



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
On-line meeting via ZOOM  
Tuesday, March 09 2021 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2);  
Steve Culling  
ABSENT: Tim McCarthy (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Paul Pratt (ICDC); Coe Emens (ICP)

STAFF/  
TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi  
COUNTY:  
Others: Lake consultants: Pam Tynning & Rick Buteyn (both with Progressive A/E)

### **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 JANUARY& FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
- B. SAD FINANCIAL REPORT
- C. WINTER NEWSLETTER
- D. LAKE CONSULTANT PRESENTATION
- E. PROPOSAL OF GOOSE CONTROL BY HUNTING
- F. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- G. REPORT ON THIS YEAR'S LANDING BLITZ
- H. WEB PAGE DISCUSSION

#### **3A. Approval of Minutes**

The January minutes were approved with one correction, and the February minutes were approved with three corrections.

#### **3B. SAD FINANCIAL REPORT**

Younes shared with the committee the latest financial report of the SAD, as of March 08, 2021. The report showed that the SAD has a fund balance of \$247,702.13 available to fund the lake management plan for this year and beyond.

#### **3C. Winter Newsletter Discussion**

The committee discussed a revised draft of the upcoming newsletter prepared by the lake consultant, with contribution from the Drain Commissioner's office. Few suggestions were made

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and approved by the committee. The committee then approved the final draft for distribution. Younes informed the committee that the newsletter will be mailed out to all tier 1 & tier 2 owners this week.

### **3D. LAKE CONSULTANT PRESENTATION:**

Rick Buteyn opened up this discussion by outlining this year's aquatic plant control. He anticipates heavier milfoil presence than last year, so the plan will be to conduct the survey then treat for milfoil with systemic herbicides, and other plants that cannot be harvested such as curly-leaf pondweed with contact herbicide. After a follow up survey, harvesting of starry stonewort and other native nuisance plants. It was noted that multiple harvesting could be necessary this year.

Pam Tynning then discussed potential projects to improve the water quality of the lake. She briefly discussed the past work including demonstration projects to address drain discharge to the lake. She recommended that the committee focus on shoreline management. There was a concern that pest control including mosquito spraying is adversely affecting the lake water quality. Pam suggested highlighting the shoreline stewards program in the next newsletter as it encompasses broad aspects of shoreline management best practices, including proper pest control.

### **3E. PROPOSAL OF GOOSE CONTROL BY HUNTING:**

At the behest of the Township's Parks department, the committee discussed the request to control goose population around the lake by a controlled hunt. There was general consensus that this approach is not appropriate for lake Lansing due to the close proximity of homes, and other legal and liability concerns. As such, the committee directed Younes to share with the Park's Director that this body is not inclined to take on this matter.

### **3F. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

The committee discussed the re-appointments of current members with terms expiring at the end of April. Two of the three members, Susan and Larry, expressed their desire to continue serving. Younes will contact Ron to see if he wants to continue serving

### **3G. REPORT ON THIS YEAR'S LANDING BLITZ :**

Susan reported to the Committee that CISMA is not planning on participating in the Landings Blitz campaign this year. Susan also mentioned that she will need three people, and she'll ask Ron if he will participate again this year. If so, she will need one more person possibly from LLPOA to join her and Ron. She added that she's only interested in doing just one date. She will ask Ron and pick a date before next meeting.

### **3H. WEB PAGE DISCUSSION:**

Susan pointed out that the meeting is not shown properly on the Township's web site. She also mentioned the lake management links are not yet shown on the web page. Younes stated that he'll fix that as well.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.