CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court | Haslett, MI
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 6 PM

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
    a. None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA
    a. September 9, 2026

Commissioner Stephens makes a motion to approve the September 9, 2026 Agenda to place on file. Board member Fay seconded.

Voice vote: Unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES
    a. August 12, 2026

Commissioner Stephens makes a motion to place the August 12, 2026 minutes on file. Board member Parnell seconded.

Voice Vote: Unanimous.

5. COMMUNICATIONS
    a. 2026 Meridian Deer Management Program.

Vice Chair Hiller makes a motion to move into closed session to discuss item 6A and 6B. Board member Parnell seconded.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

BEGIN CLOSED SESSION

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
    a. Parcels for Land Acquisition Consideration
    b. Schedule Site Visit for Ecological Screening

Chair Hiller makes a motion to move out of closed session. Board member Fay seconded.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

END CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Hiller moved to take such action as discussed in closed session. Chair Thomas seconded.

    c. Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve Floristic Survey
        i. Staff updates the board on the mature black locust found in the area, which will be an optimal site for the easement to be implemented.
        ii. Stewardship staff will be present during the contractor's assessment.

7. . REPORTS
    a. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
        i. Update on current preservation projects & issues
            1. Pike Crossing Pathway Update
                a. Project is moving along and slated to take place in the first week of October. End date for the project is November 15th.
            2. MCC September Stewardship Calendar & Volunteer Thankquet
                a. Staff completed a European frog bit survey on private property adjacent to Meridian Township preserve property.
                b. The Mid-Michigan CISMA is guiding efforts to manage this population with grant funding if possible.
    b. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Yu Man Lee
        a. Working on plans to make Township buildings more energy efficient and sustainability.
        b. Ground water well abandonment program will be funded with $10,000 next year as part of the Sustainability fund. $15,000 will go toward the Green Grant program.
    c. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Mark Stephens
        a. Commissioner Stephens had to leave at 7 pm, no report.
    d. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas
        a. Township Board will be having a budget public hearing on September 15th, 2026. Last listening session of the year is Tuesday, October 27th, 2026.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT
    a. None.

9. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    a. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6 pm at Newton Road Park, 6024 Newton Rd, East Lansing, Michigan 48823.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote: Unanimous

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.