



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Town hall Pavilion
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Roger Taylor (tier 1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2)

ABSENT 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 JUNE MEETING MINUTES
- B. AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL & WATER QUALITY
- C. PARK MANAGER'S REPORT
- D. DRAIN PROJECT IMPACT ON LAKE LANSING
- E. MISCELLANEOUS

3A. Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were approved with one correction.

3B. AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL & WATER QUALITY

The committee discussed a complaint made regarding the high turbidity of the water in the cove area. It was speculated that turbidity was caused by the recent rain and resulting high run-off from the adjacent upstream swamp. Another speculation was that high water temperature and decaying weeds may have contributed to the high turbidity levels. There was also consensus that that harvesting was not a factor. Several members of the committee commented that the harvester was very accommodating and did a great job.

3C. PARK MANAGER'S REPORT

Park Manager Emens stated that the design work is now underway for the boat launch, which includes the ramp, fence and gate. He added that this phase of the project will be funded by the County Park & trail millage. The committee asked that drafts of the plans be shared to allow for comments and feedback as soon as possible, in view of the committee's high interest in improving invasive species control and new boat wash layout.

3D. NEMOKA DRAIN PROJECT IMPACT ON LAKE LANSING

Chair Armbruster brought up to the committee's attention that the Ingham County drain commissioner's (ICDC) office and his consultant's representative were contacted a month ago and nothing apparent has been done to correct initial concerns with the new ditch along the south side of Lake Lansing Road, west of Shaw Street. The concerns included apparent direct un-filtered runoff, increase of volume on the existing bio-swale, the broken tile leaking and flowing into the ditch, fertilizer content of hydro-seed excess of which is going directly into the lake, and the visible oil sheen going into the lake.

Related to this, Chair Armbruster added that there are filters on the catch basins going into the new drain project, but the catch basins are too high for water to enter and in the case of the basin at the corner of Shaw and Potter, all the water, silt, oil, and other contaminants are going around the covered high basin into the ditch and Lake Lansing.

In view of all these concerns, the advisory committee passed a motion directing the Township's representative to notify ICDC, EGLE, and other public officials of the ongoing activities related to the Nemoka Drain project, impact to Lake Lansing, and to immediately address all outlined concerns.

3E. MISCELLANEOUS

Susan informed the committee that she had contacted an officer with the DNR regarding duck hunting around Lake Lansing even though it has been designated as a wildlife sanctuary. The officer referred her questions to the DNR's legal division, which is looking into this issue.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.