

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee
(arrived at 6:10 pm), Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Members Absent: None

Staff: Jane Greenway, Senior Parks and Land Management Coordinator;
Kelsey Dillon, Stewardship Coordinator

Other: Dave Groop

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Mayes called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER KIELBASO SECONDED, TO
APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Approve Minutes

a. February 8, 2017

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO
APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Financial Statement 12/31/16

Board Member Brixie reviewed the Land Preservation Advisory Board (LPAB) Budget Summary unaudited as of December 31, 2016 contained in the meeting packet.

Board Member Brixie recommended moving forward with approved management activities without bringing all bids and purchase orders to the LPAB for approval.

Discussion:

- Suggested accepting the recommendation although all new management plans and expenditures would be brought to the LPAB
- Suggested management plans with updates be included in future LPAB packets

It was the consensus of the LPAB Board for staff to move forward with approved management plans without LPAB review of bids and purchase orders but all new management plans and proposed expenditures would be reviewed and approved by LPAB.

8. Land Management and Stewardship Reports

Coordinator Dillon reported on:

a. Vernal Pool Project

- Created advertisements through social media and as a Facebook event

b. Davis Foster Preserve:

- MSU Global Day of Service – possibly have volunteers tube pine seedlings previously planted at the Preserve
- Information on the barn on the west side of Van Atta to be included in the April LPAB packets for discussion

c. Lake Lansing Arbor Day Planting:

- BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO APPROVE \$300 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUNDS TO COVER BUSING COSTS FOR ZSA MAHON'S 5TH GRADE CLASS FOR THE TREE PLANTING DAY ON APRIL 28.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

Motion passed.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other

None

11. Announcements

None

12. Closed Session

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The LPAB moved into closed session at 7 pm.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Jamie Hiller, James Kielbaso, Yu Man Lee, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The LPAB returned to open session at 8:55 pm.

BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, FOR STAFF TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS WAS DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION.

Voice vote. Motion passed.

13. Adjournment
BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.