

Approved Minutes
Public Hearing No. 1
Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
290 West Main Street, Mecosta MI 49332

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Klumpp, Maureen Wolfe, Jeff Ratledge, Yo Bellingar and Stephanie McNeal were present.
18 public citizens were present.

Purpose of the Public Hearing No. 1 for proposed Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District to allow the township board to hear objections to creating a special assessment district and the necessity for the improvement.

Supervisor Klumpp read aloud the estimated costs.

Public comments:

Jim Berg, 9531 Lake Drive, Mecosta questioned the costs for each year.

Sonya Wells, 10652 Marion Avenue, Mecosta asked about taxes.

Gary Bonner, 10791 Maple Street, expressed concerns about this assessment being ongoing rather than for just three years.

Sara Wigel, Blue Lake, questioned what will be done to treat the gypsy moths.

Al Rosin, 10916 Blue Ridge Lane, Mecosta questioned what areas will be sprayed.

Deda Berg, 9531 Lake Drive, Mecosta questioned how the assessment is done.

Sonya Wells, 10652 Marion Avenue, Mecosta claimed that there are others that will do the spraying for later.

Jim Berg claimed that the lake will not be contaminated by the spraying.

Gary Bonner stated that he has been on Lake Mecosta for almost 60 years. He claims that the bacteria that will be sprayed will be harmful to other animals that depend on vegetation for a food source. No one knows the long-term effects of the bacteria that will be sprayed.

Al Rosin commented that we should be thanking Sandy Brogan for her efforts to combat the gypsy moths.

Sonya Wells commented that she agrees with Gary Bonner.

Gary Bonner commented that he will not be quiet.

Jim Berg commented that some areas are affected more by the gypsy moths more than others.

Alan McNamara, 10580 East Blue Lake Drive, asked if there will be a survey each fall to determine how much spraying needs to be done.

Deda Berg commented that continued high numbers of gypsy moths will eventually kill the trees.

Gary Bonner spoke again.

Al Rosin spoke again.

Mike Burnard, 9464 Marywood Drive asked what has to happen for the SAD to not happen.

Supervisor Klumpp read a letter from township resident Kirk Bliesener stating his opposition to the SAD.

Motion to approve Resolution R-210817 Morton Township, County of Mecosta, Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment District (SAD); Determination to Proceed with the Tri-Lakes Gypsy Moth Control Special Assessment and to Defray the Costs by Special Assessment; Directive to Township Supervisor to Prepare Special Assessment roll. Motion by J. Ratledge, second by Y. Bellingar. Roll call vote: Ratledge, yes; Bellingar, yes; McNeal, yes; Wolfe, yes; Klumpp, yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Stephanie McNeal, Clerk