

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP  
KALKASKA, MI 49646  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BEAR LAKE SAD 2017  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 6:00 PM

The Public Hearing for the Creating/Continuing the Bear Lake Special Assessment District 2017 ordering creation of Special Assessment Roll, and Scheduling Public Hearing on Assessment Roll, was called to order by the Supervisor at 6:02 PM

Pledge said by all.

Roll Call: Banker, Havens, Knight, Dixon and Rosenberg Absent: None

Also present: Bryan Graham, Township Attorney; Jason Broekstra from PLM, and about 6 others.

The Supervisor explained the purpose of the Hearing followed by discussion. It was then open to questions.

Sam Rahaim asked about the contract with PLM. The attorney explained that the word "maintenance" language was included in contract. The court has never defined "maintenance" so it is at the discretion of the Board.

Discussion about what types of maintenance. All projects must be approved by the Township Board. The 5 year estimate of costs from PLM are maximum estimates. The SAD amount is based on these maximums. The first year of the SAD will include all the attorney fees, publishing, mailings, etc. The next hearing is on October 10 at 6 pm to confirm the SAD roll for the next 5 years. All agreed that treating algae can fall under "maintenance".

Sue Boss asked the Board to add all the people on Eleanors' Bay and the two canals on the north side of lake to the district. Discussion. Jason from PLM said that all we need is signed consent forms from those owners to treat the area without being in the district. The consent form goes to PLM. Further discussion re: consent agreements with Eleanor's Bay.

We will have another owner on our road end, M. Staley, sign a consent form.

Mike Boss asked about the Township road ends participating in SAD. The township does participate in the Bear Lake SAD. He strongly disagrees that we are redoing this SAD since he thinks they use the same language so what was done 5 year ago is good. We just need to renew our contract with PLM. He thinks we have false information. Our attorney and PLM disagree. Debate about wording -- lake management in old SAD vs. maintenance in the new SAD. Based on all the information gathered (original petitions, lack of yearly meetings, etc.) and examined, the Board and our attorney feel that the SAD should be redone. The attorney explained that the word "maintenance" gives a broader focus on the treatment of the lake which is one of the biggest concerns. Jason from PLM agreed.

Jo Rahaim asked about the next hearing. The attorney explained the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing will cover how much they will be assessed. Once this process is final, we do not have to have a public hearing every year of the 5 year contract. The Board will vote on the resolution for the Bear Lake SAD at their regular meeting at 7 pm.

Motion by Knight to adjourn, 6:52 pm Support by Dixon. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Township Clerk 9-14-17