



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administration Conference Room
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 5:30 PM

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

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY:

ABSENT: Susan Andrews (tier1); Coe Emens (ICP); Paul Pratt (ICDC)

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 NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. CHAIRMAN REMARKS
- C. PROJECT UPDATES
- D. LLPOA DAM UPDATE
- E. GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- F. MARSHALL PARK CONCEPT PLAN

3A. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The draft November minutes were discussed and then were unanimously approved as submitted.

3B. CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chair Armbruster shared with the committee the following updates:

- The lake consultant contract has been extended for 2026 using the same rates as last year's.
- Next month's meeting time has been changed from 5:30 to 5:00 to allow the Chair to attend the Township's joint committees' meeting with the Township Board, scheduled for 6 pm on February 10.
- Development of an interactive wake-boat & shallows map using Google Maps. He briefly demonstrated how it works by sharing a link. Also, discussed creating a QR code which will be added to a sign to be posted at the boat launch.
- Discussed the recent re-emergence of invasive phragmites around the lake, and what are the plans to control its spread. Younes stated that he'll will follow up the

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Township’s Land Stewardship coordinator who is responsible for phragmites control and report back to the committee.

- Chair Armbruster requested Younes to provide an update of the SAD finances for next month’s meeting.

3C. PROJECT UPDATES

Younes informed the committee that this year’s herbicide contractor, PLM, is in the process of applying for this year’s herbicide permit.

Younes also informed the committee that the Township is planning on making stormwater related improvements at Marshall Park. The committee then moved this item for discussion as a new agenda item.

3D. LLPOA DAM UPDATE

Younes informed the committee that the county has received bids for the two contracts that were let recently for this project. They received just one bid for the main contract which includes water control structure replacement, new gate valve and the pipe at a bid of approximately \$958,000. They also received bids for the second contract which includes demolition of the dock, the deck, and tree removals immediately adjacent to the water control structure. This bid was approximately \$26,000. The county will soon hold an assessment hearing which will fund this project using these bids and other costs associated with the bond sale and legacy costs.

3E. GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Chair Armbruster discussed a grant opportunity offered by the “Clean Boats Clean Waters” program. Funds can be used for a variety of activities, including printing and installing signage, invasive species removal tools, educational swag or handouts, or materials for educational booths or presentations. Requests can be up to \$3,000 and do not require a local match. It is a competitive funding opportunity, and complete applications will be subject to a review process and ranked based on group eligibility, project significance, anticipated outcomes, and target audiences. Applications are due January 30th, 2026. Younes informed the committee that he’ll ask the consultant if they would make the application on behalf of the SAD and at what cost.

3F. MARSHALL PARK CONCEPT PLAN

Younes shared with the committee a concept plan to construct a series of bioswales in Marshall Park in 2026, to address persistent and severe flooding issues in the adjacent areas. New bioswales will connect to the existing swale adjacent to Marshall Park. By utilizing soils and native vegetation, four bioswales will naturally filter stormwater, improve the water quality of Lake Lansing and alleviate flooding within the park, and nearby private properties. The project will also add new walking trail loops throughout Marshall Park, allowing visitors to explore the bioswales, playground, basketball court, and other park amenities. This project will also expedite the local road repairs for the Columbia Street neighborhood as it would mitigate stormwater drainage issues, which is typically required in advance of placing new pavement. In view of all of the above benefits to the lake and the surrounding area, Younes asked if the Committee would be in favor of contributing funds towards this project. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to allocate up to \$10,000 towards this project.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.