

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017  
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens  
Members Absent: Julie Brixie, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee  
Staff: Jane Greenway, Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator; Kelsey Dillon, Stewardship Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Mayes called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

BOARD MEMBER HILLER MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Comment from the Public

None

4. Approve Minutes

a. April 12, 2017

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2017 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business  
a. Bus funding for Murphy Elementary

Stewardship Coordinator Dillon reported on May 25, 2017, 90 fifth grade students from Murphy Elementary will be participating in a seed ball project at the Davis Foster Land Preserve. Students will learn about native grassland ecosystems while creating seed balls to throw into the recently burned section of the restored grassland at the preserve. The requested funds of approximately \$500 will pay for the buses to bring the students from the school to the preserve and the return trip to the school.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$500 TO HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING BUSES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEED BALL PROJECT AT THE DAVIS FOSTER LAND PRESERVE.

Roll Call

AYES: Margo Smith, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

8. Land Management and Stewardship Reports

Stewardship Coordinator Dillon offered a summary on the following:

- Vernal Pool Project - Ongoing
- Davis Foster Prescribed Burn
  - ✓ Mike Appel Environmental Design
  - ✓ Completed on April 14th
- Seed Balls at Davis Foster in burned area
  - ✓ May 25th with Murphy Elementary
  - ✓ Will be over 90 students participating
- Tree Planting/ Arbor Day
  - ✓ Lake Lansing North on Friday, April 28th
    - Murphy elementary 5th class (over 90 students)
    - Planted 29 trees off of main pathway
  - ✓ Towar Woods Tree Planting on April 29th
    - 35 volunteers
    - Planted 175 trees in Towar (see map)
  - ✓ Northridge tree planting with Haslett Scout Troop 265
    - Planted 18 trees in area where brush was cleared by grounds crew
  - ✓ Other trees planted at Davis Foster
- Encroachment Letter and Yard Waste Reminders
  - ✓ To be sent to Northridge, Towar Woods and Sower Woods neighbors
- Asking KEBs for quotes for boundary surveys and post markers for preserves without them:
  - ✓ Red River Cedar East

- ✓ Serafine
- ✓ Forest Grove
- Summer Focus: Invasive species management
  - ✓ Invasive species treatments
    - Garlic Mustard removal until June 30th
    - Major buckthorn re-sprouts in Towar Woods
    - Mapping using MISIN app
    - Northridge invasive species plan

9. Comment from the Public

None

10. Other Matters

None

11. Announcements

None

12. Closed Session

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES.

Roll Call:

AYES: Margo Smith, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes,

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

Moved to closed session at 6:42 pm.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO THE OPEN SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Margo Smith, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes,

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

The meeting reopened at 7:03 pm.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION. Voice vote.  
Motion passed.

13. Adjournment

CHAIR MAYES MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.