



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864  
Townhall Room  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Ron Rowe (tier 1); Susan Andrews (tier1);  
Roger Taylor (tier 1); Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Steve Culling (tier 2)

STAFF/

TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi

COUNTY: Paul Pratt (ICDC); Coe Emens (ICP); Simar Pawar (BOC)

ABSENT:

OTHERS:

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**2. PUBLIC REMARKS**

County Commissioner Simar Pawar spoke about the role of Park Manager as it relates to the advisory committee. She informed the committee that as the liaison for Ingham County Parks, anything the advisory committee needs from County Parks should be shared with Coe. However, on some occasions he just cannot make it when meeting dates change on short notice. Commissioner Pawar also informed the committee that she was involved recently with the Drain Commissioner's office and the Dam Committee regarding specifics of the engineering study.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
- B. PROJECTS UPDATE
- C. HARVESTING & HERBICIDE BIDS
- D. DAM PROJECT UPDATE
- E. PARK MANAGER REPORT
- F. CHAIRMAN REMARKS

**3A. Approval of Minutes**

The draft November minutes were discussed, and then were unanimously approved as submitted.

**3B. PROJECTS UPDATE**

Harvesting & Herbicide bids: The Township solicited bids for aquatic plant control, which included bids for harvesting and herbicide treatment. Bids from prospective contractors were received on January 5.

Natural shoreline project: Younes informed the committee that the educational sign has been received and will be installed by Township staff in the near future.

**3C. HARVESTING & HERBICIDE BIDS**

Younes shared bid tabulations for the harvesting and herbicide treatment bids. There were two bids, and four bids respectively for the harvesting and herbicide contracts. The committee discussed the bids, and then voted unanimously to recommend the award of the contracts to PLM Lake & Land Management, the low bidder of both bids. It was noted that PLM has been the contractor for both contracts over the past few years, with excellent service and good working relationship with the Township and lake residents.

**3D. DAM PROJECT UPDATE**

Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Pratt stated that the Spicer Group filed its engineering report with the Drain Commissioner on December 29, 2023. The report has since been posted on the Drain Commissioner’s page at the Ingham County website. The report includes alternative analysis of six options. Deputy Commissioner Pratt stated that this report would be discussed on February 6 before the County Services Committee. Advisory Committee member Susan Andrews shared with the committee that the Dam Committee has set up a meeting for the LLPOA at Haslett High School, Vikings room, on January 23 at 6:00 pm. She added that the committee would meet on January 15, to make recommendations for the January 26 meeting. She then pointed out that Committee members are very concerned with the high soft costs of the proposed alternatives, listed at 50% of total costs. Paul Pratt responded that these soft costs are reasonable.

**3E. PARK MANAGER REPORT**

Park Manger Coe informed the committee that the new restrooms at county park south should be open within the next two months. He added that the software problem for the CD3 vac unit has been resolved.

**3F. CHAIRMAN REMARKS**

Chair Armbruster noted that the annual report is now posted on the lake’s link on the Township’s web site. He requested that the report be shared with the Township’s Board members.

He also requested that the advisory committee go back to the Administration conference room for all future meetings.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.