



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
On-line meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday, April 13 2021 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2)
ABSENT Tim McCarthy (tier1); Paul Pratt (ICDC);

STAFF/
TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi
COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP)

Others:

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 MARCH MEETING MINUTES
- B. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- C. REPORT ON THIS YEAR'S LANDING BLITZ
- D. PARK MANAGER'S REPORT
- E. WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION

3A. Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved as submitted.

3B. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee passed a motion to recommend to the Township Board the re-appointments of Susan, Ron and Larry to the advisory committee.

3C. REPORT ON THIS YEAR'S LANDING BLITZ

Susan reported to the committee that she has reserved the boat launch for this year's Landing Blitz, for Saturday June 26 from 10 am to 1 pm, with a rain date of Sunday June 27. Susan added that she, Ron, and Connie Page who represents LLPOA will participate in this year's educational campaign. Susan also mentioned that Kevin Walters from the state's aquatic species Landing Blitz will provide the group handout material.

3D. PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:

Park Manager Coe shared with the committee the following:

- They have selected a consultant for the two grants that they received, which include the beach house grant and a federal grant.
- He has not yet contacted the Houghton Lake Association folks regarding the use of their portable AIS system but he intends to do so within the next couple of weeks.
- They would know the status of the boat launch grant by November/ December of this year. As such, the boat launch project will likely be starting in 2022.
- The Friday night concerts are scheduled to return this year.
- Tentatively, the lifeguards will return but on limited basis from Memorial day weekend to Labor day.
- They are now allowed to have gatherings of no more than 1,000 people provided social distancing measure are followed.
- They are in the process of opening the restrooms.
- The harvester access on Shaw Street and related fence removal project may not be quite ready by the time the harvester is in town. If so, then Coe stated they will arrange a temporary setup for the harvester to unload from that site.

3E. WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION:

Susan started the discussion by stating that she has concerns about active wake boats on Lake Lansing, based on information she learned recently in a conference and wanted to find out if these activities are causing damage to the lake shoreline and other environmental impacts.

Susan lamented the fact that there is not much scientific research to prove impact on aquatic species and if so what needs to be done about it and by which governing body.

It was suggested that this issue be discussed at the LLPOA level first to gauge concern and interest to pursue further discussion and potentially enact regulations by the appropriate authorities to control and mitigate any damage to personal property and the lake ecology. It was further agreed that if there were undisputable scientific evidence that these activities are adversely influencing the lake, the committee would act accordingly to mitigate these impacts.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.