CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Newton Road Park
6024 Newton Road | East Lansing, MI
Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 6 PM

PRESENT: Board Members: Steve Thomas, Mark Stephens (Park Commission), Jamie Hiller, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell.
ABSENT: Yu Man Lee (Environmental Commission), Angela Demas (Township Board).
STAFF: Emma Campbell, Sr. Land Stewardship Coordinator

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
    a. Beth Bechtel, Meridian Township resident
        i. Request to eliminate chemical use in land management practices and expand on mechanical management techniques. Highlighted goat demonstration happening at Towar Woods Preserve on November 17, 2026.

3. APPROVE AGENDA
    a. October 14, 2026

Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to approve the October 14, 2026 Agenda to place on file. Chair Thomas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES
    a. September 9, 2026

Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to place the September 9, 2026 minutes on file. Chair Thomas seconded.

Voice Vote: Unanimous.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to move into closed session to discuss Item 5.a. Board member Fay seconded.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Steve Thomas, Jamie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell.
Nays: None.
BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

a. Parcels for Land Acquisition Consideration

Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to move out of Closed Session Discussion. Board member Fay seconded.

Roll Call:
Ayes: Steve Thomas, Jamie Hiller, Mark Stephens, Kathy Fay, Kris Parnell.
Nays: None.

END CLOSED SESSION

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
    a. None.

7. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
    a. None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6 pm at The Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hiller moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Thomas seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.