



CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 1 2026
6:30 In Person
Lansing Town Hall

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Ed Dubovi, Robyn Bailey, John Hatfield, Aziza Benson, Emily Phillips,

Absent: John Fleming, Brian Boerman, Kristin Maushart, Travis Kitch,

Non-CAC attendees: Bruce Barber, Fiends of the Lansing Center Trail, Christine Montague, Town Board

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.
- 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.
- Event should focus on teaching participants how to observe and document nature, rather than simply counting species.
- **iNaturalist** will be the primary platform for recording observations that will be linked to the Center Trail area
- Contact will be made with local emergency staff and the sheriff’s dept.
- Arrangements will be made for a porta-john to be on site
- Event will be posted to the Town website
- Emily volunteered to do mock-ups of flyers
- John will check about using Salt Point Parking lot if needed.
- Times for “experts” to be on site will be confirmed

3. Updates

-To move from bronze status (hopefully) to silver, some significant items will need to be completed

- Climate Resiliency Plan
- Greenhouse gas inventory
- EV charging stations

-Ashley Seyfried (Director of Sustainability, Southern Tier Regional Board) has indicated that a new staff member will be hired to assist with CRPs. As this type of effort usually has costs associated with it, CAC will need approval of the Town Board to move forward. Ashley will be attending the October CAC meet to discuss future options.

