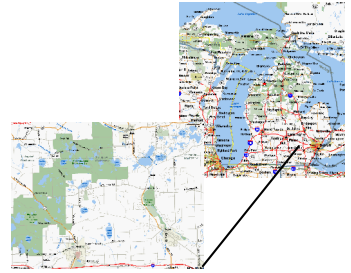


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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007, 4:00 PM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kelly at 4:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call: Present – Kelly, Kooyers, Rider, Howard, Lesser, Ottoman

Absent – Wojno

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS

North Lake Special Assessment District for weed control.

Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment, discussed the situation of the Whitmore Lake and Sugarloaf Lake weed control special assessment districts, as they relate to the proposed North Lake project. He was accompanied by Dr. G. Douglas Pullman, President of Aquest Corp, the specialist contracted by the County for aquatic weed projects on County lakes.

The Board posed questions to Mr. Krcmarik and Dr. Pullman. Members of the audience also had the opportunity to speak.

Motion by Rider, second by Howard to approve resolution 07-208, a resolution to initiate a Lake Improvement Project for the Township of Dexter through the Washtenaw County Department of Public Works. **Roll Call Vote: Yeas – Ottoman, Howard, Kooyers, Lesser, Rider, Kelly; Nays – None; Absent – Wojno; Abstain – None. Carried 6-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS and CONCERNS of BOARD MEMBERS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

I, the undersigned, Harley B. Rider, the duly qualified Clerk for the Township of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Dexter Township Board of Trustees at a special board meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 2007 and that the forgoing minutes have been approved by a majority vote of the Board at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of August, 2007.

Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

Discussion: Monday, July 23, 2007

Clerk Rider expressed concern that the Township may be liable for potential unseen tasks and/or expenses at some point in the future.

Mr. Krcmarik said that the only expense liability for the Township would be for the County time in the event they did the groundwork, but the district was not created. The Township assessing department would work with the County on an annual basis for maintenance of the roll.

Treasurer Kooyers inquired about legal review.

Mr. Krcmarik said the County attorney would review the process and documents.

Trustee Lesser inquired who, or what body, would make the decision to proceed after the hearings.

Mr. Krcmarik said the Board of Public Works would be the deciding body. Based on the research so far it is likely to go ahead, absent any extensive opposition.

Trustee Howard asked if Whitmore and Sugarloaf lakes had public launches, and whether or not the DNR participated in the cost.

Mr. Krcmarik said that both lakes had public access, but the DNR typically did not participate in the assessment.

Trustee Howard also asked about the success of the Whitmore Lake project and what happens to the water quality as a result of the chemicals used.

Mr. Krcmarik said that the project has been successful so far, and is continuing.

Dr. Pullman addressed the water quality question and said that they look at the totality of the effort, without degradation of the water quality.

Supervisor Kelly asked about the benefits of the County involvement looking at the entire lake, rather than the current process in place where only portions of the lake were handled.

Dr. Pullman said that the whole-lake process is much more beneficial.

Supervisor Kelly polled the audience. Out of 27 residents in attendance, 23 raised their hands in favor, none raised their hands in opposition.

John Fisher – 7425 Noah's Landing – said that not enough information available yet. In favor of the SAD, provided the money went to the residents, rather than the county.

Ralph Giestler – 7435 Noah's Landing – asked how much input the residents would have.

Mr. Krcmarik said the county would meet more than once each year to solicit input.

Ralph Geistler was also concerned about a "blank check" and would be more comfortable with a budget.

Mr. Krcmarik said the County could not go more than 10% over the project estimate.

Tom Kennedy – president of the North Lake Farms Home Owner Assn – asked about the cost of the assessment for those who ad access on the dedicated parcel for that subdivision.

Supervisor Kelly said that the cost had to be related to the benefit derived.

Virginia Bachman – 7816 Stonehedge Valley – asked why the cost would be so much more than is currently being spent.

Mr. Krcmarik said that the projected amount is an estimate, but would be treating the whole lake, not just parts.

Dick Fendt – said the proposed amount is not much more than they are currently paying.

Don Dettling – North Lake Resident – asked what the county administration fee is.

Mr. Krcmarik said 5%, but that included all county expenses, including publishing.

Dave ? – 13848 Bramble Brea – asked if any Whitmore Lake residents were in attendance to address their success. (None present.)

Paul Seelbach – 13815 N. Territorial – asked what was going on in other areas?

Clerk Rider asked how the County would determine whether or not the majority of residents are in favor, considering the “surveys” returned did not specifically say that the cost would be an added tax on the residents – specifically, if there were not more than 50% of those in the proposed district who specifically said they wanted a tax, would the project still go ahead?

Mr. Krcmarik said they county would not do any formal petition that specifically referred to taxes.

Supervisor Kelly said that there appears to be overwhelming support based on what has been submitted so far.

Trustee Ottoman asked if this would be spread to summer and winter taxes and when it would start if approved.

Mr. Krcmarik said that it would start in 2009 and would be winter only.

Carol Heydloff – 7811 Stonehedge Valley – this was not the first mailing. Wording followed previous mailings with sufficient explanation.