



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell, Mark Stephens
(Park Commission), Angela Demas (Township Board).
ABSENT: Yu Man Lee.
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

a. October 8, 2025

Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the October 8, 2025 Agenda to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES

a. August 13, 2025 (CLOSED SESSION MINUTES)

Board member Parnell moved to approve the closed session minutes from August 13, 2025 to place on file. Board member Fay seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

b. September 10, 2025

Chair Hiller made a motion to amend a grammatical error on page 4 of the September 10, 2025 minutes.

Clerk Demas moved to approve the amended minutes from September 10, 2025 to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. None.

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6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Prescribed Burn Program

i. Legg Park

1. Commissioner Stephens brings up the point that full funding from Land Preservation should be considered, since this issue affects all lands in the Township. The care of Legg Park directly effects the natural resource management in Red Cedar Glen Preserve.
2. Chair Hiller brings forward the idea of creating a land preservation program grant similar to the Green Grant program.
 - a. Staff could develop a proposal to pass through legal.
 - b. Explore the development for a procedure and a plan for this specific type of funding and how it can be used.

b. Parks and Recreation Department 2026 Survey Input

- i. LPAB is most interested in understanding better how public perceives what land preserves are and the associated rules, and how can we get the word out about these spaces to educate public on these topics.
- ii. Avoiding questions about ‘how’ to use the preserve since recreation is strictly passive in preserve spaces.
- iii. The survey will be vetted by the Park Commission and Land Preservation Advisory Board before it is sent out.

Vice Chair Thomas makes a motion to move into closed session. Commissioner Stephens seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Angela Demas, Kris Parnell.

Nays: None.

(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)

a. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration

iv. Parcel B (Memo 6.C.I)

Commissioner Stephens moved to end closed session. Board member Parnell seconded.

Roll Call:

Yayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Angela Demas, Kris Parnell.

Nays: None.

(END CLOSED SESSION)

Vice Chair Thomas makes a motion to take such action as discussed for Parcel B in closed session. Clerk Demas seconded.

Roll Call:

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Yayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Angela Demas, Kris Parnell.

Nays: None.

7. REPORTS

- a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - i. MCC October Stewardship Calendar
 - ii. Staff Report, memo attached.
 - 1. Take proposed pathway map from DPW and engineering and create a map of species of interest (native species and invasive species).
 - 2. Bring details of pathway size, where it will be, etc.
- b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
 - i. Commissioner Lee was absent, no report.
- c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
 - i. None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- a. Steve Thomas is concerned about the pathway and parking lot going in at Lake Lansing North Park.
 - i. Track down answers to the questions Vice Chair Thomas had about the proposed project.
- b. Clerk Demas updates the board about the new Township Treasurer Linda Burghardt.
 - i. The 2026 Township budget was approved. There were budget cuts this year for all departments.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Parnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Thomas seconded.

Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.