



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administration Conference Room
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier 1);
Roger Taylor (tier 1); Steve Culling (tier 2)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

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

ABSENT: Larry Wagenknecht (tier2)

OTHERS: Jim Folkening; Brad Hutton; Paul Hausler (Progressive Companies)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Brad Hutton provided an update of this year's goose control plan. He noted that the DNR called off goose round up for this year. As such, this year's efforts consisted of egg collection and nest destruction, resulting in a total of 79 collected eggs from 18 nesting sites that were then destroyed. Brad then complimented the advisory committee on the laminated wake-boat maps that were posted at the boat launch. Jim Folkening then suggested that the maps should also be posted at the MSU sailing club. He pointed out that there was a recent Big 10 wake board competition held at the lake.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES
- B. CHAIRMAN REMARKS
- C. PROJECT UPDATES
- D. LLPOA DAM PROJECT UPDATE
- E. PARK MANAGER REPORT
- F. PELICAN UPDATE

3A. APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The draft April minutes were discussed and then were unanimously approved as submitted.

3B. CHAIRMAN REMARKS

- Chair Armbruster commented that this year's herbicide treatment area is more than 10% smaller than recent years, which is a good indication that the treatment efforts

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are working. He also noted that he's waiting for the notice from PLM (the applicator) before posting both the map and the notice on the Township's web site.

- Chair Armbruster shared with the committee graphics that show analytic traffic data related to the lake's portal located on the Township's website. He noted that there were 1,078 views in 2024, and 325 views for the first quarter of this year.

3C. PROJECT UPDATES

Younes provided the following updates:

- Lift station project at the boat launch: The new lift station is operating normally, and the boat launch is fully open. The new stand-by generator startup is scheduled for early next week. The contractor is working on completing a punch list including the final restoration item.
- The Township is planning on using trenchless lining to repair a couple of sewer sections upstream of the lift station to stop groundwater infiltration. This work is not expected to cause significant disruption to boat launch access.

Paul Hausler discussed the recent aquatic plant survey which showed that 90.75 acres need herbicide treatment. The target species consisted of Curly-leaf Pondweed (95%) and Eurasian Milfoil (5%). The committee then discussed the proposed treatment date of May 22, which is the Thursday before Memorial Day Holiday. There were concerns that the proposed date is too close to the holiday weekend. As such, it was agreed to move the treatment date to May 19 or May 20.

Paul also suggested the following topics for the Spring newsletter: Goose control update; updated wake-boat map; dam project update; discussion of invasives other than aquatics (phragmites, etc.). He distributed articles as examples of these topics for the committee to consider.

3D. LLPOA DAM UPDATE

Susan Andrews shared with the committee that the Dam committee is very close to wrapping up work on a proposed assessment roll and related formulas. She added that Stacy Hissong is working with the LLPOA on developing the roll. She noted that public agencies, including the County and the Township, will likely have at-large assessments.

3E. PARK MANAGER REPORT

Park Manager Emens provided a printed list of activities related to Lake Lansing Park including the following: Installed the boat launch pier and docks; Installed new trail signage; Coordinating with the Township on final restoration for the lift station project

3F. PELICAN UPDATE

Susan Andrews informed the committee that there is a rare brown pelican currently residing on the north side of the lake. This has led to a lot of unhealthy public attention which could be stressing out the bird. She was asked to bring this matter to the committee and see if a sign can be made to caution the public against harassing the bird. After a brief discussion, Park Manager Emens agreed to post a sign that advises the public to respect wildlife and to keep a safe distance from wild animals around the lake.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.