

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2016

The Fife Lake Township Board came to order at 6:00 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: CLERK STREET __X__, TREASURER SORROW __X__, SUPERVISOR FORWERCK __X__

TRUSTEE OGUR absent, TRUSTEE ROGNLIE __X__

A quorum has been established.

The DEQ Public Hearing Opened with Robyn Schmidt taking comments only through cards provided by the DEQ for the Public to fill out per comment. There will be a maximum of three minutes to address the comment.

Robyn Schmidt, explained DEQ's Public Hearing Process. Terry Street gave an overview about the boat access proposal.

Many comments were made by the public on the proposed project. Comments outlined in the following combine both the DEQ hearing and the Township Board Special Meeting.

1. Proposal did not follow the open meetings act.
2. COIR log will interfere with ice shanty's.
3. Scope of the project too large for this access site.
4. The project not needed due to another launch is located on the other side of the lake.
5. Concern about the loons and other wildlife
6. Concern about the dredging and filling of the dredge.
7. Some of the proposals are fine, just do not want the boat ramp.
8. Concern that no environmental impact study was done and also a needs assessment.
9. Concern there was no transparency. Board has not communicated properly with public.
10. A FOIA was done and an e-mail indicated two DNR officials stated they were neutral on the issue and another boat launch is not needed.
11. People want to keep it as a kayak area.
12. Money could be spent better at other places.
13. Concerns about maintenance of the site in the future.

14. Could you be satisfied just paving the parking lot and be happy that you enhanced the area.
15. No board notes indicate discussing about the project until March.
16. Concern this project is causing some community angst.
17. Lake needs a quiet area such as at the south access area.
18. Question was asked about the cost of surveying
19. Should not have spent money before project was approved.
20. Another alternative to a concrete ramp is placing in a geocell pad.
21. We should form a committee and revisit the project with these meeting comments in mind.
22. There appears to be a question as to what is a boat launch and what is an access?
23. Are there strings attached to the grant money.
24. Need to look at the long term financial impact of such a project.

Supervisor Forwerck gave a little history about the boat access and further stated the need for access improvements. She stated that it appeared a consensus that the major complaint with the proposal was the dredging. The public agreed that this was the major issue. She stated the board would take these comments seriously and that a committee will be immediately organized to look at all of the options with the access proposal. Stated we need to have a win/win situation here.

There appeared to be agreement by the audience that a committee be formed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

NEXT TOWNSHIP MEETING: April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.