

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Members Absent: Yu Man Lee

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

Others: Judy Linn

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Kielbaso called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Under item #6, New Business, add, #a. Proposed Costco development

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Approve Minutes

a. May 11, 2016

- Page 3, 5th bullet, change Emerald Lakes to Dream Lake
- Page 3, 10th bullet, change Spring Lake to Common Natural Area of Bear Lake, Dream Lakes and Sapphire Lakes

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER MAYES SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications

- Emails
 - ✓ From: Jane Greenway, Re: Garlic Mustard Pull update

- ✓ From: LuAnn Maisner; RE: Drone Use on Township properties
- ✓ From: Kelsey Dillon; Re: Seed Ball Project at Davis Foster Land Preserve
- ✓ From: Carla Clos; Re: Ember Oaks Drain

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER MAYES SECONDED, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Voice vote. Motion passed.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Proposed Costco Development

Board Member Brixie reported the following:

- Costco is interested in building a store on the former Four Winds Golf site at the corner of Saginaw and Park Lake Roads
- The proposal includes deed restrictions on the eastern side of the property to buffer Everett Woods development
- The site is approximately 66 acres of an overgrown former golf course with uplands and wetlands, with a potential of 12 acres of conservation easement
- Assistant Dillon walked the site and reported of dumping of yard waste and a need for invasive management
- One of the wetlands in the area has been filled

BOARD MEMBER MAYES MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO REQUEST CHAIR KIELBASO AND COORDINATOR GREENWAY TO SEND A COMMUNICATION FROM THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD STATING THAT ALTHOUGH THE LAND PRESERVATION BOARD IS NOT INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING THE PARCEL, THE LPAB SUPPORTS THE PRESERVATION OF THE PROPERTY AND ITS MANAGEMENT BY THE CITY OF EAST LANSING. Voice vote. Motion passed.

8. Land Management Coordinator and Land Stewardship Assistant Report

- Stewardship Assistant Report for Kelsey Dillon Monthly Accomplishments and Updates – May 2016 (highlights of the report)
 - ✓ Attendance at Cooperative Species Management
 - ✓ Removed 60 pounds of garlic mustard from Sower Woods
 - ✓ Applied weed control to the trees in Towar Woods
 - ✓ 90 students mixed and distributed seed balls at Davis/Foster Preserve
 - ✓ Grasses planted, weed spot treatment completed and seed balls are being prepared by Bennett Woods students for fall planting at Southwest Meridian Uplands

- ✓ Giant Japanese Butterbur will be treated in Ted Black Woods and Assistant Dillon will speak with the neighboring church about treatment on their parcel
- 2016 Land Preserve Site Visit Schedule
 - ✓ Coordinator Greenway invited the Environmental Commission to join in the upcoming site tours of the land preservation parcels
- Meridian Township Parks and Land Preserves Map and addresses
- Land Preservation Budget Summary 2016
 - ✓ Coordinator Greenway reviewed

9. Public Remarks

None

10. Closed Session

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The Board entered into closed session at 6:55 pm

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

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The Board returned to open session at 8:05 pm

11. Other

None

12. Announcements

None

13. Adjournment

Hearing no objection, Chair Kielbaso adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.