

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Administrative Conference Room Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2);

Steve Culling (tier2)

ABSENT: Paul Pratt (ICDC); Tim McCarthy (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP)

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. Harvesting Update
- C. Boat Launch Improvements Project
- D. Public Education and Outreach
- E. MSU Wild Life & Fisheries Club
- F. SAD Financial Report

#### 3A. Approval of Minutes

The November 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

## **3B.** <u>Harvesting Update</u>

Younes stated that the harvesting contract will be let sometime this week with a bid opening scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. Younes added that the Township would not allow harvested weeds to be composted at the Township's transfer station located on Lake Drive. However, MSU's Anaerobic Digestion Research & Education Center (ADREC) has expressed great interest in accepting the weeds. The bid document will include this information.

## 3C. Boat Launch Improvements Project

Younes informed the committee that as of today's meeting he did not receive a response from MSU regarding the possibility of using this project as a capstone project. The committee then discussed options to kick-start this project. It was agreed to request the lake consultant provide a fee proposal to create conceptual plans that can be used to apply for grants, to help fund the improvements. Younes stated that he'd request the consultant provide the fee proposal before next month's meeting.

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## 3D. Public Education & outreach

As part of the committee's goal of reaching out and educating the public about invasive specifies prevention, Susan stated that she has been working with Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) coordinator, and volunteers from Okemos high school and the National Honor Society (NHS) chapter at Haslett high school. She will also contact Steve Carpenter, to request volunteers from LLPOA members. To that end, the committee agreed to hold a volunteer training session on March 26, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Younes stated that he 'd reserve a meeting area in one the Township's available conference rooms for that time.

## 3E. MSU Wild Life & Fisheries Club

Chair Armbruster stated that lake resident, Jim Folkening met with MSU's Fisheries & Wildlife club to see about conducting a project on Lake Lansing. The club has not yet committed to this request. The committee then discussed possible projects that can be beneficial to lake residents; one suggestion was to conduct sampling of fish for PFAS and other contaminants. It was noted that the last fish study on Lake Lansing was conducted by the DNR more than 30 years ago.

## 3F. SAD Financial Report

Chair Armbruster requested a financial report of the lake SAD for next month's meeting.

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm.