



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday January 8, 2025 6:00 pm
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos MI

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVE AGENDA
 - A. January 8, 2025
4. APPROVE MINUTES
 - A. November 13, 2024
5. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. None.
6. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. 2025 Meeting Resolution
 - B. 2025 Election of Officers
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration
 - B. Acquisition Prioritization
8. REPORTS
 - A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - a. Update on current preservation projects & issues
 - b. 2025 Land Preservation Program Goals
 - c. MCC January Stewardship Calendar
 - B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Yu Man Lee
 - C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Mark Stephens
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6 pm at The Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board by contacting: Director Courtney Wisinski, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4600 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kris Parnell, Kathy Fay, Yu Man Lee.
ABSENT: Mark Stephens.
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator; Courtney Wisinski, Parks
TOWNSHIP:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

a. November 13, 2024

Board member Lee moved to approve the November 13, 2024 Agenda to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

a. September 11, 2024

Board Member Fay makes a motion to place the September 11, 2024 minutes on file. Board Member Lee seconded.

5. PRESENTATION

a. Flowage Easement for the Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve

i. Township Staff: Dan Opsommer, Tim Schmitt, Courtney Wisinski

ii. See packet for memorandum.

iii. Two options are outlined in the memorandum: One option is to clear-cut the wooded area to the south of the development and create a man-made detention basin. The second option is to outlet the water from the developers' property onto the Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve.

iv. Board members comments and questions:

1. There is concern over flooding on the pathway the runs north and south from the inter-urban trail.

a. Staff explains that overflow into the Pine Lake Outlet will mitigate flooding over the pathway.

2. Why do the trees need to be cut down in option One?

a. It is required to have a drainage basin, which would be implemented in that area.

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3. Is the developer or drain commissioner responsible for overflow and structure failure?
 - a. Yes, see memorandum.
4. Please explain the flowage of water in the area of discharge.
 - a. The water will sheet flow over the wetlands on the developers' property first before it reaches the preserve.
5. The new basin being proposed would be built for a 100 year rain event, so in the event of a 1000 year rain event it would fail as it did before in 2023.
6. Can we ensure that the homes off Lady Slipper Lane will not flood with additional water being diverted into the preserve?
 - a. It would have to be substantial flooding for this to happen and this specific hypothetical incident has been taken into consideration during the planning process.
7. Board members would like to request the developer to not use nutrients on the landscape. Nutrient loading from the properties discharge will cause the reed canary grass and phragmites to increase and spread in the preserve. Mitigation of nutrients and sediment is of utmost importance to the health of the wetland.

Chair Hiller makes a motion to recommend that the Township Board approve and enter into the flowage easement between the Charter Township of Meridian and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office for the Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve. Board member Parnell seconded.

FRIENDLY AMMENDMENT:

Vice Chair Thomas makes a friendly amendment to move forward with the recommendation, on the condition that the lands contributing the storm water be kept free of pesticides and fertilizers and appropriate monetary or other compensation can be provided.

Chair Hiller agrees to the friendly amendment and makes a motion to take a vote on the proposed recommendation with the addition of the friendly amendment. Board member Parnell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Yays: Steve Thomas, Yu Man Lee, Kathy Fay, James McCurtis, Kris Parnell, Jamie Hiller.

Nays: None.

Vote: Unanimous.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. No December meeting
- b. Election of Officers will commence at the January 8, 2025 meeting

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Parcel A Site visit and evaluation update
- b. Acquisition Prioritization

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- i. All board members will be participating in a discussion next year to outline the prioritization process for any future land preserve acquisitions

8. REPORTS

- a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - i. Update on current preservation projects and issues
 - ii. MCC November Stewardship Calendar
- b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
 - i. Reported to the commission for the review of the greenspace plan. Next step is to meet with and/or provide a summary to staff for additional steps and assessment.
 - ii. This could go into acquisition prioritization.
- c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
 - i. None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- a. Board members are requesting a financial statement for the January meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Fay moves to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Thomas seconded.

Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
2025 LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, in said Township on the 8th day of January 2025 at 6:00 pm, Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution supported by Chair Jamie Hiller:

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board deems the 2025 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board's Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board's Global Ends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THAT THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD ADOPTS ITS REGULAR 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

Date

January 8	Regular Meeting	6 pm
March 12	Regular Meeting	6 pm
April 9	Regular Meeting	6 pm
June 12	Regular Meeting	6 pm
August 13	Regular Meeting	6 pm
September 10	Regular Meeting	6 pm
October 8	Regular Meeting	6 pm
November 12	Regular Meeting	6 pm

1. The Land Preservation Advisory Board has set a schedule to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. No meeting will be held for the month of February, May, July and December, unless one is called by the chairperson.
2. Each of the above meetings shall be held at the specified time in the lunch room of the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct., Haslett, Michigan, (517) 853-4000; with the exception of the joint meeting of the boards and commission which is held in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos; unless changed and noticed in accordance with MCL 15.265

3. Special meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board may be called pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
4. Regular meetings may be canceled, recessed or postponed by members of the Land Preservation Advisory Board pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
5. A summary of this resolution stating date, place, and time shall be posted in the Meridian Municipal Building within ten (10) days after the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year in accordance with the MCL 15.265

ADOPTED: Board Member _____ moved to approve the amended meeting calendar for 2025.
 Board Member _____ seconded.

YEAS:

NAYS:

The resolution passed

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chairperson of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board held on the day of January 8th, 2025.

 Jamie Hiller, Chairperson
 Land Preservation Advisory Board



To: Land Preservation Advisory Board Members
From: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator
Date: January 8, 2025
Re: Election of Officers for 2025

The current Chair/Vice Chair opens floor for nominations of Chair:

- a. A commissioner nominates a member of the Commission.
- b. Another Commissioner seconds the nomination.
- c. The nominee either accepts or declines nomination.
- d. The Chair asks if there are any other nominations, and if there are, then steps a, b and c are repeated.
- e. Once all nominations are offered, the Chair closes the floor to nominations (or a Commissioner can move to close the floor to nominations) and the Chair takes a roll call vote.

The current Chair/Vice Chair opens the floor for nominations of Vice Chair:

- a. A commissioner nominates a member of the Commission.
- b. Another Commissioner seconds the nomination.
- c. The nominee either accepts or declines nomination.
- d. The Chair asks if there are any other nominations, and if there are, then steps a, b and c are repeated.
- e. Once all nominations are offered, the Chair closes the floor to nominations (or a Commissioner can move to close the floor to nominations) and the Chair takes a roll call vote.



To: Land Preservation Advisory Board Members
From: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator
Date: January 8, 2025
Re: Election of Officers for 2025

Chair opens the floor for nominations for **Chair**.

BOARD MEMBER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS CHAIR.
BOARD MEMBER _____ SECONDED.

Board member _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nominations for Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

Chair opens the floor for nominations for **Vice Chair**.

BOARD MEMBER _____ MOVED, TO NOMINATE _____ AS VICE CHAIR.
BOARD MEMBER _____ SECONDED.

Board member _____ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

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STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS 9:30 AM - 12 PM

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

- January 11th, Red Cedar Glen Preserve/Legg Park Stewardship area, shrub thinning & winter native seed sowing
 - End of Sylvan Glen Drive in Okemos
- January 25th, Harris Nature Center, Invasive bittersweet removal
 - 3998 Van Atta Rd. | Okemos MI

WEEKDAY WARRIORS | Bi-weekly | 1-3 PM

- January 16th, Ted Black Woods Park, Invasive Bittersweet vine cutting
 - 540 W Grand River Ave. | Okemos MI
- January 30th, Central Park South Pond, Native Seed Sowing
 - 1990 Central Park Dr. | Okemos MI



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12	13	14	15	16 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	17	18
19	20 MLK DAY OFFICES CLOSED	21	22	23	24	25 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12 PM
26	27	28	29	30 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	31	1 FEB

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