

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Members Absent: None

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

Under item #7, New Business, add #a. Grand Learning Network Fundraiser.

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

3. Public Remarks

Shelby Schueller, MSU forestry student, asked the board members questions for her environmental policy course. Ms. Schueller volunteered at MSU's Global Day of Service.

4. Approve Minutes

a. March 8, 2017 – BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2017 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications

- a. From: Kelsey Dillon; RE: Vernal Pool Flyer and Facebook page
- b. From: Kelsey Dillon; RE: FYI Prescribed burn at Davis Foster tomorrow (4/13) at 4 pm
- c. From: Kelsey Dillon; RE: Prescribed burn cancelled

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Voice vote. Motion passed.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Grand Learning Network Fundraiser

Board Member Stephens distributed information for a spring fundraiser event and asked the Board if they would be interested in becoming a sponsor.

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER LEE SECONDED, TO BECOME A SUPPORTOR OF THE FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE GRAND LEARNING NETWORK.

Discussion:

- Concern with supporting an event that is not a direct stewardship activity

Board Members Smith and Lee withdrew their motion.

8. Land Management and Stewardship Reports

Stewardship Coordinator Dillon reviewed the vernal pool program; MSU Global Day of Service, prescribed burn at Davis Foster Preserve, and upcoming tree planting days.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other

None

11. Announcements

None

12. Closed Session

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

Roll Call:

AYES: Margo Smith, Julie Brixie, Yu Man Lee, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes,

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

Moved to closed session at 6:50 pm.

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

Roll Call:

AYES: Margo Smith, Julie Brixie, Yu Man Lee, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Mark Stephens, Jon Mayes,

NAYES: None

Motion passed.

The meeting reopened at 7:30 pm.

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

Motion passed.

13. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER SMITH SECONDED. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.