



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2021 7 pm

ZOOM MEETING: ID: **867 3903 8953** Password: **5151**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. GREEN THEME PRESENTATION: Kelly Karll and Katherine Grantham with SE Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) will share how they've integrated green infrastructure into regional plans and policies.
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Welcome New Commissioners
 - B. Student Applicant: Bernadette Osborn
 - C. Communication from Commissioner Grasseschi
 - D. Discuss Appointment to Land Preservation Advisory Board
 - E. Other
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Green Infrastructure Grants for Schools
 - B. Environmental Stewardship Awards
 - C. Tree City Update
 - D. Other
8. CHAIR'S REPORT
9. STAFF REPORT
10. Commission, Committee, Study Group and Trustee Reports (if applicable)
 - A. Transportation Commission
 - B. Planning Commission
 - C. MI Township Association (MTA) or MI Municipal League (MML)
 - D. Land Preservation Advisory Board
 - E. Green Team
 - F. Environmental Justice
 - G. Energy Team
 - H. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - I. Board of Trustees
11. PUBLIC REMARKS
12. ADJOURNMENT

Bios:

Kelly Karll is Manager of Environment and Infrastructure programs and a certified professional engineer with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. She has over 26 years of experience in municipal engineering, regulatory programs, consulting and regional planning. She led the development of the Water Resources Plan for Southeast Michigan and is currently leading the region's water asset management and infrastructure coordination activities. She also leads regional efforts to integrate environmental priorities, including stormwater management, into various transportation planning activities. In 2017, she was Michigan Water Environment Association's Watershed Management Professional of the Year. She has managed millions in grants over the span of her career, including grants from federal and state agencies and local foundations. Kelly received her Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and her Master's in Environmental Engineering, both from Michigan State University.

Katie Grantham is an Environmental Planner with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Katie works in SEMCOG's Environment and Infrastructure group, primarily focusing on watershed planning and education, air quality and solid waste activities across the region. She helps lead the collaborative One Water Marketing campaign and an EPA green infrastructure grant program for local communities. Prior to joining SEMCOG, Katie worked as a graduate student, studying urban green space and agriculture in Detroit. Katie received her Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Biology from Michigan State University, and her Master's Degree in Environment and Sustainability from the University of Michigan. When Katie isn't working, you can find her kayaking and hiking all over Michigan.

Environmental Commission Meeting Summary: 3/3/2021 (draft)

Attending: John Sarver, Ned Jackson, Rose Vadnais, Bill McConnell, and Tom Frazier. **Staff:** LeRoy Harvey, Stephen Gebes, Samantha Diehl, HOMTV **Guests:** Lori Welch, John Esser, Kendra Grasseschi, Anna Colby, Ben Holland, Elaine Putvin.

Green Theme: Lori Welch, Lansing Sustainability Manager, discussed the new Material Recycling Facility at 1159 S. Pennsylvania run by Emterra. This public-private partnership involves Lansing, East Lansing, and others in the region. This new facility will include state-of-the-art equipment. It is being constructed on an old industrial site. While it is being designed to sort single-stream recyclables, it may eventually include a drop-off site and an educational center. Welch also described CASP, the Capital Area Sustainability Partnership.



Sarver asked about the end markets of recyclables and Welch responded that most of Lansing's recyclables likely stays in North America. She feels that Emterra will be more likely to market locally than their current processor, Republic out of Detroit. Jackson asked about glass processing and potential use in concrete and potential collaboration with the Potter Park Zoo. Welch also suggested a tour of the facility and more conversations with them about future options. McConnell asked where Meridian's recyclables go. Harvey responded that there is not clarity from American Waste about how much is actually recycled vs. landfilled or burned. Welch mentioned that Granger is talking with Emterra and already sending some material to them for testing. Holland also mentioned that he will check with his professor who works on recycling tires in asphalt. View Welch's presentation here: <https://meridianmi.new.swagit.com/videos/114016> [PDF](#)

Additions to the Agenda: Jackson suggested adding Environmental Stewardship Awards. McConnell moved to approve the Agenda and Jackson and Vadnais seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes: Vadnais moved to approve the minutes. Frazier seconded. Approved unanimously.

Public Remarks: Anna Colby introduced herself as a candidate for both the Environmental Commission and the Land Preservation Advisory Board. She has a decade of public policy experience in food assistance and food systems. She also loves the outdoors. (resume, cover letter, and application in March E.C. packet)

Resolutions of Appreciation: McConnell and Jackson read resolutions drafted by Harvey to recognize retiring Commissioners Susan Masten and Jim Kielbaso. A resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Susan Masten was offered and read by McConnell and supported by Sarver. Unanimously approved. A resolution of support for Dr. James Kielbaso was offered and read by Jackson and supported by McConnell. Sarver echoed appreciation for Kielbaso and Masten.

Applicants for Public Service: Harvey gave a brief overview of the three applications in the packet. Sarver invited Grasseschi and Colby to offer comments which they did. Ike Iyioke was not able to attend. McConnell expressed appreciation for the applicants' experience in policy and wetlands. Sarver mentioned sending a memo to Supervisor Ron Styka sharing our comments, recording of the meeting, and minutes.

Citizen's Climate Commitment (CCC): Sarver described the CCC which encourages people to consider electric vehicles and appliances when they need to be replaced. This will have positive impacts on the climate, particularly as the electric grid moves toward 100% renewables. McConnell suggested the Green Neighbors Network as a way to promote. Sarver mentioned having the information on the web, endorsement by the Energy Team, E.C., and Township Board, as well as word-of-mouth. Vadnais mentioned passing this on to the Board of Realtors. Sarver invited further comments. Jackson mentioned a concern that we are not recommending a specific product or contractor. He also asked about back-up power. Sarver responded that this is just a piece of a larger effort to educate people on issues and opportunities. McConnell mentioned that we might frame this as part of our larger Climate Sustainability Plans. The CCC is a relatively easy step for the public (We're just asking people to *consider* the options) and it builds upon the Township's internal efforts. This might include reference to MI Solar Stories and tools like energy audits that have been highlighted there.

Environmental Stewardship Awards: Jackson expressed sentiment that it has generated community pride and awareness. McConnell mentioned several brownfield projects that have demonstrated impressive public-private partnerships to clean up extensively contaminated sites. Harvey will share the history of the Awards and potential timeline.

Green Infrastructure Grants: Harvey has received drafts for proposal from Okemos High School and Radmoor Montessori. 1-page proposal are due on March 15. Holland has been working with the OHS Earth Club to envision and design a rain garden. Harvey will distribute drafts to Trustee Wisinski, Chair Sarver, and Holland for comments. Holland will also put in a plug for the Student E.C. vacancy. Jackson suggested a potential meeting with Earth Clubs in the future. The review committee will present recommendation to the EC in April. Sarver also mentioned a potential presentation to the EC and practice run for a presentation to the Board. Harvey mentioned Essers idea encouraging students to document their projects. Jackson will also explore potential tree planting connections in Haslett.

Tree City Update: Vadnais reports that there is progress stemming from a meeting between the tree team and representatives from Parks, DPW, and Planning. Derek Perry will look at the application and the Parks Board will also assist in clarifying the current policies. A future "Tree Board" may include reps from these departments and the E.C.

Chair's Report: Sarver mentioned interest in a Green Fair at the Marketplace later in the summer. This idea emerged at a Wednesday Green Dialogue. Both Luann Maisner from the Parks Department and Supervisor Wanda Bloomquist are interested.

Staff Report: Shared links to the Green Dialogue meeting and evolution of the Green Neighbors Network. He invited articles or ideas for the Green Gazette. He also share about future Green Themes, the Harris Nature Center Plant Sale, interest in a Community Garden location in or near Ottawa Hills and a potential recycling event. McConnell wondered if the new train extension and land preserve near Ottawa Hills might have space?

Transportation Commission: McConnell reports that the TC hasn't met since Jan 21.

Planning Commission: McConnell reports that the main issue at the last meeting was a public hearing on a zoning amendment requiring Township approval for special use permits for car dealership and planned unit developments with large amounts of impervious surfaces.

Michigan Government Update: Frazier reports that there is a softening of restrictions allowing gatherings of 25 people. This might affect in-person gatherings starting Mar 5. HB 4236 has been introduced lifting the 1% cap on distributed generation (allowing more solar connection to the grid).

Land Preservation Advisory Board: Harvey reposts that both Colby and Grasseschi have expressed interest in becoming involved with the LPAB.

Green Team: Meeting next week to discuss a recycling event and potential related green fair.

Environmental Justice: Vadnais shared a [link](#) to a fireside chat about equity related to water that the Michigan Environmental Commission is hosting. With water, there is a "ripple" effect on housing and a host of other issues.

Energy Team: Sarver mentioned the new solar array and discussions about the Citizen's Climate Commitment. Jackson asked about the carbon impact of the new solar array on the Service Center (and other solar systems). Sarver invited Harvey to share this section of the Absolute Solar's proposal.

Environmental Justice: C. Wisinski mentioned a recent opportunity to support improvements at Winslow Mobile Home Park. Vadnais mentioned a recent forum about the connection between the Black Lives Matter and the Env. Justice movement. A key point was encouraging people with privilege to work on larger systemic change.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Jackson reports that there has not been a meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitter DB ID 13247
IP Address 69.89.102.1
Submission Recorded On 03/17/2021 10:00 PM
Time to Take the Survey 27 minutes, 46 secs.

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Public Service Application Form

I am interested in service on one or more of the following public bodies as checked below:

***Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment**

1.

Environmental Commission

2. **Occupation:**

Student

3. **Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:**

Not answered

4. **Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed:**

- * Junior at Okemos High School
- * Trained as a Climate Reality Leader in July 2020
- * Founded The Climate Reality Project: Lansing, MI Chapter
- * Intern at Solve Climate By 2030 at Bard College
- * Earth Club member
- * Meridian Conservation Corps Volunteer

5. **Contact Information:**

Name: Bernadette Osborn

Occupation: Student

Place of Employment: Okemos High School **Home Address:** 3875 Breckinridge Dr

Phone (days): 5174204013

Phone (evenings): Not answered

Date: 3/17/21

Email: bernadetteko@gmail.com

6. **Attach Resume**

Resume is attached [bernadette_osborn_2022 - r0311.pdf](#)

7. **Attach Cover Letter**

Cover Letter is attached [Cover Letter.pdf](#)

Bernadette Osborn
(517) 420-4013
bernadetteko@gmail.com

Dear Meridian Township

I would be a perfect fit for a student representative on the Environmental Commission with all my past knowledge and environmentalism experience. I am applying for this position because I want to help push Meridian Township to become more sustainable and decrease pollution on the streets. As a junior at Okemos High School, I would like to be at the forefront of bringing sustainability to Meridian Township. I am incredibly interested in a more green, healthy, and secure future for all.

In July 2020, I completed global training given by Former Vice President Al Gore to become a Climate Reality Leader. At the training, I learned the science of climate change, its effects, and solutions. I have learned many different perspectives on the crisis and have worked with many inspiring people worldwide. After the training, I wanted to continue learning and growing, so I created The Climate Reality Project: Lansing, MI Chapter. In the chapter, we run four campaigns consisting of educating all ages about climate change, lobbying with public officials, and finding ways to reduce pollution. I want to bring what I have learned through my work to Meridian Township. I look on all sides of an issue, and I want to make sure that the best environmental choices are selected not only for the environment but the people, animals, and wildlife who may be affected by it.

I am interested in being a student representative on the Environmental Commission because I want to help lead Meridian to a clean future. I want to ensure that the environment can be used and nourished for many years to come. If appointed, I will bring all my knowledge on environmentalism, youth action, and determination to the commission.

Please contact me at my email address bernadetteko@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your consideration and for reviewing my application!

Warm regards,
Bernadette Osborn

BERNADETTE OSBORN

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Skills Summary

Researcher, traveler, content and academic writer. PADI Open Water Dive Certification, Expected Summer 2021

Education

Okemos High School, Expected Graduation May 2022, 3.97 Grade Point Average

Volunteer Experience

The Climate Reality Project: Lansing, Michigan Chapter, Founder, Vice-Chair *2020 – present*

Serve as Presentations Committee chair. Prepare educational materials on behalf of the chapter and public interest. Responsible for chapter governance.

Current chapter campaigns include:

- Climate Congress Lobbying
- Plastic Pollution Reduction
- Water Pollution, Red Cedar River Clean-up

Presentation and Education Development, Production and Promotion of weekly community webinars

Solve Climate by 2030, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

February 2021 - present

- Member of Midwest Social Media for **#MakeClimateAClass** campaign in anticipation of spring 2021 worldwide climate change curriculum for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students

Michigan State University Student Sustainability Leadership Council, East Lansing, MI

2021

Presented to undergraduate and graduate student climate leaders.

Harris Nature Center, Junior Counselor, Meridian Township, MI

2016 - present

Assisted collegiate counselors in all aspects of half- and full-day summer camp activities. Student campers ranged in age from pre-Kindergarten to 3rd grade.

***Okemos All Connecting to Improve our Neighborhoods (ACTION)
Community Service Club***

2018 - present

Recognized as February 2021 and December 2020 member of the month.

Okemos Choirs, Co-Vice President

2020 - present

Awards and Acknowledgements

Current Academic

National Honor Society

Spanish Language Proficiency 2016 – present

Advanced Placement Environmental Science

SOMEKO Advanced Placement Choir

Science Olympiad, Varsity Team Member

Member, Earth Club

Member, Oceanography Club

Community

- Independent Voice Study, 2019 – present
- Dance Study in ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop, 2007 – present
- Solo & Ensemble Vocal Festival, earned a rating of 1 (Superior), qualifying for the Michigan Youth Arts festival, 2020 – present
- Meridian Conservation Corps, 2020 - present

Kendra Grasseschi writes:

"My areas of interest are..."

1. **Land Preservation & Wetland Protection:** These are connected and I am already actively involved with Land Preservation.
2. **Environmental & Social Justice:** There are issues in Meridian Township and throughout the state that need to be addressed. I have many ideas, some of which I have already shared with Courtney and Rose. I am educating professionals on these topics. In April, I will be presenting at the Michigan Chapter National Association of Social Workers. My presentation is entitled: **"Be the Change"-Environmental Social Work Ethics in Practice.**
3. **Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion: Create change by actively addressing these with public policy and action.**
 - Implicit Bias training
 - Clear consistent interview and decision making process for choosing employees and commissioners.
 - Helping those with disadvantage feel safe to be seen and heard. For example, did you know that there are minorities that are interested in GNN but do not want to be more noticed by their neighbors due to active racism in our community? I hope to have an impact on changing this part of our environment.
 - Connect residents with resources. I have been actively involved in connecting clients with resources for 25 years. This includes food, shelter, safe living conditions, job skill training etc.
 - Find where the gaps exist in policy and change public policy to fill in the gaps.
4. **Green Neighbor Network Leadership Team:** The grassroots effort of this group can make a huge impact on addressing our climate crisis. As I often say, we need to help break things down into **simple action steps** with **simple dos and don'ts**. And help people care and get buy in by helping them understand how it impacts them.
5. **Environmental Education & Action:** Educating residents on helpful ways they can help sustain the environment. Educating with **social media outreach, educational brochures, and educational outreach, and signage.**
Everyone wants Clean Air and Water. To that end, **let's educate residents** on the importance of...
 - Wetlands: Protecting the wetlands and 20 foot natural vegetation strip
 - Native Plants: My commitment is evident by planting 327 native plants. I am willing to help educate residents on it with photos. But I think Emma is already doing it.
 - Rain Gardens: Also have a rain garden, we can show photos and explain of the importance of them.
 - Water Conservation
 - Trees: Very important for clean water, air, and to manage energy. And per the fire chief, trees helped the fire on Van Atta to not spread further, despite the winds. (Rose has started work on this and I am willing to help).
 - Solar: (John has that covered.)
 - Recycling: (It seems like LeRoy and others have that covered.)
 - Energy saving means including transportation, home modifications etc.
 - Perhaps there could be some tax incentives to help encourage environmentally friendly practices.
6. **Green Grants:** But even more importantly, **getting environmental education part of the curriculum** (as Sarah Allen is already doing it in Okemos). Did you know that it is part of the wetland code to educate schools on the wetlands?
7. **Fun activities engaging environmental education for the schools and community.** If we get kids to care, we then also get the parents involved. I have many ideas but please see a couple of them below.
 - **Green Fair:** We discussed at Green Dialogue, where I shared my idea to have different environmental education topics and activities concurrently at several township parks.
 - **Big Year** (modeled after the movie): Kids and residents could compete finding birds throughout the township. It would help Audubon research and help us know the health of our ecosystem.
8. **Citizens Climate Agreement:** To add to John's idea for the agreement, I would add **planting native plants and trees**, which are easy action steps that people can choose to take.
9. **Environmental Communication Gaps between Commissions:** Protecting the Wetlands etc."



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS Nomination Form

The purpose of the Environmental Stewardship Awards is to recognize and honor residents who have significantly contributed to the conservation of natural resources and the protection of the environment within Meridian Charter Township.

CATEGORIES (check all that apply)

- Education**
- Business**
- Public Sector/Non-Profit**
- Private Individuals/Groups/Service Clubs**

Nominee(s): _____

Reasons:

CRITERIA:

Nominees should exhibit some or all of the following:

- Educational value
- Potential for stimulating other environmental efforts
- Innovation or unique character
- Actual improvement or benefit to the environment
- Environmental leadership or initiative
- Sustainability or permanence

Please return to: Meridian Township Environmental Commission: c/o LeRoy Harvey, Meridian Township, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 (517) 853-4466 or to harvey@meridian.mi.us.

All nominations are due by February 28. Awards will be announced at the April E.C. meeting.

Nominators Name (optional) _____ Phone/email: _____

YEAR (Award Date)	AWARD RECIPIENTS
1997 (January 15, 1997)	Keith Etheridge/Murphy E.S. (Outdoor Wetlands Classroom) Dave Chapman (Wetland Observation Deck at OHS) OHS Students for Environmental Action (Wetland Observation Deck) Meridian Alliance of Developers (Wetland Observation Deck at OHS)
1998 (September 16, 1998)	Doug Landis and Mike Klepinger (Purple Loosestrife Program) Jason Potter/Haslett High School (Purple Loosestrife Program) Thomas Ellis (Gypsy Moth Survey) Sarah Keathley (Gypsy Moth Survey)
1999 (May 19, 1999)	Ted Black (Heritage Tree Nominations) Emerald Lakes Condominium Association (Sapphire Lakes) Scott Fairmont/Stan Smith of Comanche Dev. (Sapphire Lakes)
2000 (May 17, 2000)	Helen Shipley/Murphy Elementary School (Lake Monitoring) Dan Wertz/Okemos High School (Wetland Restoration) Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation (Wetland Restoration) Lake Lansing Property Owners Association (General Projects)
2001 (June 20, 2001)	Boy Scout Troops 64, 97, 109, 125, and 164 (Eagle Scout Projects) Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council (General Projects) Parks Naturalist Kit Rich (Fostering Environmental Stewardship) Parks Commissioner Eckhart Dersch (Commitment to the Environment)
2002 (June 19, 2002)	Wardcliff Elementary School (All-Star School Garden) Dr. Norman Lownds (All-Star School Garden) Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann (Beaver Management Project) Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation (Beaver Management Project) Haslett High School (Beaver Management Project)
2003 (April 16, 2003)	David Chapman (Wetland Board/Environmental Science Education) Mr. & Mrs. Richard Foster (Land Donation) Mr. & Mrs. Ed Crouse (Land Donation) Meridian Garden Club (General Projects)
2004 (June 16, 2004)	Kathy Bush ("Tackle the Trash" around Lake Lansing) Robert Hubbell/Banyon Park, LLC (Land Donation) Peggy Dunn/Central Elementary School (Outdoor Classroom) Maxine Boland/Cornell Elementary School (Nature's Crossing) Keith Schroeder (Nature's Crossing at Cornell)
2005 (May 18, 2005)	Doug Fuller (Township Wetland Consultant) Doug Eschtruth (Turtle Mounds in Bird Strawberry Hills #3) Ted Black (Lifetime Achievement Award)
2006 (May 17, 2006)	Pam & Scott Eisensmith (Solar Energy Awareness & Lansing Solar Tour) Haslett Beautification Committee (Aesthetic Improvements in Haslett) Department of Public Works & Engineering (Biodiesel and Beet Juice)
2007 (April 18, 2007)	Granger (Free Curbside Recycling and Waste-to-Energy Program) Tina Kahn (Recycling Advocacy and Leadership) Bob Schroeder/Mayberry Homes (Environmental Stewardship)
2008 (May 21, 2008)	CATA (Clean Commute; Hybrid Buses; and Promoting Public Transit) MSU Professor Jim Detjen (Teaching Environmental Journalism) Meridian Township Citizen's Recycling Committee (2007 Events) Meridian Land Preservation Advisory Board (Land Preservation)

2009 (May 20, 2009)	Preserve Lake Lansing/Leslie Kuhn (Preservation of 120 Acres) Murphy 5 th Grade Teacher Zsa Mahon (Butterfly Way Station in Park) Okemos H. S. Alt. Energy Initiative (Energy Savings/Awareness) Northport Condo Assoc./Pat Lindemann (Detention Pond Rehab) Craig and Gary Sturk (Woods of Herron Creek Tree Preservation) MSU Professor Doug Landis (Invasive Plant Advice/Initiatives)
2010 (April 21, 2010)	Okemos Community Church (Bike, Walk, & Carpool to Church Day, etc.) Okemos High School (Green Roof Demonstration Project) Le Roy Harvey (Vision and Commitment to Recycling) Delta Dental (Site Redesign and Neighborhood Cooperation) Mindy Kraus (Scope of Recycling Efforts and Participation)
2011 (April 20, 2011)	Okemos Downtown Development Authority (LED Streetlights) Barbara Reeves (Organization/Oversight of Recycling Events)
2012 (April 18, 2012)	Tim Potter (Bicycle Advocacy) Nancy Krupiarz (Bicycle and Trail Advocacy) Anne Woiwode (Protecting the Environment) James Coty (Community Gardens)
2013 (April 17, 2013)	Studio C (Adaptive Reuse/First EV Charging Station/Bicycle Parking) Eckhart Dersch (Lifetime Achievement) Susan McGillicuddy (Protecting the Environment) Tom Woiwode (Land Preservation) Mary Helmbrecht (Land Preservation)

The following two charts break down the awards given over the past 17 years by topic and year.

TOPIC	NUMBER OF AWARDS	YEAR	NUMBER OF AWARDS
Wetlands	7	1997	4
Environmental Education	5	1998	4
General Environmental Stewardship	6	1999	3
Invasive Species	5	2000	4
Land Preservation	7	2001	4
Wildlife	5	2002	5
Environmental Design/Restoration	4	2003	4
Landscape Beautification	4	2004	5
Recycling	5.5	2005	3
Alternative Energy	3.5	2006	3
Lake Lansing	3	2007	3
Active Transportation/Bicycling	5	2008	4
Tree Protection	2	2009	6
Green Roofs	1	2010	5
Energy/Land Use Efficiency	2	2011	2
Lifetime Achievement	2	2012	4
Community Gardens	1	2013	5
TOTAL	68		68
		AVERAGE	4.00/year

2014

NOMINEE	REASONS FOR NOMINATION
David Caszatt	Land Preservation volunteer work at the Northwest Land preserve
Mike Unsworth, Bob Lovell, Tim Potter, and Rick Brown	2013 Greater Lansing Ride of Silence Planning Committee consisted of four township residents who organized, promoted, and coordinated the highly-successful and well-attended 2013 Ride of Silence in Greater Lansing.

Bob Lovell	Active bicycling advocate including Chair of the Unitarian Universalist Bikers and Bike Tune-up Sunday Wrenches; leads area bike rides; volunteers for many bicycle –related functions.
ITC Holdings	Grant for installing trees in the township.

2015

The recipients include:

- **Leonard Provencher** – Recognized for his dedication to promote active transportation, infrastructure, and/or sound planning and good governance.
- **Susan Masten**– Recognized for her efforts to promote environmental protection, planning and redevelopment
- **Julie Brixie** – Recognized for her efforts to promote active transportation and tree protection in Meridian Township.
- **Dianne Holman and Kris Berglund** – Recognized for their innovative efforts building an environmentally sustainable business.

2016

NON-PROFIT GROUP:

EAST LANSING FOOD CO-OP

LOCAL SERVICE CLUB:

HASLETT BEAUTIFICATION ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC SERVICE:

ASSISTANT CHIEF KEN PLAGA, MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE

LOCAL BUSINESS:

ODY AND RACHEL NORKIN, SKYBIRD OKEMOS TRAVEL, AND MICHIGAN FLYER LLC

PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS:

MICHAEL THOMAS

DAVE REICOSKY