



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
Land Preservation Advisory Board
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
6 pm

SITE TOUR NOTES

6 PM – SOUTHWEST MERIDIAN UPLANDS LAND PRESERVE

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield, James Kielbaso

Members Absent: Robert Rusch, Mark Stephens, Margo Smith, Jon Mayes

Others: Leslie Kuhn, Jim Hewitt, Tom Valli, Lise Schools

Site tour notes

After spraying plenty of mosquito repellent, LPAB members and guests walked into the SW Meridian Upland Land Preserve from the southern entrance. Guests Leslie Kuhn and Jim Hewitt pointed out various invasive species. The group paid particular attention to the area at the end of the two-track road that was subject to an out-of-control campfire in 2013. The 14-acre area has filled in with numerous invasive species.

Members present all seemed amazed at the beauty of the open preserve and offered encouragement to move ahead with the grassland planting project.

Guest Leslie Kuhn then led LPAB members to a property located north of the railroad tracks that she is encouraging the township to acquire. The LPAB members were previously unaware of this diversion and it was not an agenda item; therefore, no discussion or formal review took place of the property.

It was a beautiful evening, despite the mosquitoes. The site visit commenced at 7 pm.

Leslie Kuhn submitted site visit notes (attached).