

Oct 18, 2023 - Planning Commission Regular meeting:

My name is Myle Turpen and I live at 9381 Lake Drive – on Lake Mecosta. I volunteer and serve on the Tri Lakes Association board. My work has moved me and my family all over the Midwest and I purchased my home here on Lake Mecosta in 2003 as my family’s vacation get away. Once I became an empty nest parent, I moved here permanently and joined the Tri Lakes Association to get to know my neighbors and become more knowledgeable about our lakes. I have been a full-time resident for 15 years. Frankly, I feel like I have won the lottery to call this my home after living in so many places all over the Midwest. I chose to make this my permanent home because of this community and the lifestyle it offers. Additionally, being an active part of this community has enriched my life personally and professionally. Tonight, you have heard from 3 of our Tri Lakes Association’s prestigious volunteers – Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, and Mike Burnard. I am amazed with the talent, passion, care, knowledge, and time they give to our community. Their leadership and that of the entire Tri Lakes Association board is far reaching across our lakes.

At last week’s special meeting, Mr. Ratledge, Trustee, shared that the planning commission has a lot of questions, information, and facts to review on how this will benefit, change and what impact this will have on our community before making any decisions. Thank you in advance for your due diligence as the gatekeeper for our community. Our Tri Lakes board met on Saturday, October 14th, and I am certain we have many of the same questions about this proposal. As the 4th representative from the Tri Lakes Association board tonight to share public comments, we want to offer the planning commission our resources so you can make the best decision to support not only your mission but that of the Tri-Lakes Association that Dave Lewis spoke about in his public comment. We are willing to assist in helping you gather information, understand community sentiment, and assist in reaching out to the resources we lean on to support our beautiful lakes. We believe that these resources can add facts and value to the planning commissions review of this proposal. Our partners we work closely with include:

- Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA)
- Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP)
- The Department of Natural Resources (DNR),
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
- PLM – Lake & Land Management corp.
- Progressive AE Consulting and Engineering

Your decision on this proposal will have far-reaching implications. The Tri Lakes Board of directors is here not just tonight but will be actively engaged and support fact finding on the impact of this on our community. We are passionate about ensuring you have all the information you need to make an informed decision.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myle Turpen