**AGENDA**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday November 18, 2026 6:00 pm
Township Service Center
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos MI

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVE AGENDA
   A. November 18, 2026

4. APPROVE MINUTES
   A. October 14, 2026

5. COMMUNICATIONS
   A. No meeting in December scheduled

(BEGIN CLOSED SESSION)

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A. 2026 Land Preservation Parcels for Consideration

7. ACTION ITEMS
   A. 2026 Land Preservation Parcels for Consideration

(END CLOSED SESSION)

   B. 2027 Meeting Resolution
   C. Resolution of Appreciation for Jamie Hiller

8. REPORTS
   A. STAFF REPORT: Stewardship Coordinator, Emma Campbell
      a. Update on current preservation projects & issues
      b. MCC November Stewardship Calendar
   B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT: Yu Man Lee
   C. PARK COMMISSION REPORT: Mark Stephens
   D. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clerk, Angela Demas

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   A. Next Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 6 pm at The Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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.**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN**
**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE**
**2027 LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**
**MEETING RESOLUTION**

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At a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Service Center, in said Township on the 18th day of November 2026 at 6:00 pm, Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution supported by Chair Steve Thomas:

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board desires to announce the time, date, and place of all meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Land Preservation Advisory Board deems the 2027 regular meeting schedule sufficient to uphold the Township Board's Policies and Procedures, and advancement toward the Board's Global Ends; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THAT THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD ADOPTS ITS REGULAR 2027 MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS**:

| Date | | |
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| January 13 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| February 10 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| March 10 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| April 14 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| June 9 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| August 11 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| September 8 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| October 13 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |
| November 10 | Regular Meeting | 6 pm |

1. The Land Preservation Advisory Board has set a schedule to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. No meeting will be held for the month of May, July and December, unless one is called by the chairperson.

2. Each of the above meetings shall be held at the specified time in the conference room of the Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct., Haslett, Michigan, (517) 853-4000; with the exception of the joint meeting of the boards and commission which is held in the Town

Hall Room, Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos; unless changed and noticed in accordance with MCL 15.265

3. Special meetings of the Land Preservation Advisory Board may be called pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.

4. Regular meetings may be canceled, recessed or postponed by members of the Land Preservation Advisory Board pursuant to the statute thereto appertaining.

5. A summary of this resolution stating date, place, and time shall be posted in the Meridian Municipal Building within ten (10) days after the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year in accordance with the MCL 15.265

ADOPTED: Board Member _____ moved to approve the meeting calendar for 2027. Board Member _____ seconded.

YEAS:

NAYS:

The resolution _____.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
) ss:
COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Chairperson of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board held on the day of November 18th, 2026.

_____
Steve Thomas, Chairperson
Land Preservation Advisory Board

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**
**LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY**
**BOARD MEMBER JAMIE HILLER**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

At a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 18th day of November 2026, at 6:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT:
ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by Advisory Board Member _____ and supported by Advisory Board Member _____.

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller has served as a member of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian from February 2017 through November 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller, while serving on the Board, has supported the acquisition and permanent preservation of ecologically important open space and natural features of the Township's community supported and funded land preservation program; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller has served as the Chair to the Land Preservation Advisory Board for nine (9) years and nine (9) months supporting multiple acquisitions at the Board level; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller attended many site visits and offered insight about each parcel being considered for addition to the Township's program; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller has devoted much of her personal time and energy on management and stewardship efforts in multiple land preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Jamie Hiller's service on the Land Preservation Advisory Board has been beneficial to Meridian Township, its citizens, and its natural environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN** extends its best wishes to Jamie Hiller and expresses its gratitude for her service to the community.

ADOPTED:

YEAS:
NAYS:
Resolution passed _____.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Chairperson of the Land Preservation Advisory Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Land Preservation Advisory Board on the 18th day of November, 2026.

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Steve Thomas, Chairperson

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# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS 9:30 AM - 12 PM

These workdays occur every other Saturday year round.

- November 7, Tihart Preserve, Invasive removal in our restoration area
  - 1000 Tihart Road, Okemos (Park on road at the intersection of Whitetail Circle & Tihart Rd.)
- November 14, Township Service Center, Seed Sorting Party | Help us prep native seeds for the upcoming season & chit-chat. Snacks & beverages provided!
  - 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI
- November 21st & 29th: No stewardship!

## WEEKDAY WARRIORS

- November 5, Lake Lansing North Preserve, New Jersey Tea planting
  - 1000 Wild Ginger Trail, Haslett
- November 19, Sander Farm Natural Area, Native seed collection
  - End of Sago Way in Okemos (park along the road)



***ALL EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT & MAY BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF**

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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12 PM |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY | 27 OFFICES CLOSED | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

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