



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administrative Conference Room
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Robert Hollenshead (tier1); Tim McCarthy;
ABSENT: Larry Wagenknecht (tier 2); Steve Culling (tier2); Paul Pratt (ICDC)
STAFF/
TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi
COUNTY: Pat Witte (ICP)

Public: Mike Moquin; Julia Spalding; Pam Tynning; Milton Scales

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Mike Moquin stated that both him and Julia Spalding live on the lake and they are interested to know about the lake and the work being done by the advisory committee.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Financial Report
- C. Consultant Report
- D. Committee Membership
- E. Miscellaneous

3A. Approval of Minutes

The March 13, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3B. Financial Report

Younes distributed an activity report detailing expenses for 2017 and a financial status report for the lake's Special Assessment District (SAD). Total expenses for 2017 were \$44,104.79 compared to \$96,552.81 for 2016. According to the financial status report, there is \$113,215.02 available funding as of March 15, 2018.

3C. Consultant Report

Pam Tynning, with Progressive A/E, the lake consultant, provided the committee a summary of the work that has been done over the years to manage aquatic plants, and improve the lake's water quality. She then outlined the actions that will be undertaken this year.

She indicated that water sampling of the lake's tributary streams has already started for this year. Pam added that an aquatic plant survey will be done, and the aquatic control plan will likely include

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spot treatment of eurasian milfoil using systemic herbicide. She elaborated that SONAR, a contact herbicide, was last used lake-wide in 2016 to treat the milfoil, and SONAR is typically permitted by MDEQ once every three years unless the presence of milfoil is very bad. Pam also discussed potential treatment for “starry stonewort”, which is an aggressive algae. Pam noted that this invasive is not as bad in Lake Lansing as it is in other lakes and will probably continue to deal with it with harvesting and herbicide, as allowed by MDEQ.

Pam then mentioned that the significant orphan drains were addressed by different methods, and next efforts will focus on working with lake residents on how to manage their own properties on things like the benefits of natural shoreline. To that end, the committee discussed potential sites for a demonstration natural shoreline. Possible sites discussed included Perry Road and Randle Street road ends. Pat Witte indicated that there is an area within the County’s park that is preserved as a natural shore line with an educational sign. There was also a suggestion to work with private property owners on finding a suitable location for the demonstration project. Pam indicated that she can contact the “Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership” (MNSP) to see if they can do a project on Lake Lansing. There was also a discussion about making a presentation by Pam and the MNSP during the June public meeting. It was also suggested to add a link to the MNSP’s web site from LLPOA and Township websites.

3D. Committee Membership

The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Township Board the re-appointments to the advisory committee of both Curt Armbruster and Tim McCarthy as representatives for Tier 1, and Steve Culling as a representative of Tier 2.

3E. Miscellaneous

Pat Witte informed the committee that the goose permit has been reactivated. The committee also discussed the potential damage that wake boats could cause and what to do about it. It was suggested that the DNR’s safety division should be contacted about this issue.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

5. NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting is **May 8, 2018** in the Administrative Conference Room.