



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Town hall Pavilion
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier1); Susan Andrews (tier1); Tim
McCarthy (tier1); Steve Culling (tier2); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2)
ABSENT: Paul Pratt (ICDC)

STAFF/
TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi
COUNTY: Coe Emens (ICP)

Others: Jim Folketing; Brad Hutton

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Jim Folkening thanked the committee for the newsletter recently sent to all SAD property Owners. He suggested sending it out every year.
Brad Hutton spoke about a safety concern related to the Lansing Sail Club dock. He's concerned that the dock is not clearly visible as it is too low to the water, and it is not lit as was in the past! Tim McCarthy stated that he'll bring this issue to the new commodore of the sail club. Younes stated that he'd contact them as well.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
- B. Aquatic Plant Survey Update
- C. Herbicide Treatment Update
- D. Social Media Discussion
- E. Newsletter Discussion
- F. Boat Launch Educational Outreach
- G. Park Manager's Report

3A. Approval of Minutes

The June 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3B. Aquatic Plant Survey Update

Chair Armbruster informed the committee that the lake consultant conducted a survey after the harvesting and before the second herbicide treatment. The survey showed no milfoil presence, but

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detected starry stonewort along several shoreline areas around the lake. The second herbicide treatment should mitigate the starry stonewort growth. It was noted that the harvester did a great job. It was also observed that the lake water is clear, in large part to the presence of zebra mussels. It was also suggested that the presence of starry stonewort might have contributed to the clarity of the water as it absorbs phosphorus.

3C. Herbicide Treatment Update

The next (second) herbicide application will treat for starry stonewort around the lake shoreline. The treatment may already have been completed.

3D. Newsletter Discussion

Chair Armbruster shared with the committee that he has received about five positive comments regarding the recently distributed newsletter. It was suggested to make the newsletter an annual feature along with the annual public meeting. Steve Culling argued that the newsletter should be sent with the annual meeting notification to allow folks to prepare for the meeting, and to improve dialogue.

3E. Boat Launch Educational Outreach

Susan shared with the committee that the annual Lake Lansing "Landing Blitz" (teaching boaters about removing invasive species from their watercraft) took place as planned. Ron Rowe and one other volunteer helped Susan with this year's campaign. About 20 families participated in this year's effort.

Susan then mentioned that she has done a lot of research on boat wash design, including research that was done on the psychology related to boat washing. Susan then shared with the committee that she has been in touch with MSU AIS expert, Professor Jo Latimore, to gain better understanding of this topic. She will try to set up a zoom meeting with professor Latimore and interested committee members.

3F. Park Manager's Report

Park Manager Coe Emens stated that the park department is putting together an RFP to remove the fence and install a drive for the Shaw Street & Lake Lansing area. This will allow a second access to drop off harvested material.

Coe then stated that the dock project is in progress; the contractor has just poured the concrete landing, and will soon start working on the dock structure. He anticipated the project would be completed in 6 weeks.

Coe also added that the beach is now open and it has been going better than he thought. He added that there are no lifeguards.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.