



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Administrative Conference Room  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Robert Hollenshead (tier1); Tim McCarthy (tier1);  
Steve Culling (tier2); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Ron Rowe (tier1); (ICP)

ABSENT: Paul Pratt (ICDC)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP)

Others: Chris Andrews; Susan Andrews; Jim Folkening

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Armbruster called the meeting to order at **5:30 pm**.

### **2. PUBLIC REMARKS**

Dr. Susan Andrews stated that the new power washer at the boat wash is now installed and working. She also noticed that a Township police officer was present at the boat launch but it was not clear if he had duties to patrol the lake. Other committee members commented that occasionally sheriff DNR deputies patrol the lake not Township police. Dr. Andrews then shared with the committee that she discussed the lake with a state of Michigan biologist who informed her that the state will be testing the lake fish for PFAS; according to him the last time the fish was tested was in 1989 for mercury and PCBs. Dr. Andrews also provided a copy of a brochure to help volunteers educate the public about "Clean Boats Clean Waters" campaign. The Michigan State University Extension sponsored the brochure.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. 2019 Aquatic Plant Control Costs
- C. Status Report Update of Aquatic Plants
- D. Ingham County Parks Grant Application

### **3A. Herbicide Treatment Update**

The August 13, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### **3B. 2019 Aquatic Plant Control Costs**

Younes stated that so far approximately \$47,500 was spent on weed control, including \$12,000 for harvesting and about \$35,450 for herbicide applications. This amount does not include the last two herbicide applications which were estimated at about \$12,500 each.

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### **3C. Status report Update of Aquatic Plants**

Chair Armbruster stated that Eurasian Milfoil (EMF) is totally down but there are a lot of native plants still growing, and he's waiting for the formal survey report that was recently conducted by the lake consultant. The committee then briefly discussed the fact that we still do not know the real causes that the SONAR treatment did not work this year. Younes stated that the consultant will be present at next month's meeting to present an update specific to this issue among other things.

### **3D. Ingham County Parks Grant Application**

Park manager Coe Emens announced that he's been working with Chair Armbruster on a draft plan for a second harvesting access station at the corner of Shaw and Lake Lansing Road. He estimated the construction cost of \$100,000 with additional \$25,000 for engineering and contingencies. Coe asked if the advisory committee would contribute a match and a letter of support for the grant application. After a brief discussion, the committee unanimously passed a motion to contribute \$3,000 from the SAD towards the project and authorized chair Armbruster to provide letter of support for the grant application.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.