



AGENDA

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday September 21, 2022 6:00 pm
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett 48840

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2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Steve Thomas, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee, Kendra Grassesschi,
Mark Stephens
ABSENT: Chair Jamie Hiller
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator; Rebecca Fisher, Stewardship
Coordinator Intern
TOWNSHIP: Courtney Wisinski

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A. September 21, 2022

Board Member Stephens moved to approve the September 21, 2022 agenda. Board Member Grassesschi seconded. Voice vote unanimous.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A. July 13, 2022

Stephens moved to place the July 13, 2022 minutes on file. Parnell seconded. Voice vote unanimous.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wetland Restoration & Education Program Update

- A. One year that we have been meeting as the Wetland Education & Restoration Program
1. Funds left over to allocate for interpretive signage, educational programs. Budget passed for next year includes \$10,000 for 2023. Residential notice going out this fall and will continue to go out in the mail annually.

B. Climate Sustainability Plan

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2. Board Member Grassesschi is charged with coordinating the Water Quality and Management part of the Climate Sustainability Plan. Board Members Grassesschi and Lee have been reviewing this portion of the Climate Sustainability Plan to expand on wetland protections in the Township. Wetlands act as a huge resource and benefit for flood mitigation and water quality. The goal of the Climate Sustainability Plan is to be connected with the Township Master Plan as the environmental aspect.
 - a. Board members find it highly valuable to incorporate vernal pools that are smaller than a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in our wetland ordinance. Currently wetlands of any size are regulated if they are within 500 feet of any lake, pond, or stream. This can include a county drain and/or a ditch. Ponds considered can be as small as one acre.
 - i. An idea for data usage in vernal pool ordinance: run analysis on what vernal pools actually are covered under the current ordinances and are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more acre in size. If there are many that not covered then we could assess the current ordinance.
 - b. Email Board Member Grassesschi with any input or corrections to the Water Quality portion of the Climate Sustainability Plan by email. Input is needed by the end of November 2022.
 - c. Include the Ingham County Drain office on this conversation, and/or use as a resource for this regulation.
3. Director Schmitt is reviewing all the ordinances, so now is a great time to overview the wetland ordinances for any future changes.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Board Member Stephens moved to go into closed session to discuss item 7C. Parnell seconded.

Roll call:

YAYS: Steve Thomas, Kendra Grassesschi, Mark Stephens, Courtney Wisinski, Yu Man Lee, Kris Parnell

NAYS: None.

C. Land Acquisition Site Visit Conclusion

(END CLOSED SESSION)

Board Member Stephens moved to take such action as discussed in closed session. Board Member Lee seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous.

8. REPORTS

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- A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
1. 2022 Deer Management Program
 - a. The Deer Management Program will start October 1st, 2022 and run through January 1st, 2023.
 - b. 71 volunteer hunters from the Township will be participating this year over 43 Township properties.
 2. Fall Stewardship
 - a. Fall Stewardship is consisting of invasive species shrub removal and education, native seed collection and botanizing, and native seed processing
 - b. Contact Cherie Wisdom to coordinate seniors processing seeds collected by Meridian Conservation Corps. Discuss ideas for involving this group in stewardship.
 - c. RSVP retired senior volunteer program is another great resource.
 - d. Places with green houses that could grow native plants, such as Okemos High School.
 3. Planting a Native Meridian, native plant guide release
 - a. A resource for Township residents on how to learn more about native plants as well as gardening with them. Great feedback so far, lots of residents have been asking for these resources, and feel the guide is concise, and a great resource. This is also a great way to publicize for Harris Nature Center's native plant sale in the spring and fall.
- B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Kendra Grassesschi
1. Nothing to add (Updates were discussed earlier in the agenda).
- C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Mark Stephens
1. Hillbrook Park drain reconstruction area; blue lobelia and cardinal flower bloomed this year, providing an opportunity for residents to become familiar with local native wetland plants.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE.

10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett 48840.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Parnell seconded.

Vice Chair Thomas adjourns the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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