

Minutes of Public Hearing August 21, 2014

Present: Doug Enos, Chairman Marlene Glinski Nicolas Finley
 Bill Gebo Stuart Bloomfield

Also Present: Paul Hausler, Progressive AE
 7 audience members

Chairman Doug Enos called the public hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. and began with the pledge of allegiance. He then explained that there would be a hearing on the practicability of undertaking a four year program to control weeds in Sanford Lake. If that was found practical, then a public hearing on special assessments would be conducted. He then explained the options for appeal after each hearing.

Paul Hausler gave a presentation on the existing lake management program and the proposed project. He covered the following topics:

1. History of the weed management program
2. Existing budget
3. Types of weeds in Sanford Lake
4. Chemical treatment vs. harvesting
5. Lake surveys and project oversight
6. Education/newsletter
7. Shoreline management
8. Potential invasive weeds
9. Proposed budget

Stuart Bloomfield then read a proposed Resolution to Proceed with Improvements to Sanford Lake.

Stuart Bloomfield moved to adopt the resolution. Marlene Glinski seconded the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yes – 5, No – 0

Stuart Bloomfield moved to adjourn the hearing on the practicability of undertaking the program.

Nicolas Finley seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After the hearing on practicability was closed, the hearing on special assessments was called to order.

Stuart Bloomfield then read a proposed Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll and Directing the Collection of Special Assessments for Improvements to Sanford Lake

Stuart Bloomfield moved to adopt the resolution. Nicolas Finley seconded the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Yes – 5, No -0

Two questions came from the audience:

1. Mt. Steve Zimmerman, who lives on a canal, objected to his assessment and asked the Board to consider canal front homes to not be assessed as lakefront. He suggested they should be assessed a rate half way between lakefront and back lot homes.

A discussion ensued, and it was pointed out that canals generally are treated more rigorously than lake shoreline. It was also pointed out that it would be difficult to differentiate between a wide canal or river, whose characteristics are similar to lakeshore, and a narrow canal.

Nicolas Finley moved that Mr. Zimmerman's objection to the assessment be denied. Stuart Bloomfield seconded.

Motion carried.

2. Mr. Ernie Bedford asked the Board what tax revenue for the weed program could not be raised at the County park by charging an entrance fee specific to weed control. It was pointed out that the County already pays 10% of the budget. It was proposed by Marlene Glinski that the idea be further explored.

In addition to the two questions from the audience, the Board received a letter from a Ms. Lois Cwiklinski requesting a hardship exemption from her assessment. After discussion, Stuart Bloomfield moved that the request be denied. Nicolas Finley seconded.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicolas Finley and seconded by Marlene Glinski. Motion carried and the hearing was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Gebo". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "B" and a cursive "G".

Bill Gebo