Suggestion was made to develop goals for Lake Lansing North Preserve, to diversify the trees and plant new trees.

Board Member Smith provided an update on the deer resistant garden and the need for it to be replanted.

8. Land Management Coordinator and Stewardship Coordinator Reports

Coordinator Dillon offered an update on:

- b. The prescribed burn at the Davis Foster Preserve
- c. Clearing project, workdays, tree protection and tree planting plans for Towar Woods
- d. Workdays to treat Autumn Olive and future plans for Red Cedar Glen
- e. Recommended invasive species management and tree planting at Northridge Land Preserve – after a brief discussion LPAB approved Coordinator Dillon to begin work at Northridge and suggested contacting neighbors for funding
- f. Okemos High School Earth Club meeting

Coordinator Greenway offered an update on:

- a. Tank acquisition closing
- b. Grant awards
- c. Signage - waiting on new logo to order rules signs
- d. Japanese Knotwood treatment

e. 66 deer taken in the Meridian Deer Management Program

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other

None

11. Announcements

a. LPAB Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 6 pm, Meridian Service Center

b. Joint Meeting with other boards and commissions: Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6 pm, Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building – Board Member Smith offered to give the LPAB presentation at the joint meeting

12. Closed Session

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER MAYES SECONDED, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Frank Hatfield, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens, James Kielbaso

NAYS: None

The Board returned to open session at 8:07pm.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER HATFIELD SECONDED, FOR STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WAS PROPOSED IN CLOSED SESSION. Voice vote. Motion passed.

13. Adjournment

Hearing no objections, Chair Kielbaso adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.