



**AGENDA**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING  
February 10, 2021 6 PM

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVE AGENDA
3. APPROVE MINUTES
  - A. December 9, 2020 Minutes
4. COMMUNICATIONS
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Re-Naming Preserve Properties
    1. Updated list
  - B. Update on Stewardship Intern Status
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
  - B. 2020 Annual Report & Joint Meeting summary
  - C. 2021 Land Preservation & Stewardship Goals
  - D. 2021 Meeting Schedule
    1. Bi-monthly October through April
      - a. Necessary meetings can be called on off month
      - b. Monthly Staff Report emailed
    2. May – September outdoors at pre-selected preserves
7. STAFF REPORT
  - A. Stewardship Coordinator: MSU networking & projects, Invasive Species Training Webinar, Stewardship Workdays
8. COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC
9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6 pm, Zoom meeting.
11. ADJOURNMENT

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: James Kielbaso; Yu Man Lee; Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Jamie Hiller, Chanelle Russ, Kris Parnell  
ABSENT: None.  
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator  
TOWNSHIP: Township Trustee, Dan Opsommer

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

BOARD CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

**Board Member Stephens moved to amend agenda to add Item #4 as Charles Smith presentation from Spicer.**

**BOARD MEMBER HILLER MOVED TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT. Board Member Stephens seconded.**

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

**3. APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES.**  
Seconded by Board Member Hiller.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

**4. PRESENTATION: CHARLES SMITH FROM SPICER, RED CEDAR LOG JAM REMOVAL**

- A. Charles Smith from Spicer outlines an upcoming project to remove a log jam from the Red Cedar River near Wonch Park and Mandenberg Preserve. Debris will be removed and bank stabilization and erosion improvements will be made. Logs will also be removed from the floodplain (particular Mandenberg Preserve) to ensure that they do not float back into the river during spring floods and cause another log jam. Debris upstream will also be removed to mitigate litter buildup in the future.
- B. Timeline: January
- C. Location: Focus of removal is from Nakoma Rd. to Okemos Rd.
- D. How: Sanitary easement will be used as the access point, utilizing only the right of way to remove logs and debris, mitigating any damage to Mandenberg Preserve. Special light load equipment will be used as well.

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- E. Important points: Wonch Park will be utilized to remove any debris located on the east side of the river. Mike Nurse will be performing a site survey to ensure species of concern will not be harmed. An agreement form for Meridian Township will need to be signed once the entire project is approved.

**CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE DEREK PERRY, DEPUTY TOWNSHIP MANAGER, TO PURSUE THE ACCESS AGREEMENT FROM THE TOWNSHIP. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.**

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Re-Naming Preserve Properties

Board members reviewed the list of potential preserves for a name change, and offer input on potential names (listed below). Name ideas will be looked over by Parks Department staff and voted on by both the Department and LPAB.

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  - d. Pike Fry Preserve
  - e. Is it possible to combine LLS with Kuzma and Tank Wetland and call the region: Pike Crossing?
2. Central Meridian Uplands
  - a. Hubbel South & Hubbel North (combine the two since they are only separated by railroad)
  - b. Algonquin Road Preserve
  - c. Eberly Preserve
  - d. Pine Lake Preserve
  - e. Railroad Woods Preserve
  - f. Okemos Road Preserve
3. Meridian Central Wetlands
  - a. Inter-Urban Wetlands
  - b. Haslett Road Wetlands Preserve
  - c. Bayonne Wetland Preserve
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  - c. Treetop Ridge
5. Southwest Uplands Preserve

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- a. Heron Creek Preserve (small Heron rookery located here)
- b. Heron Meadows Preserve
  
- 6. Tihart/Cornell Wetlands
  - a. Cornell Wetlands Preserve
  - b. Mud Lake Wetlands Preserve
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**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2021 Meeting Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by Board Member Hiller and supported by Board Member Kielbaso:

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 2021 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 2021 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>		
January 13	Regular Meeting	6 pm
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1. The Land Preservation Advisory Board has set a schedule to meet on the second Wednesday of the month; except for the joint meeting with the other Township boards and commissions on Tuesday, January 26.
2. Each of the above meetings shall be held at the specified time over Zoom, at a prespecified park or preserve, or 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:

YEAS: Board Members: Chair Jim Kielbaso, Vice Chair Jamie Hiller, Yu Man Lee, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Kris Parnell, Chanelle Russ, and Trustee Dan Opsommer

NAYS: NONE

Resolution passed:

**BOARD MEMBER HILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2021 MEETING SCHEDULED AS OUTLINED BY STAFF AND TO TRANSMIT THE RESOLUTION TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR POSTING. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.**

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Stewardship Coordinator Intern
  - a. Coordinator Campbell explained the outline for the internship as well as suggested salary, time frame, job duties and qualifications.

### 8. STAFF REPORT

- A. Stewardship Coordinator
  1. Deer Management Update: 45 deer harvested, 620 pounds of meat donated to local food banks.
  2. Meridian Conservation Corps Annual Report: Went over Corps Newsletter and accomplishments from fall 2020
- B. Quarterly Newsletter and volunteer hours

### 9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

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**10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- A. Check in on the status of the Towar Parcel and grant to purchase parcel.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2020, 6 pm, over Zoom.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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**Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department**  
**Stewardship Intern Job Description**

**Overview:** Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department provides a park or natural area within a 15-20 minute walk of every resident. The parks system consists of over 904 acres spread throughout 29 parks, as well as 20 miles of trails. The Township also consists of 23 land preserves covering 956 acres of land. The Land Preservation Program was established in 2000 to acquire, preserve, and protect natural areas throughout the Township. Since that time the Land Preservation Advisory Board and staff has worked hard to acquire the land. Program goals for 2021 are to develop stewardship and management plans for each site, as well as begin the journey of active management. The Land Stewardship Coordinator is responsible for developing, and implementing land management in order to advance conservation and ecosystem health for all 1,860 acres of Township land, as well as expand volunteer engagement. The primary responsibility of the *Stewardship Intern* is to aid the Land Stewardship Coordinator in advancing management plans and stewardship programs.

**Job Duties:**

- The primary responsibility will be to aid the Land Stewardship Coordinator in the implementation of land management and stewardship on Township land
  - A large percentage of this work will be focused on invasive species management and monitoring, while a smaller percentage will be helping expand Meridian Conservation Corps programming
  - Management and Stewardship activities the Stewardship Intern will assist with and be responsible for:
    - Restoration projects in priority areas, such as invasive species treatment and removal, as well as planting native species.
    - GIS mapping and inventory of invasive species infestations throughout parks and preserves for treatment plans and long-term monitoring.
    - Aid the Stewardship Coordinator in using this information to create priority areas of management and long term management plans.
    - Assist with Stewardship Workdays, and other Meridian Conservation Corps programs; guiding volunteers, showing proper tool use and management techniques.
- Help create outreach materials and resources for the Meridian Conservation Corps programs, to expand community outreach.
- Perform general maintenance and cleaning of tools, equipment and work area.
- Attend Land Preservation Advisory Board meetings when deemed necessary.

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**Work Environment and Physical Demands:** The Stewardship Intern will spend %75 of their time in the field, and %25 in the office. This will remain flexible and could change due to adverse and/or favorable weather conditions. Outdoor work is a requirement and candidates must be able to traverse rough terrain and navigate dense vegetation in all weather conditions. Applicants must be able to lift 50 pounds without injury and be prepared for physically demanding work.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- In possession of, or working toward a degree in Natural Resource Management, Fisheries & Wildlife, Biology, Forestry, or Parks & Recreation Management
- Possession of MDARD Commercial Pesticide Applicator License (not a pre-employment requirement)
- Knowledge of local flora and fauna and basic land management techniques
- Knowledge of common invasive species, and/or experience eradicating and treating invasive species
- Experience working with people and/or volunteers to accomplish a common goal
- Proficiency and confidence during public speaking

**Required Qualifications:**

- A passion for the outdoors, as well as conservation and sustainable management of natural resources
- A drive to create stronger connections and sustainability within communities
- A team player that is flexible and can adapt quickly to unexpected situations
- A positive attitude and kindness to others

**Time Period of Position:**

- 20 hours/week
- Hours will generally be Monday - Friday, with some weekend work required.
- March - November

**Compensation:**

- \$14/hour



**To: Land Preservation Advisory Board**  
**From: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator**  
**Date: February 4, 2021**  
**Re: Election of Officers**

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Chair opens the floor for nominations for **Chair**.

COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED, TO NOMINATE \_\_\_\_\_ AS CHAIR.  
COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ 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 nomination for **Vice Chair**.

COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED, TO NOMINATE \_\_\_\_\_ AS VICE CHAIR.  
COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair closed the floor to nomination for Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:  
NAYS:



**Land Stewardship Coordinator**  
**2020 Annual Report**

**1. Volunteer & Meridian Conservation Corps Accomplishments**

- a. 498.5 hours of habitat restoration completed
- b. Four M.C.C. volunteer programs launched 09/24/2020: Forest Watch, Clean Up Crew, Trailblazers, Invasive Species Strike Team
- c. 135 Conservation Corps sign-ups
- d. 65 volunteers engaged and actively working across 7 parks and preserves
- e. Aided Meridian Tree Team plant 40 native trees at Chippewa Middle School
- f. Invasive Species Strike Team Accomplishments:
  - i. 246 pounds of invasive dame's rocket and garlic mustard removed from 2 parks
  - ii. 15 Stewardship Workdays held at 10 different parks and preserves
    1. Ponderosa Preserve
    2. Legg Park
    3. Red Cedar Glen Preserve
    4. Lake Lansing North
    5. SW Uplands Preserve
    6. Ted Black Woods
    7. Hillbrook Park
    8. Towar Woods Preserve
    9. Davis-Foster Preserve
    10. Sower Woods Preserve
  - iii. 10 different species of invasive plants removed
  - iv. 22 native plant species cultivated in Sower Woods & Tihart Preserve
- g. 263 pounds of litter removed from 12 parks by the Clean Up Crew
- h. 1 Sentinel Tree adopted by Forest Watch Brownie Troop

**2. Summer Internship**

- a. 1 unpaid summer internship with Chelsea Semper
- b. 6/24/20 - 7/15/20
- c. 20 hours per week for 3 weeks
- d. 60 hours of trail work and invasive species mapping & inventory completed
  - i. 19 of 23 preserves mapped for invasive species

**3. Deer Management Program**

- a. 75 volunteers registered
- b. 41 Township properties managed for deer
- c. 7 private properties managed for deer

- d. 176 deer harvested from 10/01/2020 - 1/1/2021
- e. 2,400 pounds of venison donated to local food banks
  - i. 9,600 meals provided
  - ii. Dollar amount of venison donated: \$26,376.00



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(Below) Okemos High School students on the same workday.





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(Below) Neighborhood Corps removed honeysuckle and buckthorn SW Uplands Preserve.





## **2021 Goals for Meridian Township's Land Preservation Program**

### **1. Increase Signage, Accessibility, and Awareness**

- a. Develop and install rule signage at all land preserves (with the exception of Red Cedar Glen)
- b. Finalize new names of chosen preserve properties
  - i. Develop and install name placards and attach to land preserve signs
- c. Assign an individual address to each land preserve
- d. Replace official signage at preserves with missing or damaged signs
  - i. Foster-Crouse
  - ii. Lake Lansing South
- e. Begin identifying and developing interpretive & directional signage for preserves with high traffic such as Davis-Foster, Towar Woods and Southwest Uplands

### **2. Expand Internship Opportunities**

- a. Implement a Stewardship Internship Program
  - i. Hire a part time intern to aid the Land Stewardship Coordinator with land management tasks
  - ii. Main focus will be on invasive species management, species inventory, and outreach.
    1. Intern will also assist with Meridian Conservation Corps workdays as much as possible, getting to gain experience working with volunteers and the public as well as gain invaluable experience executing management techniques

### **3. Grow Educational Outreach & Volunteer Recruitment**

- a. Meridian Conservation Corps
  - i. Release remaining Corps Programs
    1. Vernal Pool Patrol (Spring)
      - a. Spring training scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    2. Planting a Native Meridian (late Spring)
    3. Waterways Watch (Summer)
    4. Bioblitz Squad (Summer)
  - ii. Clean Up Crew: schedule spring and fall cleanups at preserves
    1. Tihart/Cornell Wetland
    2. Towar Woods Preserve
  - iii. Educational Workshops
    1. Host workshops for M.C.C. programs
      - a. Native Gardening Education & Design

- b. Vernal Pool Patrol Training
- c. Invasive Species Education & Management
- 2. Partner with local institutions like the MI Audubon to increase community participation
  - a. Backyard Bird Habitat Creation

#### **4. LPAB Member Opportunities**

- i. Give Board Members an opportunity to report on a preserve of their choosing
  - 1. Board meetings will be held at that preserve, and reported on for priority issues, management, and history
- ii. Create a native demonstration garden with chosen plants and a placard for each board member
  - 1. A chance for the community to learn about native gardening while honoring the time dedicated by board members to the township
    - a. In addition, past members will be invited to participate

#### **5. Land Management**

- a. Management Plans: An individual management & stewardship plan will be created for each land preserve
- b. Prescribed Burns: Expansion of the township's Prescribed Burn Management through a cyclic burn of Lake Lansing North, Davis-Foster (areas not formerly burned), and portions of Legg Park (5 year plan).
- c. Native Plantings: Davis-Foster will be the first site for a demonstration native garden that will be used as a seedbank for future plantings in the parks and preserves. The goal is to establish a seedbank garden at every viable preserve.
- d. Invasive Species Management: Stewardship Saturdays will continue with a focus on invasive species removal throughout the year. Contract treatments will also be scheduled for larger scale jobs and aquatic invasive species.
- e. Stewardship will be developed at several preserves through the Meridian Conservation Corps. Preserves that will receive focus of volunteer efforts and/or have priority ecosystems are as follows:
  - i. Red Cedar Glen Preserve
  - ii. Davis-Foster Preserve
  - iii. Sower Woods Preserve
  - iv. Southwest Uplands Preserve
  - v. Lake Lansing North Preserve
  - vi. Lake Lansing South Preserve
  - vii. Ponderosa Preserve
  - viii. Forest Grove Preserve

#### **6. Communications and Social Media Outreach**

- a. To help aid in our goal to increase accessibility and awareness of the preserves, communication and outreach is extremely important. Things to expand and improve on for 2021:

- i. Update the website with new preserve names, address and management story
- ii. Create a Meridian Conservation Corps web page for all flyers, educational resources, quarterly newsletter, volunteer opportunities and forms for sign-up and data collection



## **Land Preservation 2020 Accomplishments & 2021 Goals**

This year has been a milestone, with many having to endure extreme hardship, loss, and uncertainty about the future. In the face of 2020 we were reminded of the importance of Township land preserves, as well as how incredible this community is. Despite the restrictions of this past year, the land preservation program was able to engage 65 residents and connect them to the land to accomplish great acts of stewardship. The launch of the Meridian Conservation Corps gave citizens a chance to gather safely to build a community around stewardship that instills a sense of ownership, pride and well-being. Not only did our work this year benefit human health, but also the health of our natural areas. With a successful year behind us, we look forward to 2021 being the year where we increase accessibility of land preserves and expand outreach and engagement to new levels not seen before.

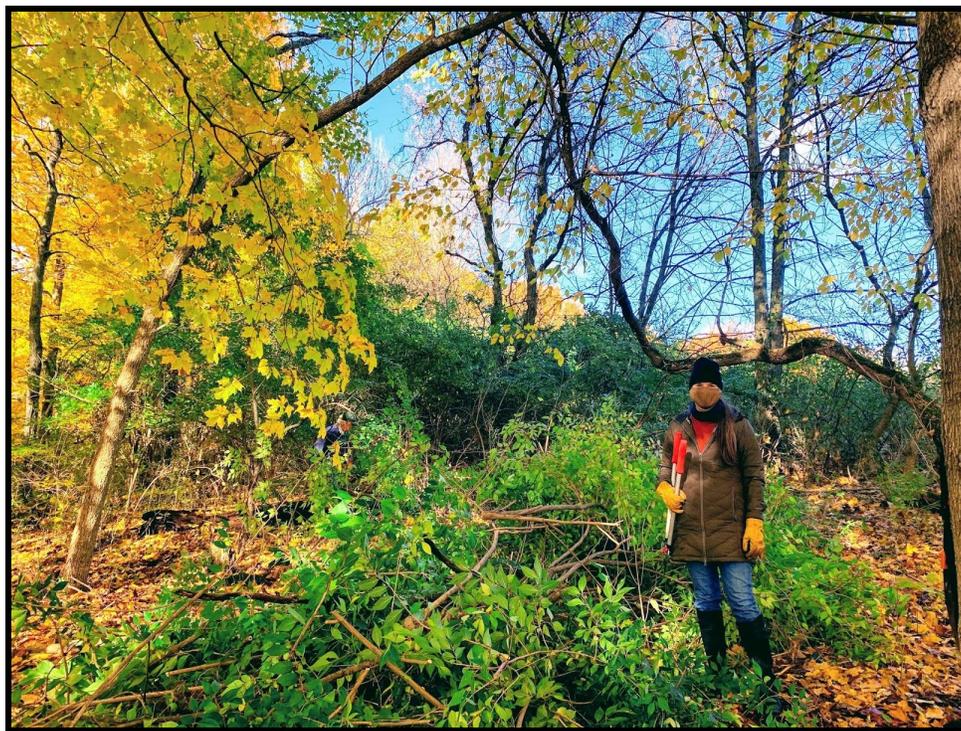
### **2020 Accomplishments:**

1. This year marked the launch of the Meridian Conservation Corps, which released 4 of 8 volunteer stewardship programs, recruited 135 volunteer sign ups and actively engaged 65 volunteers across the Township.
2. 15 Stewardship Workdays were held at 10 different parks and preserves, removing 12 different invasive species, contributing to 315 hours of habitat restoration.
  - a. A total of 498.5 hours of volunteer stewardship was completed throughout the Township, including 263 pounds of litter removed by the Clean Up Crew, as well as the removal of 246 pounds of invasive dame's rocket and garlic mustard.
3. Successful acquisition of tax sale parcel 15-100-010, added 7.97 acres to Township Preserves and connects Nemoke Preserve, Central Meridian Wetlands and Nancy Moore Park.
4. The Land Preservation Millage was renewed during the 2020 election at .10 mils for the next 10 years.

### **2021 Goals:**

1. An important goal for the Land Preservation Program as well as Meridian's community, will be to raise awareness, and increase accessibility of Township land preserves. A large portion of this goal will be achieved through the purchase and installment of rule & name signage, interpretive signage, and assigning an address to each preserve.

2. To raise awareness, educational outreach & volunteer recruitment will also be expanded on with the release of 4 new Meridian Conservation Corps Programs: Vernal Pool Patrol, Planting a Native Meridian, Waterways Watch and Bioblitz Squad. Educational Workshops covering a variety of stewardship topics will also be offered.
3. A paid internship opportunity will be offered to aid the Land Stewardship Coordinator complete land management and invasive species removal on land preserves. This will create valuable work experience opportunities for local youth and MSU students.
4. Management & stewardship plans will be developed and implemented for each land preserve, paving the way for land management goals to be met with more efficiency.



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**To: Land Preservation Advisory Board**  
**From: Emma Campbell, Land Stewardship Coordinator**  
**Date: February 4, 2021**  
**Re: 2021 Proposed Change to Meeting Dates**

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Due to the inability to meet outside during the cold months and the busy nature of everyone’s schedule, I am proposing the following amendment to the meeting calendar.

- 1) Meet bi-monthly until April (February 10 and April 14)
- 2) Meeting monthly May through September (May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8)
- 3) Meet November 10 but not hold a meeting in December.
- 4) At the November meeting, the Board could consider a future meeting schedule of holding bi-monthly meetings during the winter months and monthly meetings during the summer/fall months.
- 5) Proposed meeting dates (Next year the first meeting would be in January 12, 2022):

Date

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October 13	Regular Meeting	6pm

The following motion is proposed:

MOVE that the Land Preservation Advisory Board meeting schedule as outlined in the February 4, 2021 staff memorandum be approved and an updated Resolution be drafted and copies of the revised meeting schedule be forwarded to the appropriate individuals for posting.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE  
2021 LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING RESOLUTION**

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At a virtual 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 9th day of December 2012 at 6:00 pm, Local Time.

PRESENT: James Kielbaso; Yu Man Lee; Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Dan Opsommer, Jamie Hiller, Chanelle Russ, Kris Parnell

ABSENT: None

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