



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Lake Lansing North Preserve  
1000 Wild Ginger Trail | Haslett, MI  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee, Kendra Grassesschi, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay.  
ABSENT: None.  
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator  
TOWNSHIP: Courtney Wisinski.

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 11, 2023

**Board Member Fay moved to approve the October 11, 2023 Agenda to place on file. Board Member Parnell seconded.**

**Voice vote: unanimous.**

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A. September 13, 2023

**Board Member Parnell makes a motion to place the September 13, 2023 minutes on file as amended. Commissioner Grassesschi seconded.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous.**

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board member term limits

a. Reappointments will be conducted by the Township Board for Board Members Hiller, Lee, Thomas, and Fay.

b. No term limits have been imposed on Land Preservation Advisory Board Members per the Ordinance and procedures put in place.

B. Red Cedar River Stewardship Pledge

a. Staff has been working with Michigan Waterways Stewards on Red Cedar River Pledge to collaborate on river cleanups, stewardship, monitoring, and promotion through the community.

## Minutes – Land Preservation Advisory Board

October 11, 2023

Page 2 of 3

**Board Member Fay makes a motion to place COMMUNICATIONS on file. Board Member Lee seconded.**

### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Stewardship Goals for 2024

a. Staff informs board members that Stewardship Goals for 2024 will be open for input at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board members are asked to bring any suggestions with them at this time.

b. Board Member Parnell requests the Land Preservation budget for this meeting.

#### B. Lake Lansing North Preserve Stewardship Initiatives

a. Stewardship work happening at Lake Lansing North is the foundation of how we would like stewardship to be implemented at all preserves in the future.

b. This includes the integration of prescribed fire (where necessary), Integrative Pest Management of invasive species, native plant installations, native seed collection, and floristic surveys.

### 7. REPORTS

#### A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell

##### a. Update on current preservation projects & issues

##### i. Cornell-Sweetwood Update

1. No update as of now, Township lawyers are still working on completing the Purchase Agreement.

ii. Preserve rule signage: signs are now delivered and parks utility workers will add signage in the fall as their workload allows.

##### iii. Lake Lansing South Preserve Mowing Policy

1. Mowing from neighbors continues on the preserve

2. Stewardship plans will move forward, managing invasive teasel

3. 1442 Haslett Road parcel delineation is still under legal review

#### B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Kendra Grassesschi

a. Commissioner Grassesschi has nothing to report.

#### C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Mark Stephens

a. Commissioner Stephens has nothing to report.

### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

### 10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

A. Board member Steve Thomas has been awarded the volunteer of the year in Meridian Township. The Township Board will recognize him at their November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Town Hall at 6 pm.

### 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840.

**Minutes - Land Preservation Advisory Board**

**October 11, 2023**

Page 3 of 3

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Fay moves to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Lee seconded.

**Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.**