

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

## LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:00 p.m. Meeting Room – Meridian Service Center

**Members Present:** Tom Woiwode, Chair; Mary Helmbrecht, Vice-Chair; Members Frank Hatfield, Mark Stephens, James Kielbaso, Dave Caszatt, Margo Smith

**Members Absent:** Steve Webster

**Staff:** Jane Greenway, Land Management Coordinator

**Public Present:** Leslie Kuhn, Mid-Michigan Stewardship Initiative  
Nick Sanchez, Americorp, Ingham County Parks  
Bart Reiter

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woiwode at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes:** MOTION was made by Mark Stephens, seconded by James Kielbaso to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2010 Land Preservation Advisory Board as written. MOTION carried unanimously.
3. **Public Remarks:** None
4. **Welcome new member**  
Chair Woiwode welcomed new LPAB member, Margo Smith, and briefly described the Land Preservation Program. Ms. Smith introduced herself and described her professional background.
5. **Leslie Kuhn and Nick Sanchez – Mid-Michigan Stewardship Initiative (MMSI)**
  - a. Leslie Kuhn gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Stewardship Successes and Opportunities in Meridian Township”. MMSI’s 2010 accomplishments in Meridian Township Parks and Land Preserves, East Lansing Parks, and Ingham County Parks include:
    - Sponsored 32 invasive species control work days
    - Pulled eight tons of garlic mustard
    - 2,632 volunteer hours spent on work days





**9. Other**

- a. Mike Thomas's term on the LPAB expired in December 2010. Mr. Thomas was appointed to the Environmental Commission.
- b. LPAB member Caszatt announced that Buddies Restaurant in East Lansing will be holding two fundraisers for the Snell-Towar Free Summer Recreation Program. The dates are January 23 and February 13, 2010. A percentage of the daily proceeds will support the summer program.
- c. Proposed Ember Oaks flowage easement is still being reviewed.

**10. Adjournment**

9:40 p.m. Chairman Woiwode adjourned the meeting.