



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Township Service Center  
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI  
Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee  
(Environmental Commission), Mark Stephens (Park Commission).  
ABSENT: Angela Demas (Township Board), Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator.  
STAFF: None.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Beth Betchel, resident.
  - i. Consideration of property to land preservation program. Letter will be posted in Communications for the September 10, 2025 regular meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

- a. August 13, 2025

**Vice Chair Thomas makes a motion to amend the August 13, 2025 agenda to include Discussion Item 4.A, Legg Park Prescribed Burn.**

**Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the August 13, 2025 Agenda as amended to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous**

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Legg Park Prescribed Burn
  - i. Vice Chair Thomas recommends that the western portion of Legg Park, adjacent to Red Cedar Glen Preserve be added to the prescribed burn program. This would increase desirable habitat for native plant regeneration and would aid in invasive species management.
    1. Stewardship Coordinator Campbell has submitted a budget request for parks and recreation general funds to cover this burn since 2021.
- b. Land Acquisition (site visit)

**Commissioner Stephens makes a motion to move into closed session. Board member Fay seconded.**

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Yu Man Lee, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell.**

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**Nays: None.**

**(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)**

**Board member Parnell moved to end closed session. Board member Fay seconded.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yayes: Steve Thomas, Yu Man Lee, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell.**

**Nays: None.**

**(END CLOSED SESSION)**

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board member Parnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Fay seconded.**

**Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.**