

## MINUTES

### Edenville Township Lake Weed Special Assessment Public Hearing

Thursday, September 5th, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Gosen called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Township Board Attendance** by roll call (verifying quorum).

Jim Sperling, Trustee – present

Karen Carey, Treasurer – present

Craig Gosen, Supervisor – present

Lydia Draves, Clerk – present

Linda Schultz, Trustee – absent

Gosen gave an overview on the special assessment process. The assessment is renewed every 5 years. A brief outline of the renewal process:

- The board approved resolution 2019-17 declaring its intent to re-establish the special assessment district on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the regular Township Board meeting
- The Public Hearing was set for September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- The Public Hearing notice was published in two consecutive issues of the Midland Daily News
- The Public Hearing notice was mailed, via first class, to every resident in the proposed lake weed assessment district
- The Board votes on the final resolution, setting the assessments

#### **Lake Weed Program Applicator Recommendation**

Sue Brown, chair of the Lake Weed Committee, gave the board their recommendation to continue weed control with PLM, Lake & Land Management Corp. Members of the Lake Weed Committee include Sue Brown, chair, Jim Swanton, Jerry Wirbel, and Twp. Board member Jim Sperling.

#### **Summary of Program by PLM Lake & Land Management**

BreAnn Grabill, Northern Regional Manager, began with an overview of PLM then turned the presentation over to Casey Shoaff, NE Regional Manager. Casey gave a presentation on the exotic plant species which cause many of the most serious weed problems in Michigan lakes and streams. Sanford Lake has been managed for many years for exotic species including, but not limited to, Eurasian Watermilfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leafpond and Wild Celery. There are State regulations from various agencies on how often and what can be used to suppress weeds. He gave an overview on some of the chemicals they are allowed to use and in what

quantities. He left three handouts (which are available on request at the Edenville Township Office): 1) Sanford Lake Overview for the Special Assessment Public Hearing; 2) Risk Benefit Statement, and 3) Aquatic Plant Management – Questions and Answers.

Gosen gave the recommend Special Assessment Amounts for the special assessment renewal:

- Lake Front Lots
  - \$198.10 per tax parcel for the first year, up to 3% increase per year for the next 4 years
- Lake Access Lots
  - \$99.05 per tax parcel for the first year, up to 3% increase per year for the next 4 years

**Public Comments were received from:**

Bill Bacon; mentioned the upcoming Dam assessment being a burdon in addition to the renewal of our weed control assessment.

Cindy Buster; asked why they would post for spray then not spray.

Marge Sperling; would like more information ahead of the renewal process next time.

Sue Brown; asked if posting signs for application were written weed specific.

Sid Welch; asked for clarification of beach control.

Rhonda Brecken; weeds are thick in front of their house.

Carey motioned to approve Resolution 2019-18 confirming the proposed improvements, the estimated costs and the special assessment roll for Upper Sanford Lake, Tittabawassee River and Tobacco River weed control special assessment district. Sperling supported and the motion passed via roll-call vote. Carey, yes; Draves, yes; Gosen, yes; Sperling, yes; Schultz, absent.

Gosen motioned to approve renewal of the 5-year weed treatment contract with PLM. Sperling supported and the motion passed via roll-call vote. Carey, yes; Draves, yes; Gosen, yes; Sperling, yes; Schultz, absent.

Sperling motioned to adjourn the meeting, Carey supported and the motion carried via voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Lydia Draves  
Edenville Township Clerk