



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Town hall
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Paul Pratt (ICDC); Coe Emens (ICP)

Others:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. BLUE-GREEN ALGAE INCIDENT UPDATE
- C. CONSULTANT PROPOSAL DISCUSSION
- D. PARK MANAGER REPORT
- E. MISCELLANEOUS

3A. Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were approved with one correction.

3B. BLUE-GREEN ALGAE INCIDENT UPDATE

Chair Armbruster and Susan mentioned that the algae was still visible along their respective shorelines but in isolated areas. It was also noted that the algae areas appear to be influenced by wind direction, sun light and recent higher temperatures than normal, which was the case recently. The committee discussed possible methods to mitigate future algae blooms including limiting phosphorus loading through possible chemical treatment, implementing shoreline best management practices (BMPs), which include improve smart gardening in the buffer areas. There was consensus that this issue should be a priority for the lake management consultant moving forward.

3C. CONSULTANT PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Younes informed the committee that he only received one proposal for the lake management consultant services, and it was from our current consultant, Progressive a/e. The committee then reviewed both the proposal document and the fee structure for the next three years. The committee then voted unanimously to recommend award of the consultant services to Progressive a/e.

3D. PARK MANAGER REPORT

Park manager Emens stated that the aquatic plants vacuum machine was delivered last Friday. He added that the cost of the equipment is about \$30,000; he also reminded the committee that a match of \$8,000 was previously approved by the advisory committee to go towards the boat wash improvement project. Susan pointed out that the Spring newsletter should include this information, as well as the BMPs related to the shoreline.

3E. MISCELLANEOUS

- Chair Armbruster mentioned that the lake level seems too high, then there was a brief discussion as to how the lake level is regulated by a court order and that the Drain Commissioner’s office is in charge of implementing that order.
- Chair Armbruster stated that a member of both the Land Preservation Committee and the Environmental Committee would like to start engaging and coordinating with this advisory committee.
- Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Pratt informed the committee that Consumers Energy will be on site on November 16 to plug the blow hole, and the broken tile along the ditch on Lake Lansing Road, west of Shaw Street. He thought that they will either use flowable fill and/or remove the tile.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.