



Minutes of **SPECIAL MEETING**
Held **July 12, 2012**

Township of Springfield

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Walls called the July 12, 2012 Special Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Collin Walls	Township Supervisor
Laura Moreau	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Judy Hensler	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Roger Lamont	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

Board Members Not Present

None

Public Hearing:

1. Eliza Lake Special Assessment District Hearing on Practicability

Supervisor Walls explained that this Hearing on Practicability is for Eliza Lake aquatic weed control for a three year period and includes the same 36 parcels as last year. The Association asked for a three year program to make planning easier and to allow them to focus on treating the lake. The Association also asked that the Township Board consider a periodic redetermination of the assessment. Since there are a few factors to consider, Supervisor Walls indicated he will ask for comments on each.

Supervisor Walls asked if there are any comments regarding including in the district the same parcels as last year.

No comments were received.

Supervisor Walls asked for comments on the number of years.

Dick Hillman, 11520 Ely, stated that he can't answer the question if he doesn't know the program.

Adam Barry, 9300 Osprey Bay, wanted to know the expectation and until that is known, he doesn't know how to respond to the question about including parcels in the district.



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Dave Dietz, 11733 Osprey Bay, explained the goal of the weed treatment program. He stated that the Association is going to treat the lake in the proper manner for three years. They will get the lake back to what it had been and if residents are happy, they will reassess and continue. The final plan will be prepared after the 2012 treatment is completed based upon recommendations from MDEQ and Dr. Pullman.

Eliza Lake residents in attendance discussed concerns about current and past weed treatments, the safety of the chemicals used in the treatments, the condition of the lake after the first treatment this summer and what portions of the lake can be treated.

Supervisor Walls stated that the hearing must resume and requested that the residents direct comments to the Board.

Tom Szczepkowski, 11929 Osprey Bay, lives on the cove and objected to paying \$400 and not having access to the lake.

Sara Huggard, 11757 Osprey Bay, expressed concern over extensive use of chemicals. She would like to look at other options for treating the weeds. She has not seen a treatment plan and is not sure what is proposed.

Tom Van Hecke, 9260 Osprey Bay, understands the concerns of the neighbors in the north cove but believes the treatment has made a difference. He wants to see this continue. In response to concerns about the chemicals, he stated that he is a physician and has researched the chemicals and has found them to be safe.

Adam Barry, 9300 Osprey Bay, lives on the north cove and asked if the phragmites treatment can be added to the treatment plan.

Dennis McCarty, 9240 Osprey Bay, stated that the property owners do not have enough information so they can't tell the Board how they want to proceed.

Supervisor Walls agreed that the property owners need to gather more information and reiterated the roll of the Township in the Special Assessment District. He suggested that the hearing be tabled. There was consensus among the Board to adjourn the meeting until next month.

- **Supervisor Walls moved to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 p.m. on August 9. Trustee Lamont supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Dubre, Hensler, Hopper, Lamont, Moreau, Vallad, and Walls; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**



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Adjournment:

Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 7:32 am.

Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

Laura Moreau, Township Clerk