



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: 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

VICE CHAIR HILLER MOVED TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

BOARD MEMBER Stephens MOVED TO APPROVE Agenda. Board Member Opsommer seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BOARD MEMBER OPSOMMER MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 MINUTES. Seconded by Board Member Stephens.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Re-Naming Preserve Properties
 - 1. Update list
 - 2. Create a Doodle poll for board members to vote on top two names of their choice for each preserve to be renamed.
- B. Stewardship Internship: updated board members on applications and outline of job.
- C. Using old wood for boardwalks and such
 - 1. Board Member Stephens inquires if we could we use dead ash trees in Foster-Crouse for boardwalks across the wet area
 - 2. Discussion results in the following: Any movement of down dead woody debris must be done carefully. Any sensitive areas must be avoided.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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Vice Chair Hiller opens the floor for nominations for **Chair**.

**TRUSTEE OPSOMER MOVED TO NOMINATE JAMIE HILLER AS CHAIR.
Board Member Lee seconded.**

Board Member Hiller accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Hiller closed the floor to nominations for Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mark Stephens, Yu Man Lee, Kris Parnell, Steve Thomas, Chanelle Russ, Dan Opsommer, Jamie Hiller

NAYS: None.

Chair opens the floor for nomination for **Vice Chair**.

BOARD MEMBER LEE MOVED, TO NOMINATE STEVE THOMAS AS VICE CHAIR. Board Member Stephens seconded.

Board Member Thomas accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chair Hiller closed the floor to nomination for Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mark Stephens, Yu Man Lee, Kris Parnell, Chanelle Russ, Dan Opsommer, Jamie Hiller
NAYS: None.

B. 2020 Annual Report & Joint Meeting summary

1. Staff member Campbell presented the 2020 Annual Report and Township Board Joint Meeting summary.

C. 2021 Land Preservation & Stewardship Goals

1. Staff member Campbell presented the 2021 Land Preservation and Stewardship Program goals and opened the plan up for discussion from the board.
 - i. Items that board members would like to add to 2021 goals
 1. Davis-Foster Preserve improvements
 - a. Build a wildlife observation overlook. Designs and budget have already been discussed in the past, staff member Campbell will look into this further.
 - b. Due to graffiti incidents on the Davis-Foster maintenance barn, the board discusses the addition of a mural and security lights and cameras.
 - c. Board Member Parnell discusses road signage for turtle

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crossings due to Blanding's Turtle crossings in the past.

D. 2021 Meeting Schedule Resolution

1. Bi-monthly September through March
 - a. Necessary meetings can be called on off months
 - b. Monthly Staff Report will be emailed on off months
2. May – September meetings will be held outdoors at pre-selected preserves

VICE CHAIR THOMAS MOVED TO AMEND THE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE A ZOOM MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2021 INSTEAD OF THE PROPOSED MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2021. Board Member Stephens seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORT

A. Stewardship Coordinator

- A. After a hiatus, Stewardship Workdays resume on Saturday, February 20th, 2021
- B. Invasive Species Training Webinar took place on January 23rd with 37 total participants. A follow-up field training is scheduled for March 13th, 2021.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS - NONE

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 14th 2021, 6 pm, over Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Seconded by Vice Chair Thomas.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.