



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday January 14, 2026 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 14, 2026
4. APPROVE MINUTES
 - A. November 12, 2025
5. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. None.
6. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. 2026 Meeting Resolution
 - B. 2026 Election of Officers

(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Parcel for Acquisition Consideration

(END CLOSED SESSION)

8. REPORTS
 - A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - a. Update on current preservation projects & issues
 - i. Encroachment
 - b. 2025 Land Preservation Program & Stewardship Report
 - c. MCC January Stewardship Calendar
 - B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Yu Man Lee
 - C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Mark Stephens
 - D. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 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 12, 2025, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee
(Environmental Commission), Angela Demas (Township Board).
ABSENT: Mark Stephens (Park Commission).
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator

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 12, 2025

Board member Parnell moved to approve the November 12, 2025 Agenda to place on file. Clerk Demas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES

a. October 8, 2025

Clerk Demas recommends an amendment for Item 9B on page 3 of the October 8, 2025 minutes.

Board member Parnell moved to approve the amended minutes from October 8, 2025 to place on file. Clerk Demas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. No scheduled board meeting for December.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration

i. Parcel B

1. No update

a. Pathway Proposal at Pike Crossing Preserve

a. Board members comments:

i. Upholding the ordinance is the most important.

ii. Consider trading preserve land proposed for pathway, with land

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currently designated to Township pathways.

1. Land adjacent to Heron Creek Preserve
- iii. Habitat fragmentation really disturbs wildlife, so hugging the railroad would be the best.
- iv. Pathway square footage created as an easement that could be paid for by pathways funds. Funds could be utilized for another stewardship project designated by the Land Preservation Advisory Board.
- b. Questions from board members for future presentation:
 - i. Is there an alternative route to going through the preserve?
 - ii. Will this pathway allow bicycle traffic?
 - iii. Can pathways pay for the management of the volatile invasive species before they install the pathway?
 - iv. Is the slope going to be too steep for accessibility (Haslett Road)?
 - v. Reach out to the legal Township council to ensure we are doing everything correct
- b. Proposed parking lot at LLNP
 - a. The board requests for Township staff to come in for a future meeting to answer questions about the proposed parking lot.

7. REPORTS

- a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - i. MCC November 2025 Stewardship Calendar
 - ii. Staff Report, memo attached.
 - iii. Legg Park Burn Update
 1. Staff will continue to look into the funding ideas brought forward by the board.
- b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
 - i. Climate Sustainability Funding originally allocated in 2024 and amounted to \$30,000 total. Those funds rolled over into 2025.
 1. Wetland Education Signage has been installed (5 signs) and 7 have been ordered and will be shipped in January 2026.
 2. Further funding will be spent potentially on green infrastructure to enhance wetland function in parks.
 - ii. Update from planning commission on the multi-family use housing construction on Central Park Drive. More details can be found in the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - iii. Green Burial presentation.
- c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
 - i. None, Mark Stephens absent.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- a. November 13, 2025 is the last Listening Session of 2025 at 242 Church at 6 pm.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE
2026 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 14th day of January 2026 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 2026 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 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Date</u>		
January 14	Regular Meeting	6 pm
February 11	Regular Meeting	6 pm
March 11	Regular Meeting	6 pm
April 8	Regular Meeting	6 pm
June 10	Regular Meeting	6 pm
August 12	Regular Meeting	6 pm
September 9	Regular Meeting	6 pm
October 14	Regular Meeting	6 pm
November 11	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 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 2026.
 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 14th, 2026.

 Jamie Hiller, Chairperson
 Land Preservation Advisory Board



To: Land Preservation Advisory Board Members
From: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator
Date: January 14, 2026
Re: Election of Officers for 2026

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 14, 2026
Re: Election of Officers for 2026

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

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS 9:30 AM - 12 PM

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

- January 10th, Red Cedar Glen Preserve/Legg Park, invasive shrub removal & winter native seed sowing
 - Meet at the end of Sylvan Glen Drive in Okemos
- January 24th, Harris Nature Center, Invasive shrub & bittersweet vines removal
 - 3998 Van Atta Rd. | Okemos MI

WEEKDAY WARRIORS | Bi-weekly | 1-3 PM

- January 15th, Davis Foster Preserve, Invasive shrub removal & winter native seed sowing
 - 5120 Van Atta Rd | Okemos MI
- January 29th, Okemos Road Preserve, Invasive shrub removal & winter native seed sowing
 - 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett MI

TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY | OWL PROWL NIGHT HIKE

- Join us to learn about the courtship rituals of local owl species, such as the great horned & barred owl
 - January 27th, Red Cedar Glen Preserve
 - End of Sylvan Glen Rd. | Okemos MI



*ALL EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT & MAY BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF

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18	19 MLK DAY OFFICES CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12 PM
25	26	27 TRAILSIDE ECOLOGY 7-8:30 PM	28	29 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	30	31

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WETLAND LOVE EDITION

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS | 9:30 AM - 12 PM

- February 7th, Ted Black Woods Park, Invasive shrub & bittersweet vine cutting
 - Park at Grand River entrance, 540 W Grand River Ave.
- February 21st, Sumbal Preserve, Invasive shrub removal & native seeding
 - Park at Wonch Park, 4555 Okemos Rd

WEEKDAY WARRIORS | 1-3PM

- February 12th, Okemos Road Preserve, Invasive shrub removal around vernal pools & native seed sowing
 - Park at Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court
- February 26th, Nancy Moore Park, invasive shrub removal around vernal pools & native seed sowing
 - Park at 1960 Gaylord C. Smith Court



World Wetlands Day
FEBRUARY 2

STEWARDSHIP

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