



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2019 6 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVE AGENDA
3. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
4. APPROVE MINUTES
 - A. December 12, 2018
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Election of Officers
8. STAFF REPORT
 - A. 2019 Management Plan
9. COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC
10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Joint Meeting of Boards and Commissions: January 15, 2019, 6 pm, Meridian Town Hall, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI
 - B. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 6 pm, Meridian Service Center
12. CLOSED SESSION (separate envelope)
13. ADJOURNMENT

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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
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
Meridian Service Center Lunchroom
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member YuMan Lee, Board Member Jamie Hiller
ABSENT: Township Trustee Dan Opsommer; Board Member Margo Smith; Board Member Mark Stephens
STAFF: Jane Greenway, Parks and Land Management Coordinator; Kelsey Dillon, Park Naturalist and Stewardship Coordinator
TOWNSHIP: None
OTHER: None

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Mayes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member Hiller moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**. Seconded by Board Member Kielbaso.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. **CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

4. **APPROVE MINUTES**

Board Member Harmes moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 14, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Board Member Lee.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolution of Appreciation – Julie Brixie

Board Member Hiller moved **TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JULIE BRIXIE**. Seconded by Board Member Kielbaso.

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VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution of Appreciation – Margo Smith

Board Member Kielbaso moved **TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MARGO SMITH**. Seconded by Board Member Lee.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Board Member Hiller moved **TO ADOPT THE 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**. Seconded by Board Member Lee.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

11. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 6pm, Meridian Service Center

13. CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Lee moved **INTO CLOSED SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Hiller.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member YuMan Lee, Board Member Jamie Hiller

NAYS: None

The Board moved into closed session at 6:45pm.

Board Member Lee moved **TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO THE OPEN SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Harmes.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member YuMan Lee, Board Member Jamie Hiller

NAYS: None

The Board reopened the meeting at 7:18pm.

Board Member Hiller moved **TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Lee.

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VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Kielbaso moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Board Member Lee. Chair Mayes adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.



MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

2019 MANAGEMENT PLAN

Land Preservation Signs

Land Preserves without signs:

- Davis Foster Preserve (1) – west side of the road
- Lake Lansing South Preserve (8)
- Tihart/Cornell Wetland (11)
- Southwest Meridian Uplands (12) – two neighborhood entrances
- Towner Road Wetland (15)
- Red Cedar River East (17)
- Tank Wetland (20)
- Nemoke Preserve (24)

Property Boundary Marker Posts & Installation

- New parcel in Towar Woods (7) – 1 acre on Biber St.

Interpretive & Directional Signage

Preserves with trail systems will receive trailhead signs. The signs integrate the rules and a map of the trails (same design as new parks trail signs)

- Towar Woods (7)
- Central Meridian Uplands (9) – wait until MSU to Lake Lansing paved pathway is complete
- Southwest Meridian Uplands (12)
- Tihart Preserve (21)
- Ponderosa Preserve (23)

Site Restoration

Site restoration refers to anything that increases ecosystem health within the preserve. Our preserve projects for 2019 are as follows:

- Davis Foster (1)
 - Prescribed burn in spring 2019
 - Basal bark treatment of Autumn Olive
- Towar Woods (7)
 - 2 acres of clearing buckthorn and downed trees – to be planted with trees
 - Tree planting – 175 trees
 - Buckthorn basal bark herbicide treatments
 - \$1,000 received as a generous donation to the tree planting project for 2019
- Southwest Meridian Uplands (12)
 - Continue grassland/prairie monitoring into 2019
 - Start removal of invasive shrubs
 - Control herbaceous invasive species in field areas (mostly spotted knapweed)

- Look into a new prairie planting or forest restoration
- Serafine (northern part of 12)
 - Continue management plan implementation of shrubby invasive species removal and containment of Reed Canary Grass
 - HOA will pay for native seeds to enhance the grassland area – will plan this project with Jim Hewitt
- Red Cedar Glen (14)
 - Continue the removal of invasive autumn olive with neighbors
- Contract prairie planting at Tihart Preserve property (21)
 - On hold, looking into possible grants to help with the cost
 - Create Management Plan
- Contract Japanese/Bohemian Knotweed Removal at Ponderosa Preserve (23)
 - Contractor will perform management over a four year period – 2018-22
 - Create Management Plan

Other Projects

Projects in preserves that are not considered site restoration






- Bird observation deck at Davis Foster (1)
 - Design and Build project



Land Preservation Map

- 1 Davis/Foster Preserve
- 2 Foster-Crouse Preserve
- 3 Hubbel Preserve
- 4 Kuzma Preserve
- 5 Lake Lansing North Preserve
- 6 Newman Equities Preserve
- 7 Towar Woods Preserve
- 8 Lake Lansing South Preserve
- 9 Central Meridain Uplands
- 10 Sower Woods Preserve
- 11 Tihart/Cornell Wetlands
- 12 Southwest Meridian Uplands
- 13 Sumbal Preserve
- 14 Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- 15 Towner Wetland Preserve
- 16 Meridian Central Wetlands
- 17 Red Cedar River East Preserve
- 18 Forest Grove Preserve
- 19 North Ridge Preserve
- 20 Tank Wetland
- 21 Tihart Preserve
- 22 Mandenberg Woods
- 23 Ponderosa Preserve
- 24 Nemoke Preserve

Legend

-  Land Preserves
-  Parks
-  Lakes & Rivers
-  Roads
-  Railroads

