



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Upstairs Conference Room
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:30 PM

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

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi
COUNTY: Paul Pratt (ICDC)

ABSENT: Coe Emens (ICP)

OTHERS: Jim Folkening, Steve Gebes, Nancy Curtis

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Jim Folkening asked about fees to access to the new boat launch. Chair Armbruster informed him that lake residents would need to show their ID and they would not be charged the entry fee.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES
- B. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
- C. 2022 TRIENNIAL LAKE DAM REPORT
- D. LANDING BLITZ-2023

3A. Approval of Minutes

The draft March minutes were discussed and the committee then voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

3B. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Younes informed the committee that the terms for Ron, Susan, and Larry will expire at the end of the month, and asked them if they wanted to continue serving. They all agreed to continue their membership. As such, the advisory committee passed a motion recommending their re-appointments for another two-year term ending on April 30, 2025.

3C. 2022 TRIENNIAL LAKE DAM REPORT

Paul Pratt, Deputy Ingham County Drain Commissioner (ICDC), informed the committee that the “time has come” for the dam improvements. He noted that according to the 2022 report the by-pass valve is now broken, among other components that need repairs. He also mentioned that over the last six months, ICDC has applied for two grants to help finance the dam project, estimated to be at least \$600k. The project did not qualify for the first grant application, which was for high-risk dams. The second application was for FEMA’s “Hazard Mitigation Grant Program” (HMGP), administered in Michigan by the State Police. He noted that he was not sure if there was a match requirement for this type of grant. Paul was not sure when they will find out about this grant award. He emphasized that the improvements will need to be made whether there is grant funding or not. The committee then discussed the likelihood that a dam assessment district would be used to pay for the project, and how to help defray the cost amongst all beneficiaries. It was suggested that a watershed approach should be used, and would include properties located in Clinton County. To that end, Younes and Paul will contact the Clinton County Drain office. Paul mentioned the he would be working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services to complete project design, permitting, and bidding. He also stated that the project would likely be scheduled for next year.

3D. LANDING BLITZ- 2023

Susan shared with the committee that the state has designated this year’s Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week from July 1 to July 9. She asked for three volunteers for July 8. Curt & Roger agreed to participate in this year’s efforts. Ron mentioned that he ‘d need to check his schedule first and would let her know.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.