



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Town hall Pavilion
Tuesday, August 11, 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

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 July Meeting Minutes
- B. Herbicide Treatment Update
- C. Boat Launch Discussion
- D. Park Manager's Report
- E. Land Preservation/ LL Advisory Committee Discussion

3A. Approval of Minutes

The July 2020 meeting minutes were approved with one correction.

3B. Herbicide Treatment Update

Chair Armbruster stated that notices for the next herbicide treatment were posted on several social media outlets including Nextdoor, and the Township's web site. It was noted that this treatment is not lake wide, so swimming restrictions were limited only to the treatment areas.

3C. Boat Launch Discussion

Park Manager Coe Emens informed the advisory committee that phase I of the boat launch project is now scheduled for 2021. He added that this is due to change in the funding source, where the state's NRTF will not be used to fund phase I. The committee then briefly discussed different layout scenarios for the boat launch, and concluded that it was too early to finalize the design. It was agreed that once the funding has been secured, and final design begins the committee will revisit this discussion at that time.

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3D. Park Manager’s Report

Park Manager Coe Emens stated that the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) is considering a resolution to modify the fees for the boat launch, which would include free access to Lake Special Assessment District property owners. He also mentioned that the new dock project is progressing smoothly and should be completed within the next two weeks.

3E. Land Preservation/ LL Advisory Committee Discussion

Chair Armbruster brought to the committee’s attention that a vacant parcel located close to the lake, in a sensitive environmental area is being considered for development. He added that the subject parcel sits next to a property currently owned by County Parks, east of Perry Road, which was used in the past to store contaminated lake-dredged material. In view of this, there was consensus that it was best to limit disturbance to the surrounding park area, including the subject parcel. One of the suggestions was to see if the Township or the county could purchase the property to preclude the development. As such, the committee approved a motion to authorize Chair Armbruster to express the committee’s concerns about this development, and to engage the Township’s land preservation committee regarding acquisition of the subject parcel.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.