



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Meridian Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett MI
Wednesday, August 25th, 2021, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Jamie Hiller, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee.
ABSENT: Board Members: Kendra Grassesschi, Chanelle Russ.
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator
TOWNSHIP: Township Trustee, Dan Opsommer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CHAIR HILLER MOVED TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:07 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. NONE.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

**BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 25, 2021 AGENDA.
Trustee Opsommer seconded.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9TH, 2021 MINUTES.
Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Coordinator Campbell briefly outlines important sections of the Land Preservation Ordinance to preface discussion on Lake Lansing South Preserve. Sections highlighted are Section 22-95, Destruction of Land Preservation Property, and Section 22-113, Installations, Construction, or Maintenance.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lake Lansing South Meeting Debrief

1. Ordinance enforcement protocol

a. Notification & Education: Once violation is observed, contact must be made with Township resident notifying them of current violations against the ordinance, and how to take actions to remedy the situation. A period of time will be stated in the letter, giving time for communication and action.

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- b. Enforcement: If the violation has not been remedied by the stated date, the issue will be handed over to office of Code Enforcement and a fine will be issued.
 - c. Each scenario will be handled on a case by case basis.
- 2. Board Discussion: Board members agree that ordinances must be upheld equally across all Land Preserves in order to protect these areas that were purchased with the mission to conserve ecologically diverse green space from development.
 - a. If any mowing is take place on Meridian Township Land Preserve property, it must be done by Township personnel or authorized contractors.
 - b. Installation of split rail fencing, and Land Preserve signage at both entrances (Carlton Road & Haslett Road) will aid in the recognition of the area as protected and help educate local residents.
 - c. Following a management plan to remove invasive species and plant native species, will improve the area and involve neighbors in the stewardship of the area.
 - d. A pathway is an option in the future, but will need to be coordinated separate from the Parks and Pathways mowing maintenance schedule and will come from Land Preserve funds.
 - e. Old Shed located on the west end of the preserve needs to be removed. Coordinator Campbell complete a work order for this job.

TRUSTEE OPSOMMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE FOLLOWING AT LAKE LANSING SOUTH PRESERVE: SPLIT RAIL FENCING AT THE CARLTON RD. & HASLETT RD. PRESERVE ENTRANCES, NATIVE SEEDBANK GARDENS, AND SIGNAGE FOR THE LAND PRESERVE AND RULES. Board member Parnell seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORT

- A. Coordinator Campbell gives a brief update on stewardship in the Township as well as fall stewardship plans.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A. NONE.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- A. Board member Stephens gives an update on a possible fish assessment to happen at Lake Lansing. A fish assessment will aid in the pike management plan for the Township property surrounding Lake Lansing.
- B. Chair Hiller announces she will be absent for the October 9th meeting.
- C. Board member Thomas inquires about the land acquisition process and whether or not the Land Preservation Advisory Board is still interested in acquiring more land for the Land Preservation Program.

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 over Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Board member Parnell seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:35 pm.