Green Lake Township Second Public Hearing

Duck Lake Aquatic Weeds Special Assessment District

August 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Golden Fellowship Hall, 9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

Called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

**Roll call**: Biondo, West, Kramer, Bieganowski, McDonald and Radtke present.

Marek absent and excused.

**Public comment**: NONE

**New business:**

**Duck Lake Aquatic Weeds SAD Public Hearing**:

**Open public hearing**: Moved Bieganowski, Support West to open the public hearing at

4:31 p.m. Carried 6/0.

**Discussion**:

Public comment in support of the Special Assessment:

Paul Johnson, 4076 Peninsular Shores Drive, Grawn, Michigan.

Ed Dewey, 5253 Bush Road, Interlochen, Michigan. President Green Lake/Duck Lake Association.

Public comment against the Special Assessment:

Wade Adams, 5124 Orchestra Drive, Interlochen, Michigan.

Paulita Neal, 8660 Tuthill Road, Interlochen, Michigan.

Dennis Wiand, Zero Gravity Aerial spoke, he would like time to discuss misinformation Mr. Adams presented to the board and set the record straight. Supervisor Radtke stated there will be board discussion later in the meeting and the board members may have questions for him as well.

Clerk Kramer reported she received correspondence prior to the meeting from the following residents:

Wade Adams, 5124 Orchestra Drive, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

Robert Skrycki, 5215 State Park Highway, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

Phyllis Weliver, 5182 Tuthill, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

Amy Adams-Drekmeier, 5092 Orchestra Drive, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

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**New business continued**:

**Duck Lake Aquatic Weeds SAD Public Hearing**:

Ruth VerHey, 8718 Torno Road, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

H. Candace Gorman, 5335 State Park Highway, Interlochen, Michigan 49643

**Close public hearing**: Moved Bieganowski, Support McDonald to close the public hearing at 4:41 p.m. Carried 6/0.

Supervisor Radtke asked Dennis Wiand, Zero Gravity Aerial for clarification on a couple things.

Supervisor Radtke stated he and Mr. Wiand talked on the phone a couple times to get the contract set up and to provide Mr. Wiand with a copy of a map of Duck Lake showing the areas the Township Board would like to have confirmed for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Supervisor Radtke asked Mr. Wiand to confirm a statement made that his company had verified 1.6 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Duck Lake. Mr. Wiand stated he did not total an amount for what he surveyed, he gave observations on the twelve sites that he surveyed by following the map provided to him by Supervisor Radtke from PLM, which were the areas treated in 2020. He utilized the polygons on the map and entered them into a mapping program to figure out the coordinates for locations. Supervisor Radtke the board members to confirm they have received the report from Zero Gravity via email? All board members stated yes. No other board members had questions for Mr. Wiand.

Supervisor Radtke asked the board if they had any questions for BreAnne Gabrill from PLM. No board members had questions.

**Action on public hearing**:

Trustee Bieganowski stated the board was asked by members of the public to have somebody who was not PLM to independently fact check whether or not there is Eurasian Water Milfoil in Duck Lake, and it did confirm that PLM is actually treating the weed not just treating to make money.

Moved Bieganowski, Support Kramer to adopt Resolution #08092021.1 as presented for Special Assessment 2 for Duck Lake. Roll call vote: West – Yes, McDonald – Yes, Bieganowski – Yes, Biondo – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes. Carried 6/0.

The board discussed the roll. It was decided instead of rounding the amounts to have a flat number for everyone. The amounts will be $65.64 and $9.84.

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Trustee West asked if any leftover monies in the current Special Assessment Fund would be refunded to the homeowners? Supervisor Radtke stated yes it will be refunded once the costs for this year treatment have been paid.

**Action on public hearing continued**:

Trustee McDonald stated if there were a treatment that would be cost prohibited and work, he would be for that in a heartbeat but, so far, there isn’t any such treatment he is aware of. He doesn’t like having to treat with chemicals either, but he doesn’t see any other feasible alternative at the moment. Supervisor Radtke indicated that is why the board voted for a five (5) year Special Assessment in hopes that technology comes around that would perform what Trustee McDonald and others are requesting.

Supervisor Radtke and Trustee West did research into the algae bloom that was brought up at the first public hearing and it seems to be normal throughout the State of Michigan due to the water temps. He did state it is on all lakes, not just lakes that have Eurasian Water Milfoil. He was concerned so he investigated it and, unfortunately, it is impacting many lakes. His information came from the DNR.

**Public comment**:

Wade Adams, 5124 Orchestra Drive, Interlochen, Michigan.

Dennis Wiand, Zero Gravity

**Discussion**: Trustee Biegnowski stated it is now understood that all lakes are different and require different treatment, but he feels the board is doing the right treatment.

**Adjournment**: Moved Bieganowski, Support Kramer to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk