



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Townhall Room
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier 1); Roger Taylor (tier 1); Susan Andrews (tier1)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY:

ABSENT: Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2); Paul Pratt (ICDC);
Coe Emens (ICP)

OTHERS: Jim Folkening

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Armbruster called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Jim Folkening noted that two weeks ago algae growth was observed near the Northwind Condos shore. He added that the wind ended up clearing the algae. Susan speculated that the algae growth could be related to a recent wake boarding competition, which could have churned up settled nutrients. Chair Armbruster pointed out that algae growth is a natural part of the lake environment, under certain conditions. He added that Lake Lansing had occasionally experienced isolated algae growths which tend to quickly disappear.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROJECTS UPDATE
- C. DAM PROJECT UPDATE

3A. Approval of Minutes

The draft September minutes were discussed, and then were unanimously approved with two corrections.

3B. PROJECTS UPDATE

Natural shoreline project: Younes informed the committee that the contractor had returned to the site for final restoration which included removal of the silt fence and the turbidity curtain. They also planted supplemental native plugs and seeding.

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Educational sign for natural shoreline project: The sign has been ordered, and it will be installed by the Township when delivered.

Curt shared with the committee that a week ago a fish count was conducted on the lake by MSU students.

3C. DAM PROJECT UPDATE

Susan informed the committee that on September 28, the LLPOA Dam Committee met with Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Pratt and Spicer to discuss progress of the engineering study and research. Paul informed them that Spicer will provide three alternatives to improve the existing dam, which will be shared with the committee for their input. Susan also mentioned that she and Larry would be meeting with Representative Angela Witwer, Chair of the full House Appropriations Committee on October 12. She also noted that there would be a meeting with Representative Penelope Tsernoglou on October 18. Also, the Dam committee would be meeting with Spicer on October 31.

It was pointed out during the ensuing discussion that according to the Dam Safety act, the Lake Lansing dam is actually a water level control structure. There was consensus to proceed with the improvements as a repair project and not as a replacement one.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.