



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
On-line meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling
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 November Meeting Minutes
- B. Lake Consultant's Contract – One year Extension
- C. 2020 Annual Report
- D. Wash-bay Water discharge Discussion
- E. Endorsement Letters for Lake Lansing related grants
- F. Lake Lansing Web Site Potential Updates
- G. MSU on-line Course - Introduction to Lakes
- H. Park Manager's Report

3A. Approval of Minutes

The November 2020 meeting minutes were approved with a couple of corrections.

3B. Lake Consultant's Contract – One year Extension

After a brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously to extend the current consultant's contract by one more year starting January 1, 2021, for \$20,000 based on the consultant's proposal.

3C. 2020 Annual Report

A draft of last year's annual report was reviewed by the committee. Subsequently, the committee voted unanimously to approve the report as drafted for publication on the Township's web site.

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3D. Wash-bay Water discharge Discussion

After a lengthy discussion regarding estimating a reasonable number of watercraft that frequents the boat launch per season, it was agreed to task the consultant of figuring out the size of the holding tank. Additionally Chair Armbruster asked if the consultant can come up with other methods to handle the used water, such as on-site treatment, and what other lakes are using to deal with spent water.

3E. Endorsement Letters for Lake Lansing Related Grants

Chair Armbruster discussed two support letters for grants related to the Lake Lansing. The first letter supports CISMA's grant application to respond to invasive species in the mid-Michigan area. The second letter supports Ingham County Parks grant application to the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program for funding to help with the design of the new boat wash at the boat launch.

3F. Lake Lansing Web Site Potential Updates

Chair Armbruster suggested addition of educational material on how to identify aquatic invasive species. Other ideas touched on providing links to the MSU on-line course, and update the 2017 SAD renewal video, and change the look of the page. Younes will follow up with both the consultant and the communication department regarding these updates.

3G MSU on-line Course - Introduction to Lakes

Larry shared with the committee that MSU is offering an on-line lakes introduction course that includes topics related to lake ecology, watershed shorelines, water law, aquatic plants, and citizen involvement among other lake related issues. The course's cost is \$115 per student and runs for nine weeks. After a brief discussion, the committee voted to reimburse any advisory committee member who signs up for the course as it fits with the SAD's mission.

3H. Park Manager's Report

Coe reported the following:

- Ingham County Parks submitted a grant application to the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program for \$88,000 as a supplement to the park millage project at the boat launch. This will likely cover the cost for a dry-vac system.
- Coe reported that he was informed that a portable wash station may be available to the parks department from the Houghton Lake Association at no charge. He will let the committee know more as he finds more about the offer.
- The boat launch grant from the trail & park millage was approved in December, and an RFP for the design is being prepared for this project with anticipated design completion by April.
- The waiver for the park entry fee was approved by the county Board of Commissioners, in December, for lake association members or anyone within the SAD.
- County parks obtained a new snow grooming equipment and is currently being used on the park trails.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.