



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Township Service Center  
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell, Yu Man Lee (Environmental Commission), Mark Stephens (Park Commission), Angela Demas (Township Board).  
ABSENT: None.  
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hiller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Beth Bechtel, Meridian Township resident
  - i. Request to eliminate chemical use in land management practices. Full public comment included in Exhibit A.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

- a. January 14, 2026

**Commissioner Lee moved to approve the January 14, 2026 Agenda to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous**

4. APPROVE MINUTES

- a. November 12, 2025

**Board member Stephens moved to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 to place on file. Board member Parnell seconded.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous**

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. 2026 Meeting Resolution (Exhibit B)

**Board member Parnell makes a motion to approve the 2026 Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Resolution. Board member Fay seconded.**

**Voice Vote: Unanimous**

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b. 2026 Election of Officers

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**(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)**

**Board member Stephens made a motion to move into Closed Session Discussion. Vice Chair Hiller seconded.**

**Roll Call:**

**Yayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kris Parnell, Kathy Fay, Yu Man Lee, Mark Stephens, Angela Demas.**

**Nayes: None.**

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Parcels for Acquisition Consideration

**Board member Parnell made a motion to move out of closed session. Commissioner Stephens seconded.**

**Yayes: Jamie Hiller, Steve Thomas, Kris Parnell, Kathy Fay, Yu Man Lee, Mark Stephens, Angela Demas.**

**Nayes: None.**

**(END CLOSED SESSION)**

**8. REPORTS**

- a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell (Exhibit C)
- i. Update on current preservation projects & issues
    - 1. Encroachment at 1442 Haslett Road
  - ii. 2025 Land Preservation Program & Stewardship Report
  - iii. MCC January Stewardship Calendar
- b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
- i. Stewardship staff gave a presentation on the wetland education signage
  - ii. Bird City MI resolution was passed. The resolution will go to the Township Board next. Stewardship staff is leading the team and completing the application for this designation.
  - iii. Climate Sustainability Plan discussion and funding for Climate Sustainability. Ideas are being brought to the Commission by staff, such as the bio-swale at Marshall Park.
  - iv. Green Grant deadline is March 26, 2026. \$15,000 has been allocated to this from the board.
- c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
- i. Bio-swale presentation at Marshall Park.
  - ii. Pathway connection from Inter-Urban trail behind American Housing
- d. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas
- i. Joint Board Meeting on February 10, 2026 at 6 pm at Town Hall.
  - ii. Three Township elections scheduled for this year.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- a. None.

**10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6 pm at the Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chair Hiller moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Parnell seconded.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous**

**Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.**

# **Exhibit A**

# **Exhibit B**

# **Exhibit C**