



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: James Kielbaso; Yu Man Lee; Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Jamie Hiller, Chanelle Russ, Kris Parnell
ABSENT: None.
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator
TOWNSHIP: Township Trustee, Dan Opsommer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

BOARD CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Board Member Stephens moved to amend agenda to add Item #4 as Charles Smith presentation from Spicer.

BOARD MEMBER HILLER MOVED TO APPROVE AMMENDMENT. Board Member Stephens seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES.
Seconded by Board Member Hiller.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION: CHARLES SMITH FROM SPICER, RED CEDAR LOG JAM REMOVAL

- A. Charles Smith from Spicer outlines an upcoming project to remove a log jam from the Red Cedar River near Wonch Park and Mandenberg Preserve. Debris will be removed and bank stabilization and erosion improvements will be made. Logs will also be removed from the floodplain (particular Mandenberg Preserve) to ensure that they do not float back into the river during spring floods and cause another log jam. Debris upstream will also be removed to mitigate litter buildup in the future.
- B. Timeline: January
- C. Location: Focus of removal is from Nakoma Rd. to Okemos Rd.
- D. How: Sanitary easement will be used as the access point, utilizing only the right of way to remove logs and debris, mitigating any damage to Mandenberg Preserve. Special light load equipment will be used as well.
- E. Important points: Wonch Park will be utilized to remove any debris located on the east side of the river. Mike Nurse will be performing a site survey to ensure species of concern will

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not be harmed. An agreement form for Meridian Township will need to be signed once the entire project is approved.

CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE DEREK PERRY, DEPUTY TOWNSHIP MANAGER, TO PURSUE THE ACCESS AGREEMENT FROM THE TOWNSHIP.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO SUPPORT AUTHORIZATION. Trustee Opsommer seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Re-Naming Preserve Properties

Board members reviewed the list of potential preserves for a name change, and offer input on potential names (listed below). Name ideas will be looked over by Parks Department staff and voted on by both the Department and LPAB.

1. Lake Lansing South (formerly known as the Potter Property)
 - a. Pike Preserve
 - b. Carlton Pike Preserve
 - c. Carlton Railway Preserve
 - d. Pike Fry Preserve
 - e. Is it possible to combine LLS with Kuzma and Tank Wetland and call the region: Pike Crossing?
2. Central Meridian Uplands
 - a. Hubbel South & Hubbel North (combine the two since they are only separated by railroad)
 - b. Algonquin Road Preserve
 - c. Eberly Preserve
 - d. Pine Lake Preserve
 - e. Railroad Woods Preserve
 - f. Okemos Road Preserve
3. Meridian Central Wetlands
 - a. Inter-Urban Wetlands
 - b. Haslett Road Wetlands Preserve
 - c. Bayonne Wetland Preserve
 - d. Haslett Marsh Preserve
4. North Ridge Preserve (I think this is named after the glaciation ridge located at the preserve, so not sure if this one should be changed)
 - a. Glacial Ridge Preserve
 - b. Whitehills Preserve
 - c. Treetop Ridge

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- 5. Southwest Uplands Preserve
 - a. Heron Creek Preserve (small Heron rookery located here)
 - b. Heron Meadows Preserve

- 6. Tihart/Cornell Wetlands
 - a. Cornell Wetlands Preserve
 - b. Mud Lake Wetlands Preserve
 - c. Cornell Oaks Preserve

- 7. Tihart Preserve (Judy Lynn has requested that her name be on the sign, but we are not obligated to name the preserve after her)
 - a. Tihart Preserve (everyone already knows this, so maybe we keep it? And it is directional)
 - b. Lynn Preserve

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Meeting Resolution

The following resolution was offered by Board Member Hiller and supported by Board Member Kielbaso:

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board deems the 2021 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board’s Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board’s Global Ends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, that the Land Preservation Advisory Board adopts its regular 2021 meeting schedule as follows:

<u>Date</u>			
January 13	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
January 26*	Joint Meeting	6 pm	
February 10	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
March 10	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
April 14	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
May 12	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
June 9	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
July 14	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
August 11	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
September 8	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
October 13	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
November 10	Regular Meeting	6 pm	
December 8	Regular Meeting	6 pm	

*Joint Meeting of the Township Boards and Commissions

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1. The Land Preservation Advisory Board has set a schedule to meet on the second Wednesday of the month; except for the joint meeting with the other Township boards and commissions on Tuesday, January 26.
2. Each of the above meetings shall be held at the specified time over Zoom, at a prespecified park or preserve, or in the lunch room of the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct., Haslett, Michigan, (517) 853-4000; with the exception of the joint meeting of the boards and commission which is held in the Town Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos; unless changed and noticed in accordance with MCL 15.265
3. Special meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board may be called pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
4. Regular meetings may be canceled, recessed or postponed by members of the Land Preservation Advisory Board pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.
5. A summary of this resolution stating date, place, and time shall be posted in the Meridian Municipal Building within ten (10) days after the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year in accordance with the MCL 15.265

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Board Members: Chair Jim Kielbaso, Vice Chair Jamie Hiller, Yu Man Lee, Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens, Kris Parnell, Chanelle Russ, and Trustee Dan Opsommer

NAYS: NONE

Resolution passed:

BOARD MEMBER HILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2021 MEETING SCHEDULED AS OUTLINED BY STAFF AND TO TRANSMIT THE RESOLUTION TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR POSTING. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Stewardship Coordinator Intern
 - a. Coordinator Campbell explained the outline for the internship as well as suggested salary, time frame, job duties and qualifications.

8. STAFF REPORT

- A. Stewardship Coordinator
 1. Deer Management Update: 45 deer harvested, 620 pounds of meat donated to local food banks.
 2. Meridian Conservation Corps Annual Report: Went over Corps Newsletter and accomplishments from fall 2020

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B. Quarterly Newsletter and volunteer hours

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

A. Check in on the status of the Towar Parcel and grant to purchase parcel.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2020, 6 pm, over Zoom.

12. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR KIELBASO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Seconded by Trustee Opsommer.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

