



CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 3, 2026
6:30 In Person
Lansing Town Hall

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Ed Dubovi, Robyn Bailey, Travis Kitch, John Hatfield, Kristin Maushart

Absent: John Fleming, Emily Phillips, Aziza Benson, Brian Boerman

Non-CAC attendees: Marla Coppolino, advisor for Bioblitz

Quorum of the CAC members was present

2. BioBlitz Planning and Community Outreach for the Lansing Center Trail “meadow”

Key Discussion Points

- Continued planning for a community BioBlitz focused on the Lansing Center Trail and town-owned lands.
- Proposed public event date is **Saturday, August 8th**, with a multi-day observation window.
- Primary goal is to establish a baseline inventory of local biodiversity to support future habitat management decisions.
- Educational outreach and Climate Smart Communities (CSC) initiatives were identified as secondary benefits.
- Discussed using "**Bio Stroll**" as a more family-friendly and approachable name.
- Agreed that the event should focus on teaching participants how to observe and document nature, rather than simply counting species.
- Reviewed plans to utilize **iNaturalist** as the primary platform for recording observations.
- Emphasized the importance of collecting high-quality observations that can achieve research-grade identifications.
- Considered expert-led walks and demonstrations throughout the day of August 8th, including birds, plants, fungi, bats, moths, and aquatic insects.
- Discussed opportunities for educational stations such as soil science, birding, and bat monitoring.
- Identified potential partnerships with local businesses, schools, and community organizations for promotion and participation.
- Reviewed event logistics including information stations, restroom access, and participant incentives.
- Recognized the BioBlitz as an opportunity to foster environmental stewardship and create a valuable biodiversity dataset for future conservation efforts.