



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administrative Conference Room
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Robert Hollenshead (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Steve Culling (tier2);

ABSENT: Tim McCarthy (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Coe Emens (ICP)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Paul Pratt (ICDC)

Others: Pam Tynning – Progressive AE

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 Minutes
- B. New Ingham County Parks Representative
- C. Annual Report
- D. 2019 Aquatic Plant Control Program
- E. Financial Report
- F. New Boating Law
- G. Miscellaneous

3A. Approval of Minutes

The January 8, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3B. New Ingham County Parks Representative

Younes informed the committee that Coe Emens will be the new representative for the Ingham County Parks. Mr. Emens had informed Younes that he couldn't attend tonight's meeting due to a conflict with prior engagement. There was consensus that the committee needs to ensure close coordination with Mr. Emens on issues related to the lake such as the natural shoreland project, goose control, and beach area restrictions during harvesting.

3C. Annual Report

Pam Tynning, the Lake consultant, outlined the 2018 report's key findings: The lake phosphorus levels are acceptable; low to moderate algae growth which is good; tributary drains had low impact on lake quality due to small flows and wetland buffers. Pam stated that the overall conditions of the lake is pretty good. She also stated that aquatic plant control consisted of herbicide treatment for Eurasian Milfoil and harvesting for nuisance native plants and starry stonewort. Chair Armbruster asked about any trends in recent years regarding the density of plant sites that are disconcerting. Pam

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stated that the lake is behaving as expected for its size. She also added that the primary goal is to control non-native plants, and the second goal is control the nuisance native plants. After the discussion the committee voted unanimously to approve the 2018 annual report.

3D. 2019 Aquatic Plant Control Program

Pam stated that this year the herbicide Fluridone will be used lake wide to treat for Eurasian milfoil. As such, no harvesting is planned. Also, possible treatment maybe applied for algae control.

With respect to the natural shoreland project, Pam stated that the natural shoreland partnership trains contractors and lake property owners by using field projects on lakes. The coordinator for the partnership, Dr. Bob Schutzki of MSU, informed Pam that the 2019 project site has already been selected. The committee then requested that Pam contact Dr. Schutzki to investigate the viability of using the two Lake Lansing sites the committee previously considered for this project.

The committee also discussed with Pam the benefit of another “bio-mass” survey this year. Pam suggested that such a survey this year will not be representative because of the Fluridone treatment. It was agreed to wait until one year before the next Fluridone treatment, which will be in 2021.

3E. Financial Report

Younes distributed copies of the SAD finances including revenues and expenses. The SAD expenses in 2018 were \$69,579.74, and a carryover of \$133,635.28.

3F. New Boating Law

Chair Armbruster shared with the committee a flyer regarding new state boating law to protect against aquatic invasive species. The law will take effect this year.

3F. Miscellaneous

Paul Pratt stated that MDEQ has notified the county that the triannual lake dam report is required this year. The county will again retain LAN, Inc. to prepare this year’s report.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.