



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
JOINT MEETING OF PARK COMMISSION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administrative Conference Room
October 26, 2017 6:15pm

PARK COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Chair, Michael McDonald; Vice Chair Mark Stephens; Commissioner, Amanda Lick (6:45 pm); Commissioner, Annika Schaetzl; Commissioner Courtney Wisinski
ABSENT: None

LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice Chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member, Roland Harmes; Board Member, Jamie Hiller; Board Member, Yu Man Lee; Board Member, Margo Smith
Board Member, Mark Stephens
ABSENT: None
TOWNSHIP: Julie Brixie, Meridian Township Treasurer

STAFF: LuAnn Maisner, Parks and Recreation Department Director; Jane Greenway, Parks and Land Management Coordinator; Kelsey Dillon, Stewardship Coordinator

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairs McDonald and Mayes called the meeting to order at **6:20 pm**.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Brixie moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Commissioner Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. OPENING COMMENTS BY BOTH CHAIRS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE**. Seconded by Board Member Brixie.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Parks
- B. Land Preservation

8. FRIEND OF THE PARK VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – COLLABORATION

- Volunteer Video to be shown at Studio C in January. Both the Parks and the Land Preserve volunteers will be invited to attend.

9. POTENTIAL JOINT PROJECT

- A. Potter Land Preserve, Lake Lansing Marsh, Spengler Marsh
- Chair Mayes introduced the potential joint project to improve wildlife habitat and passive recreation opportunities in several Township owned properties south of Lake Lansing. Both the LPAB and Park Commission decided this is a great opportunity to work together to improve these areas.

10. STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

- A. Hemlock woolly adelgid
B. Oak Wilt

11. EXPANDED SURVEY AND STUDY

- A. MSU, MNFI, Others
1. Emerald Ash Borer
 2. Deer Movement Patterns
 3. Environmental Sustainability
 4. Class Presentations and Engagement
 5. Project Fish Projects
 6. Place Based Learning Opportunities
 7. Vernal Pool Mapping and Study

12. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Stephens moved **INTO CLOSED SESSION**. Seconded by Commissioner Lick.

Roll Call:

PARK COMMISSION

AYES: Michael McDonald, Mark Stephens, Amanda Lick, Annika Schaetzl, Courtney Wisinski

NAYS: None

LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

AYES: Roland Harmes, Jon Mayes, Julie Brixie, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jaimie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Margo Smith

NAYS: None

The Board moved into closed session at 8:10pm.

Board Member Kielbaso moved **TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO THE OPEN SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Smith.

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Roll Call:

PARK COMMISSION

AYES: Michael McDonald, Mark Stephens, Amanda Lick, Annika Schaetzl, Courtney Wisinski

NAYS: None

LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

AYES: Roland Harmes, Jon Mayes, Julie Brixie, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jaimie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Margo Smith

NAYS: None

The Board reopened the meeting at 8:20pm.

Commissioner Stephens moved **TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.** Seconded by Commissioner Lick.

Roll Call:

PARK COMMISSION

AYES: Michael McDonald, Mark Stephens, Amanda Lick, Annika Schaetzl, Courtney Wisinski

NAYS: None

LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

AYES: Roland Harmes, Jon Mayes, Julie Brixie, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jaimie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Margo Smith

NAYS: None

Motion passed unanimously.

13. FINAL COMMENTS

None

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Kielbaso moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Seconded by Board Member Smith. Chairs McDonald and Mayes adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.