

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016
6 PM – Lake Lansing North Park

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes (arrived at 6:14 pm)

Members Absent: Yu Man Lee

Staff: Jane Greenway, Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator;
Kelsey Dillon, Stewardship Coordinator

Others: Ingham County Parks Pat Witte and Tim Buckley

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Kielbaso called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Old Business

a. Towar Woods Brush Clearing Project

Stewardship Coordinator Dillon reviewed the proposed project and cost.

Discussion:

- Is this project the best use of the funds
- Is there an alternative to the plan such as inter-planting between the dead Buckthorn
- There are a lot of dedicated volunteers in Towar Woods such as Dave Caszatt to continue the project
- Invest money in preserves where there are volunteers
- Want to keep the project moving forward in Towar Woods

BOARD MEMBER HATFIELD MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO OUTDOOR EXPRESSIONS FOR INVASIVE BRUSH CLEARING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens, James Kielbaso

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

5. Land Management Coordinator Report
 - a. Deer Management

Coordinator Greenway updated the Board Members on the Deer Management Program to date and reported it has been recommended to add the Sumbal Land Preserve, adjacent to Ferguson Park, to the harvest sites. This land preserve had previously been approved by the LPAB but had not been opened for hunting due to concerns from Okemos Schools. Okemos Schools responded this year and asked that the property be hunted only on weekends and school holidays. This condition has been added to this site and all other sites adjacent to schools. By consensus, the LPAB agreed with these conditions.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Announcements

- a. At the adjournment of this meeting, Board Members will be taking the walk through Lake Lansing North to view the deer exclosures with Ingham County Parks Staff Members Pat Witte and Tim Buckley

8. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND CONTINUE WITH THE WALK.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.