



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Townhall Room  
Tuesday, July 12, 2023 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Roger Taylor (tier 1); Ron Rowe (tier 1);  
Susan Andrews (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP); Simar Pawar (County Commissioner)

ABSENT: Steve Culling (tier 2); Paul Pratt (ICDC)

OTHERS: Jim Folkening; William Seck; Jared Laughlin & Mary Helen (Progressive ae)

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

### **2. PUBLIC REMARKS**

Bill Seck stated that he lives on Carlton Street, and he has been a resident of this area since 1978. He added that at the time of the lake dredging project the county bought land along the east side of Perry Road, and it would be great if trails can be built or extended to that area of county property. In response, County Park Manager Emens stated that they cleared some of that area to make it accessible. Chair Armbruster then thanked Mr. Seck for his remarks and pointed out that this matter is a County issue, and suggested that it be further pursued with the County Parks Department.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROJECTS UPDATE
- C. PARK MAMANGER'S REPORT
- D. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LANDING BLITZ
- E. LLPOA DAM SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

#### **3A. Approval of Minutes**

The draft June minutes were discussed, and then the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

#### **3B. PROJECTS UPDATE**

Aquatic Plant Control: Jared Laughlin with Progressive a/e, the lake consultant, discussed the recent herbicide treatment. The treatment was conducted on May 31, that targeted Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil. A follow up survey showed that the treatment was very effective.

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The second follow up survey was conducted on July 11, and the recommendation was to harvest approximately 36 acres of Starry stonewort along most of the lake shoreline. Harvesting was expected to start around July 24. It was noted that we now have the second access available for the harvester to use.

Educational sign for natural shoreline project: Jared shared with the committee a draft language and diagram to be considered for the sign. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the language was good, but the diagram needed to be modified to reflect the actual project layout. For example, the cross slope was too steep, and there was no rip-rap shown.

Natural shoreline project: Younes informed the committee that the project area looks good now that we had rain, and the plants and grass has taken. He noted that the small plugs on top of the coir log did not survive, and he would discuss this with the contractor to replace them.

### **3C. PARK MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Emens informed the committee that the CD3 vac unit is now working. He also has a new AIS sign (to clean the boats) made but has not been installed yet. The sign will be placed next to the CD3 vac unit.

### **3D. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES LANDING BLITZ**

Susan informed the committee that this was the fourth year that the event took place on Lake Lansing. She added that the CD3 vac unit was a big hit, and thought the event was very successful even though the weather was not that great. She added that two local TV stations covered the event, and two DNR enforcement officers attended. She then thanked the four committee members who participated. Ron added that two anglers actually cleaned their boats after they exited the lake, which was good.

### **3E. LLPOA DAM SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Susan stated that the LLPOA dam sub-committee had two meetings so far and several emails related to the project. She added that the County received four proposals for consultant services solicited for this project, with the lowest bid from Spicer Engineering. The Ingham County Drain Commissioner's (ICDC) office is still evaluating all proposals, and will make their recommendations to the County Services committee on August 15. The LLPOA is considering sending a representative to that meeting. Susan also mentioned that the sub-committee is planning to solicit help from Township, County and State legislators. County commissioner Pawar mentioned that State Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou, and County Commissioner Mark Poldsfer are aware of and involved with this project. It was also suggested to contact State Senator Sam Singh, and to contact the chairs of the State Senate and House Appropriations Committee. Susan added that the sub-committee sent a letter to Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann for details about the project. Commissioner Pawar then informed the committee that Drain Commissioner Lindemann told her that he'll seek grants, if available, to help fund the project.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.