



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Townhall Room
Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier 1); Susan Andrews (tier1);
Larry Wagenknecht (tier2)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Paul Pratt (ICDC)

ABSENT: Roger Taylor (tier 1); Steve Culling (tier 2)
Coe Emens (ICP)

OTHERS: Paul Hausler; Jared Laughlin (Progressive a/e)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROJECTS UPDATE
- C. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT
- D. DAM PROJECT UPDATE

3A. Approval of Minutes

The draft October minutes were discussed, and then were unanimously approved with one correction.

3B. PROJECTS UPDATE

Natural shoreline project: Younes informed the committee that educational sign has been ordered and will be installed by the Township when received.

The Township will solicit bids for harvesting and herbicide treatment in December, with bid openings expected in early January. In a related discussion, the committee then voted to not meet in December. The bids will be discussed during the January meeting.

3C. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Paul Hausler, with Progressive a/e (the lake consultant), presented the draft 2023 annual report. He went over the Executive Summary. The committee then discussed the report including review of PH levels, and pictures of the natural shoreline project. It was also noted that the Executive Summary should include a narrative about the installation of the CD3 vacuum unit. It was agreed to have the consultant email the final draft to the committee.

4C. DAM PROJECT UPDATE

Susan shared with the committee that the LLPOA Dam committee will be meeting with Spicer Group on November 20, for an update on their progress. Susan also mentioned that as part of the efforts to generate funding for the project, she and Larry met with Representative Angela Witwer, and that Representative Witwer offered to sign a letter of support. Susan added that she was hoping to set up a meeting with State Senator Sarah Anthony, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Pratt stated that he expected Spicer Group to have a draft of the engineering report by the end of November. He added that the report would be reviewed by the County at several levels including the County’s Services committee on January 16; the Finance committee on January 17; and Board of Commissioners (BOC) on January 23. Paul also mentioned that based on a recent meeting with the County’s Counsel, the Drain Commissioner will recommend the following to the to the BOC:

- Keep current established lake levels, but amend the language to allow for flexibility during low level implementation.
- Avoid making the dam repair a project of the Pine Lake Outlet Intercounty Drain. However, this does not prevent asking Clinton County to contribute funds towards the project.
- Establish the dam district not necessarily based on the 2005/2006 District, as that one had gaps. He added that the Drain Office is researching documents regarding the 1975 establishment of the dam assessment district.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.