



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee
(Environmental Commission), Angela Demas (Township Board).
ABSENT: Mark Stephens (Park Commission).
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

a. November 12, 2025

Board member Parnell moved to approve the November 12, 2025 Agenda to place on file. Clerk Demas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES

a. October 8, 2025

Clerk Demas recommends an amendment for Item 9B on page 3 of the October 8, 2025 minutes.

Board member Parnell moved to approve the amended minutes from October 8, 2025 to place on file. Clerk Demas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. No scheduled board meeting for December.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration

i. Parcel B

1. No update

a. Pathway Proposal at Pike Crossing Preserve

a. Board members comments:

i. Upholding the ordinance is the most important.

ii. Consider trading preserve land proposed for pathway, with land

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currently designated to Township pathways.

1. Land adjacent to Heron Creek Preserve
- iii. Habitat fragmentation really disturbs wildlife, so hugging the railroad would be the best.
- iv. Pathway square footage created as an easement that could be paid for by pathways funds. Funds could be utilized for another stewardship project designated by the Land Preservation Advisory Board.
- b. Questions from board members for future presentation:
 - i. Is there an alternative route to going through the preserve?
 - ii. Will this pathway allow bicycle traffic?
 - iii. Can pathways pay for the management of the volatile invasive species before they install the pathway?
 - iv. Is the slope going to be too steep for accessibility (Haslett Road)?
 - v. Reach out to the legal Township council to ensure we are doing everything correct
- b. Proposed parking lot at LLNP
 - a. The board requests for Township staff to come in for a future meeting to answer questions about the proposed parking lot.

7. REPORTS

- a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - i. MCC November 2025 Stewardship Calendar
 - ii. Staff Report, memo attached.
 - iii. Legg Park Burn Update
 1. Staff will continue to look into the funding ideas brought forward by the board.
- b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
 - i. Climate Sustainability Funding originally allocated in 2024 and amounted to \$30,000 total. Those funds rolled over into 2025.
 1. Wetland Education Signage has been installed (5 signs) and 7 have been ordered and will be shipped in January 2026.
 2. Further funding will be spent potentially on green infrastructure to enhance wetland function in parks.
 - ii. Update from planning commission on the multi-family use housing construction on Central Park Drive. More details can be found in the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - iii. Green Burial presentation.
- c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
 - i. None, Mark Stephens absent.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- a. November 13, 2025 is the last Listening Session of 2025 at 242 Church at 6 pm.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Fay moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Parnell seconded.

Chair Hiller adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.