

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016  
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Public Remarks
4. Approve Minutes
  - a. June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes
  - b. July 13, 2016 Towar Woods Site Visit Notes
5. Communications
  - August 10, 2016 Southwest Meridian Uplands Preserve Tour
6. Closed Session (separate envelope)
7. Other
8. Announcements
9. Public Remarks
10. Adjournment

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
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MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016  
6 PM – SERVICE CENTER

Members Present: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Members Absent: Yu Man Lee

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

Others: Judy Linn

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Kielbaso called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approve Agenda

Under item #6, New Business, add, #a. Proposed Costco development

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

3. Public Remarks

None

4. Approve Minutes

a. May 11, 2016

- Page 3, 5th bullet, change Emerald Lakes to Dream Lake
- Page 3, 10<sup>th</sup> bullet, change Spring Lake to Common Natural Area of Bear Lake, Dream Lakes and Sapphire Lakes

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER MAYES SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Communications

- Emails
  - ✓ From: Jane Greenway, Re: Garlic Mustard Pull update

- ✓ From: LuAnn Maisner; RE: Drone Use on Township properties
- ✓ From: Kelsey Dillon; Re: Seed Ball Project at Davis Foster Land Preserve
- ✓ From: Carla Clos; Re: Ember Oaks Drain

BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE MOVED, BOARD MEMBER MAYES SECONDED, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THE ITEMS OF COMMUNICATION ON FILE. Voice vote. Motion passed.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

a. Proposed Costco Development

Board Member Brixie reported the following:

- Costco is interested in building a store on the former Four Winds Golf site at the corner of Saginaw and Park Lake Roads
- The proposal includes deed restrictions on the eastern side of the property to buffer Everett Woods development
- The site is approximately 66 acres of an overgrown former golf course with uplands and wetlands, with a potential of 12 acres of conservation easement
- Assistant Dillon walked the site and reported of dumping of yard waste and a need for invasive management
- One of the wetlands in the area has been filled

BOARD MEMBER MAYES MOVED, BOARD MEMBER STEPHENS SECONDED, TO REQUEST CHAIR KIELBASO AND COORDINATOR GREENWAY TO SEND A COMMUNICATION FROM THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD STATING THAT ALTHOUGH THE LAND PRESERVATION BOARD IS NOT INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING THE PARCEL, THE LPAB SUPPORTS THE PRESERVATION OF THE PROPERTY AND ITS MANAGEMENT BY THE CITY OF EAST LANSING. Voice vote. Motion passed.

8. Land Management Coordinator and Land Stewardship Assistant Report

- Stewardship Assistant Report for Kelsey Dillon Monthly Accomplishments and Updates – May 2016 (highlights of the report)
  - ✓ Attendance at Cooperative Species Management
  - ✓ Removed 60 pounds of garlic mustard from Sower Woods
  - ✓ Applied weed control to the trees in Towar Woods
  - ✓ 90 students mixed and distributed seed balls at Davis/Foster Preserve
  - ✓ Grasses planted, weed spot treatment completed and seed balls are being prepared by Bennett Woods students for fall planting at Southwest Meridian Uplands

- ✓ Giant Japanese Butterbur will be treated in Ted Black Woods and Assistant Dillon will speak with the neighboring church about treatment on their parcel
- 2016 Land Preserve Site Visit Schedule
  - ✓ Coordinator Greenway invited the Environmental Commission to join in the upcoming site tours of the land preservation parcels
- Meridian Township Parks and Land Preserves Map and addresses
- Land Preservation Budget Summary 2016
  - ✓ Coordinator Greenway reviewed

9. Public Remarks

None

10. Closed Session

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The Board entered into closed session at 6:55 pm

BOARD MEMBER SMITH MOVED, BOARD MEMBER BRIXIE SECONDED, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Roll Call:

AYES: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Frank Hatfield James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

NAYS: None

The Board returned to open session at 8:05 pm

11. Other

None

12. Announcements

None

13. Adjournment

Hearing no objection, Chair Kielbaso adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**  
**Land Preservation Advisory Board**  
**Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

Members Present: Frank Hatfield, James Kielbaso, Jon Mayes

Members Absent: Julie Brixie, Roland Harmes, Yu Man Lee, Margo Smith, Mark Stephens

Staff: Kelsey Dillon, Land Stewardship Assistant

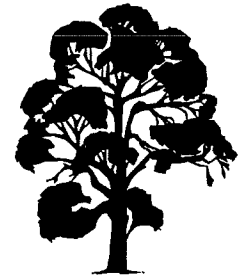
Others: Dave Caszatt (former LPAB member and active steward in Towar Woods) and Ben Holland from the Environmental Commission

**TOWAR WOODS LAND PRESERVE**  
**SITE TOUR NOTES**

- Toured the actively managed areas in the eastern part of the preserve
- Visited the 2 acre site cleared by Outdoor Expressions earlier in 2016
- Noted the impressive tree growth in the Blue-X tubes and in the Deer Enclosure
  - ✓ Plans to continue planting native hardwood trees in cleared areas
- Dave Caszatt and Kelsey Dillon will bring forward a proposal to clear the dead buckthorn in the northern part of the preserve

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## Land Preservation Advisory Board



TO: Land Preservation Advisory Board Members

Julie Brixie  
Roland Harmes  
Frank Hatfield  
Yu Man Lee  
Jon Mayes  
Margo Smith  
Mark Stephens

FROM: James Kielbaso, Chair

DATE: July 22, 2016

RE: Site Tour on August 10, 2016

Members will meet at the Southwest Meridian Uplands Preserve (former Sturk parcel) on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6 pm. **The meeting location will be at the gate at the end of Sophiea Parkway in Champion Woods subdivision.**

This meeting is a discussion site tour event and the Environmental Commission has been invited to the tour. Although a quorum of the Land Preservation Advisory Board and/or Environmental Commission may be present for the site tour, there will be no action or decisions made at this time by the Land Preservation Advisory Board or the Environmental Commission.

cc: Environmental Commission  
LuAnn Maisner  
Jane Greenway  
Kelsey Dillon  
Mark Kieselbach  
Derek Perry  
Clerk's Office  
HOM-TV  
Website

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