



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
July 10, 2019 6 PM

Reminder: The Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting (non-televised) will be held in the Town Hall Room, Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVE AGENDA
3. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
4. APPROVE MINUTES
 - A. April 10, 2019
 - B. May 23, 2019
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. STAFF REPORT
 - A. Review of Environmental Commission Joint Topics
 - B. 2019 Management Plan Update
9. COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC
10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6 pm, Meridian Service Center
12. CLOSED SESSION (separate envelope)
13. ADJOURNMENT

Reminder: The Land Preservation Advisory Board members have been invited to attend a joint meeting with the Environmental Commission (non-televised) at 7 pm in the Town Hall Room, Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

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

Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864

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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, April 10, 2019 6 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes, Board Member Jamie Hiller, Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham, Board Member YuMan Lee

ABSENT: None.

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 Kielbaso.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee Opsommer moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS**. Seconded by Board Member Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. STAFF REPORT

2019 Management Plan Update

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6pm, Meridian Service Center

12. CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Hiller moved **TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Stephens.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes; Board Member Jamie Hiller; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham; Board Member YuMan Lee; Trustee Dan Opsommer

NAYS: None

The Board moved into closed session at 7:38pm.

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

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes; Board Member Jamie Hiller; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham; Board Member YuMan Lee; Trustee Dan Opsommer

NAYS: None

The Board reopened the meeting at 7:51pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Stephens moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Board Member Hiller. Chair Mayes adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
Meridian Service Center Lunchroom
Wednesday, May 23, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham; Board Member Jamie Hiller
ABSENT: Board Member YuMan Lee; Township Trustee Dan Opsommer
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 5:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Kielbaso moved **TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Stephens.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham; Board Member Jamie Hiller

NAYS: None

The Board moved into closed session at 5:35pm.

Board Member Hiller moved **TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO THE OPEN SESSION**. Seconded by Board Member Stephens.

Roll Call:

AYES: Chair, Jon Mayes; Vice-chair, James Kielbaso; Board Member Roland Harmes; Board Member Mark Stephens; Board Member Kirk Lapham; Board Member Jamie Hiller

NAYS: None

The Board reopened the meeting at 5:50pm.

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hiller moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Board Member Stephens. Chair Mayes adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

Kelsey Dillon

From: Jane Greenway
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2019 9:36 AM
To: Kelsey Dillon
Subject: Fwd: Green Road

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From: Morgan, Timothy <TMorgan@ingham.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 9:00:35 AM
To: Jane Greenway; LuAnn Maisner
Subject: Green Road

Dear Jane and LuAnn,

I wanted to update you both on the status of the Green Road property that we had been exploring. Unfortunately, while we were in the process of getting the appraisal completed and the property sold to a third party. At this point I am pursuing other options for access to Lake Lansing North at the direction of the Board of Commissioners. We do appreciate your contributions and commitment toward this effort. We appreciate the ongoing partnership with Meridian Township and Ingham County Parks.

Should you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Tim Morgan, CPRP (Certified Parks & Recreation Professional), and
CTA (Certified Tourism Ambassador™)
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Mason, Michigan 48854
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Mission Statement: The Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission and Ingham County Parks Department will provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities and facilities for all segments of our population. We will strive to enhance the quality of life for park visitors and county residents through active citizen involvement, planned acquisition, preservation and professional management of park lands.



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.

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)

“No Yard Waste Dumping” signs ordered for Serafine and Sower Woods, 4 additional signs for other preserves as needed

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
 - 90 students from Murphy Elementary participated in the seed ball project
- Towar Woods (7)
 - 4 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
 - Welded wire cages around 100 trees that out grew the Blue X tubes
 - Weed control around the newly planted trees

- 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)
- Serafine (northern part of 12)
 - Continue management plan implementation of shrubby invasive species removal and containment of Reed Canary Grass
 - HOA paid for native plants to enhance the grassland area
 - Workday with neighbors on June 15th to remove yard waste
- 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
 - Re-check in August 2019
 - Garlic Mustard removal
 - Create Management Plan
- Sower Woods
 - Land Preservation Board approved up to \$300 to grow native goldenrod species collected from Sower Woods
 - Over 100 blue stem and zigzag goldenrod planted

Other Projects

Projects in preserves that are not considered site restoration

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

Land Preservation Spring Stewardship Projects

