



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday August 12, 2026 6:00 pm
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos MI

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVE AGENDA
 - A. August 12, 2026
4. APPROVE MINUTES
 - A. June 10, 2026
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project
 - B. Hamilton Parcel update
7. ACTION ITEMS
 - A. 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Approval
7. REPORTS
 - A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
 - a. Update on current preservation projects & issues
 - b. MCC August Stewardship Calendar
 - B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Yu Man Lee
 - C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Board Member, Mark Stephens
 - D. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas
8. PUBLIC COMMENT
9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6 pm
at The Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.
11. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board by contacting: Director Courtney Wisinski, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4600 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

a. June 10, 2026

Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the June 10, 2026 Agenda to place on file. Vice Chair Hiller seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES

a. April 8, 2026

Board member Stephens moved to approve the minutes from March 11, 2026 to place on file. Board member Fay seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board member Fay makes a motion to move into closed session. Board member Hiller seconded.

Roll Call: All yeyes.

(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)

a. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration

(END CLOSED SESSION)

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Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to move out of closed session. Board member Fay seconded.

Roll Call:

Yayes: Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Mark Stephens, Angela Demas, Kris Parnell, Jamie Hiller.

Nays: None.

(END CLOSED SESSION)

b. Hamilton Parcel Update

- i. Planning Commission approved the recommendation for the Hamilton Road parcel and it will be going to the Township Board meeting on June 16th.

7. REPORTS

a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell

- i. Update on current preservation projects & issues
 - 1. Staff memo attached

ii. MCC June Stewardship Calendar

b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee

- i. Absent.

c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens

- i. Green Grants were awarded at Environmental Commission meeting this month.

d. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas

- i. A listening session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 6 pm at the Central Park Pavilion. Tuesday, October 27th at 6 pm will be the last listening session of the year.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stephens moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Parnell seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.



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To: Land Preservation Advisory Board

From: Jack Hughes, Senior Project Engineer

Date: August 7, 2026

Re: 2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Meridian Township's Sanitary Sewer system requires routine and preemptive maintenance, like all public utilities, in order for it to function properly. The Department of Public Works crews perform regularly scheduled cleaning of the sewer lines using remote cameras and high-pressure water jetters to clear roots, debris and grease accumulations which are common to sanitary sewers. This practice is essential in reducing the chances of backups or clogs which can lead to overflows of sewage into basements or natural areas. In order to perform this work, the crews require access to the manholes and the ability to drive a truck full of equipment to the location. For most manholes that are typically placed within a roadway, this is not an issue. For the rarer manholes placed in natural areas, this becomes a cause of concern.

Earlier this year one of the larger (18" Diameter) and older (1960's) sanitary sewers running beneath the CSX railroad experienced a collapse adjacent, but not under, the railroad due to its age and condition. Thankfully the Township's emergency contractor was able to access the area via a resident's yard and perform the repairs without interfering with railway operations. After this incident the Township staff reviewed other sanitary sewers of similar age and condition which also cross underneath railroads. To prevent any similar incidents from occurring in the near future, with potentially greater consequences, the Township decided to perform a rehabilitation project on these sewer crossings.

This project will consist of a variety of trenchless pipe and manhole restorations with the goal of reducing the amount of groundwater infiltrating the system as well as improving the stability and resiliency of the sewer network. The bulk of the sewer rehabilitation will be Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) installations. This method installs a new sewer pipe within the existing pipe to structurally reinforce it against collapse and prevent root infiltration. It is far less invasive of a process than physically replacing older sewer pipes as it requires no excavation, drilling or ground disturbances. It does however require truck access to the manholes upstream and downstream of the sewer pipe being rehabilitated.

For both routine maintenance and for large scale rehabilitation projects, access to the manholes of the sanitary sewer system is critical.

One of the sanitary sewer railway crossings under review by the township is within the Nemoke Preserve, parcel #33-02-02-15-100-010. This parcel is indicated by the red arrow in the following section of the Parks and Preserves Map.

Figure 1. Preserves Map Sectional showing location of Parcel.

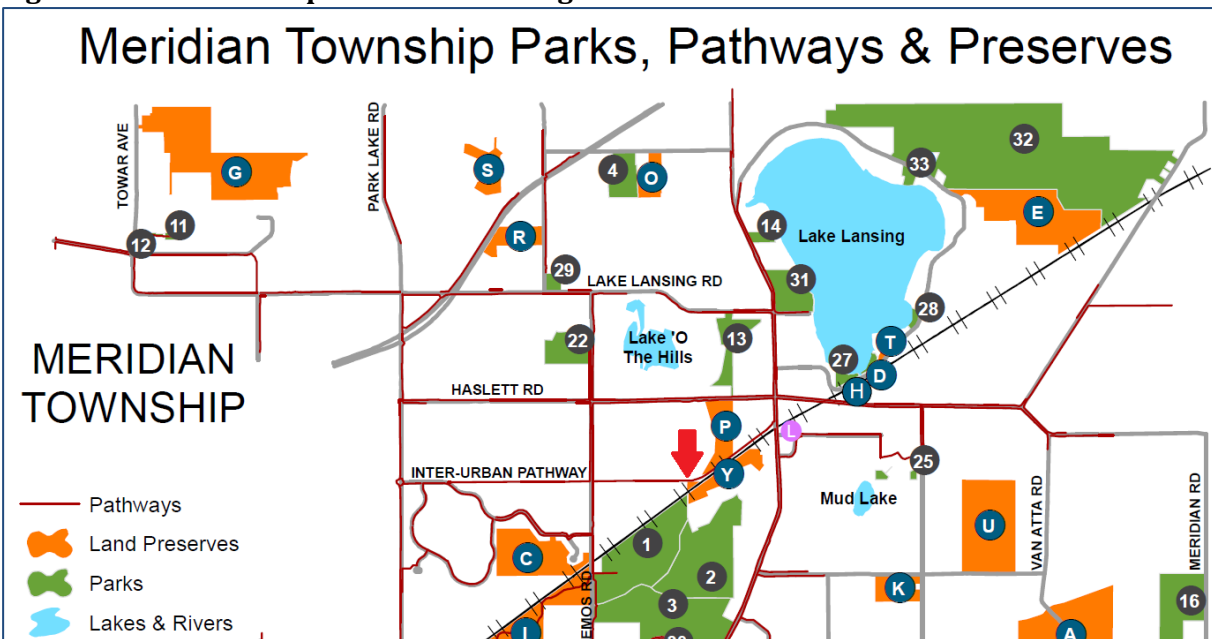
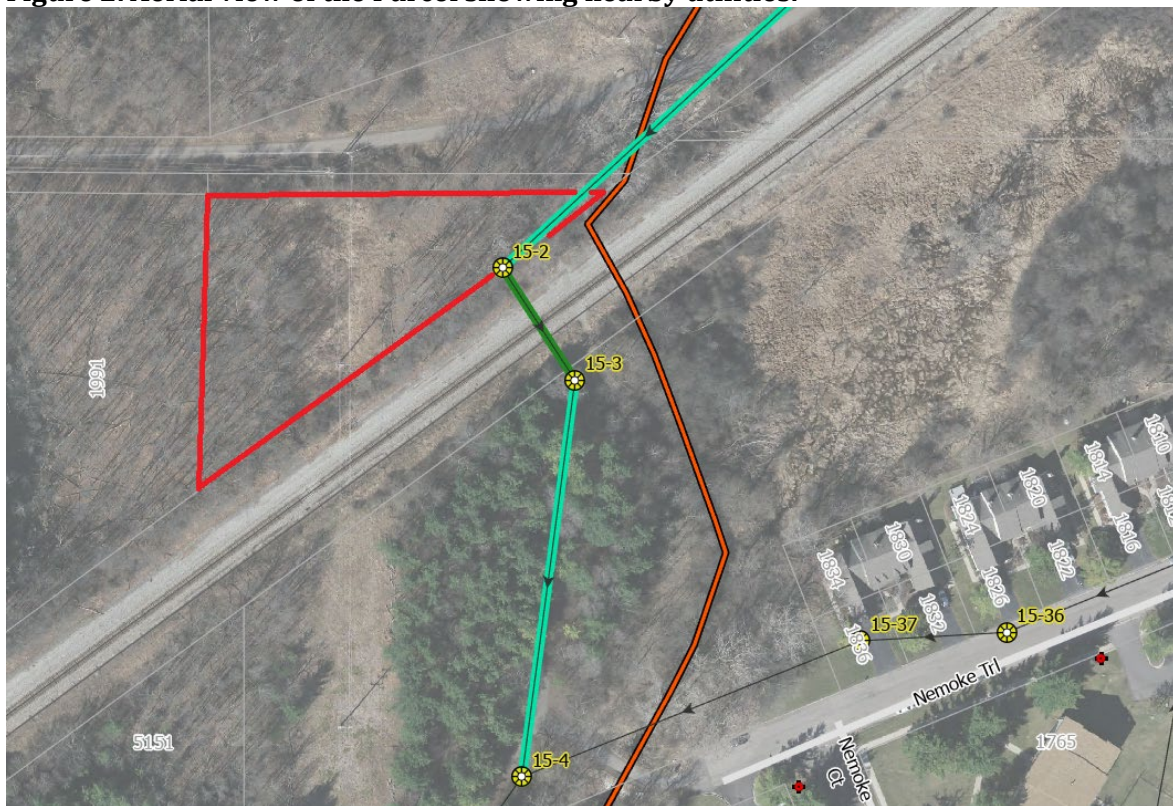


Figure 2. Aerial view of the Parcel showing nearby utilities.



In the above picture, the parcel is shown outlined in red. The Township's 24" and 36" sanitary sewer is highlighted in shades of green. Manholes are indicated by yellow circles with labels. The orange and black line denotes the location of the Intercounty Pine Lake Drain managed by the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office. To the left (or west) of the sewers and drain, a vertical clearing can be seen where Consumers Power Lines are located.

Meridian Township is proposing the clearing of trees between the Manhole labeled 15-2 and the paved Inter-Urban Trail. This will allow DPW crews and Rehabilitation contractors the ability to bring trucks and equipment to the manhole in order to perform their necessary work. Once cleared, the route will be maintained by DPW crews for future use in routine maintenance. The clearing that is performed will be the minimal clearing necessary.

Figure 3. Current Lack of Accessibility to Manhole 15-2.



While the disturbance to a preserve is unfortunate, considering the risks to the open creek Pine Lake Drain should these sewers overflow, or the risks to the railroad should they collapse, the Township believes the benefits of having access to the sewer system in this area is of greater overall importance.

Under the Township's Code of Ordinances, Township staff need the LPAB's approval to perform this work. The specific provision in the Township's Code of Ordinances is:

§ 22-113. Installations, construction, or maintenance.

[Ord. No. 2007-15, 12-16-2007]

No installation, construction, or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath Land Preservation property by any person, except duly authorized personnel, without the prior written permission of the land preservation advisory board through land management personnel for such installation, construction, or maintenance specifying in detail the work to be done and any conditions to be met.

The construction contract will be awarded on August 18 by the Township Board. The first priority of work under this contract is to line the existing sanitary mains that cross under railroads. We would like to perform this work this fall while we still have viable weather conditions. To meet this timeline, we do need your approval as soon as possible, which is why we are hoping you could approve this at your August meeting.

We are happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF AN ACCESS ROUTE TO A SANITARY SEWER
MANHOLE ON THE NEMOKE PRESERVE FOR REHABILITATION AND ONGOING
MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER SYSTEM.**

Attachment:

1. [2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract Book](#)
2. [2026 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Contract Plans](#)



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STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round

- August 8th, Invasive bittersweet vine & shrub removal, Harris Nature Center
 - Park at 3889 Van Atta Road
- August 22nd, Invasive species removal, RCG/Legg Park
 - Park at the end of Sylvan Glen Drive in Okemos

WEEKDAY WARRIORS: Occurs every other Thursday

- August 13th, Tree of Heaven management (hack & squirt!), we will move between Ferguson /Wonch Park, Sumbal Preserve
 - Park at 4540 Okemos Road, Okemos
- August 27th, Trash pickup & Floating Island native planting (a few kayaks will be available with life jackets!)
 - Park at 1990 Central Park Drive, Okemos

GREEN FAIR @ THE FARMER'S MARKET



- Come visit the MCC at Marketplace on the Green where other environmental/sustainable organizations will be gathered for the Green Fair. We will have educational handouts about invasive species management and landscaping with native plants. We will have free native plants & seeds while supplies last!



STEWARDSHIP

*ALL EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT & MAY BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF

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9	10	11	12	13 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	14	15 GREEN FAIR 9 AM - 1 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30 - 12 PM
23	24	25	26	27 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	28	29

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