



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administration Conference Room
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:30 PM

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

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP); Paul Pratt (ICDC)

ABSENT: Susan Andrews (tier1); Steve Culling (tier 2)

OTHERS: Mark Stephens; Jared Laughlin (Progressive)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Mark Stephens introduced himself to the committee. He mentioned that he currently serves on the Township's Park Commission and the Land Preservation Advisory Board. He's also the coordinator for the "Project F.I.S.H." which involves engaging school kids to teach them about fish, fishing, habitat and related water chemistry and tests. Mark added that he's very interested in improving fish habitat and fishing. For example, he recommended adding the fish crib to the new dock installed at Lake Lansing Park South to improve fishing experience. With respect to improving fish habitat at Lake Lansing, Mark suggested use of "Spider Blocks" which are typically 3' wide made with a concrete base and plastic tubing. Another suggestion was the use of "floating Mats" which are usually located along water edges. They consist of plastic frames with bog plant material. He noted that the Township's Park Department has installed a few of those at the pond located on Central Park Drive across from the mall. When asked about pike habitat, Mark agreed that pike habitat can be improved at Carlton & Lake Drive area, but the project will require a DNR assessment study first. Chair Armbruster thanked Mark for his attendance and his ideas to improve fish habitat around the lake.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROJECT UPDATES
- C. 2024 ANNUAL REPORT
- D. LAKE CONSULTANT CONTRACT EXTENSION
- E. PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

3A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The draft October minutes were discussed and then were unanimously approved as submitted.

3B. PROJECT UPDATES

- The lift station replacement project at the boat Launch has started, and the dewatering system has been installed.
- The draft 2024 annual report has been prepared and will be discussed later in tonight’s meeting.
- Discussed potential fish habitat project in 2025
- Road salt impact at the lake will now be assessed by starting chloride sampling moving forward.

3C. 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Jared Laughlin went over the draft annual. The committee noted several inaccuracies and requested corrections accordingly. Jared will make the changes and email a revised draft to the committee.

3D. LAKE CONSULTANT CONTRACT EXTENSION

The committee discussed the consultant contract extension for an additional year. Younes noted that Progressive agreed to extend the contract under the same terms as the current contract. The 2025 contract annual compensation will be \$20,000 similar to 2024. After a brief discussion the committee voted unanimously to extend the contract for 2025 as proposed.

3D. PARK MANAGER’S REPORT

Park Manager Emens informed the committee that the CD3 vender has requested \$1,300/ year to provide usage reports. He wanted to know if access to these reports is worth it. The committee’s consensus that it was not. As such, Manager Emens stated that he will not renew this service.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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