



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
Meridian Service Center Lunchroom
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**. Seconded by Board Member Smith.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Debbie Gift, Jim Galligan, and Norman Grannemann, citizens of Meridian Township, addressed the Land Preservation Advisory Board concerning the potential rezoning of parcels that border their neighborhood and the Southwest Meridian Uplands Land Preserve. They expressed concern of development on the parcels because development could impact sensitive ecosystems such as wetlands on and near the land preserve. They citizens expressed that they would be in favor of at least part of the land be acquired by the Land Preservation Program.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Board Member Stephens moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF September 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter concerning rezoning of parcel next to Southwest Meridian Uplands Preserve

Board Member Stephens moved **TO PLACE COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE**. Seconded by Board Member Mayes.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ingham County Good Egg Removal Request

Board Member Smith moved **TO ALLOW INGHAM COUTNY TO REMOVE GOOSE EGGS FROM LAND PRESERVATION PROPERTIES NEAR LAKE LANSING.** Seconded by Board Member Mayes.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Sower Woods Funding Request

Board Member Smith moved **TO ALLOCATE \$300 OF LAND PRESERVATION FUNDS FOR GROWING NATIVE SEEDLINGS AT THE WILDTYPE PLANT NURSERY IN MASON, MI TO BE PLANTED BY VOLUNTEERS IN SOWER WOODS LAND PRESERVE.** Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Eric Torng, Larry McCurdy, and Kathy McCurdy, citizens of Meridian Township, addressed the Land Preservation Advisory Board concerning the potential rezoning of parcels that border their neighborhood and the Southwest Meridian Uplands Land Preserve. They expressed concern of development on the parcels because development could impact sensitive ecosystems such as wetlands on and near the land preserve. They citizens expressed that they would be in favor of at least part of the land be acquired by the Land Preservation Program. Larry and Kathy McCurdy also expressed that better maintenance of the current trails in the land preserve would encourage more users of the preserve.

11. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Member Harmes wished to discuss the Deer Management Program in more detail:

- Believes a lottery system such as the one utilized by the Michigan DNR be implemented on properties with known trophy bucks.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6pm, Meridian Service Center

Board Member Stephens announced the Fish Like A Girl (FLAG) Program sponsored in part by Meridian Township will take place on December 8th from 9am-3pm at Rayla Elementary School.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Stephens moved **INTO CLOSED SESSION.** Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

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Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Board Member Margo Smith; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member YuMan Lee, Trustee Opsommer

NAYS: None

The Board moved into closed session at 7:21pm.

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

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Board Member Margo Smith; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member YuMan Lee, Trustee Opsommer

NAYS: None

The Board reopened the meeting at 7:40pm.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Smith moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Seconded by Trustee Opsommer. Chair Mayes adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.