

Bear Lake Township

Kalkaska, MI

DRAFT MINUTES

1st PUBLIC HEARING

CREATING SUNSET SHORES & EAST BEAR LAKE SAD 2021,
ORDERING CREATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND
SCHEDULING 2nd PUBLIC HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL

8-10-21 6:00 PM

Bud Banker called the meeting to order at 6:01pm with 20 public in attendance. The Pledge was said.

Roll Call of Officers was performed with the following in attendance: Banker, Havens, David, Knight and Dixon, none absent.

The Township Attorney Bryan E. Graham explained that he would never put a dollar amount on a petition because the specifics are unknown at the point of the petition. Furthermore, one of the bids for the paving has backed out until details are worked out by the property owners and the County Road Commission about road placement. Bryan explained 2 options for pricing and provided a spread sheet with the breakdowns for each property. Number 1 being priced by Front Foot and number 2 being priced by Base Unit. After questions and discussion with the public Bryan took a hand vote and the majority would like number 1 price by Front Foot. He explained that the road pavement and improvements will be paid through the issuance of municipal bonds and that the township will repay the bonds through the special assessment revenues collected from the SAD. He encouraged the public to express their thoughts to the Board.

Mr. Koch explained that per his knowledge the bid that backed out is not off the table but is just waiting for road details to be finalized. He apologized for the dollar amounts that were on the petition he created. He explained several times how he came up with the numbers for each property and apologized for any misinformation.

Public asked if the owners were going to be charged for separate lake frontage. Bryan said no, only road front.

Public questioned whether the petition is valid at all because of missing lots and owners from the list. Bryan said it was valid due to the more than 50% approval of the petition.

Bud explained the petition and that we are here tonight to decide if we want to go forward. If we move forward tonight it will be mostly the Board to decide how to collect money and from where. Tonight you need to ask your questions.

Mr. Koch explained again how he came up with his amounts. He stated that if this is an ecological issue, currently we are putting oil brine on the road now. Maybe we should ask the township to move forward.

Bud explained the Board has 2 issues. One being a letter from an attorney threatening lawsuits if certain steps are not taken including an Environmental Impact Study and the second being the narrowing of the road and placement of the road.

Darlene Wise 835 East Bear Lake Rd stated she and her family have been owners for many years and have seen all the changes over time. She states the pavement used to go in front of 835 East Bear. My concern is the speed of traffic in front of my house and where will the road be narrowing?

Mr. Koch answered the narrowing will be at the turnaround.

Bud said until this gets figured out the Board cannot move forward. This needs to be figured out by the County Road Commission.

Bryan suggested the Board set this aside until the narrowing and placement of the road has been figured out by the County Road Commission. A meeting should be set for early October to possibly impact the winter taxes. He suggested the Board talk to the contractors about details before moving forward. Owners impacted and needed for the meeting are Tuttle, Cochran, Wszola, Throne, Brehm, and VanValken.

Mr. Cutler stated the road needs to be moved by 5 feet.

Mr. Koch stated the road will be narrowed and not necessarily need to be moved.

Bud stated the Board will need to meet with the Road Commission and the contractor about narrowing or moving the road. The cost would not include the moving of utilities that could run between 34,000 to 40,000 dollars. Bud stated if this is approved it will be next year before anything happens.

Mrs. Cochran asked how we will know how they are going to handle the road run off.

Bud said the Road Commission will need to figure that out, possibly with stoned run off areas.

Public asked how will we handle speeding?

Public answered the State Police will need to handle speeding.

Public has discussion about actual speed limit of the road.

Bud stated he would check with the Road Commission about speed limit signs.

Bud then read into the minutes the names of people that sent correspondence to the Board for their consideration: Russell & Louise Anderson, William Cutler, John Rogers, Dick Tuttle, Steve & Shirley

Koch, GGE Attorneys at Law, David Strolle Jr., and Young Graham & Wendling,

Bud declared the public meeting closed.

The Board discussed and decided to table the creation of the SAD. Motion to table the SAD made by Knight and supported by Dixon. Roll call vote: Havens, David, Knight, Dixon and Banker all yes, none opposed, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Havens and supported by Knight, all aye, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.