

HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
May 21, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Kasprzak called the Special Meeting to order at 6:31 pm. The Pledge to the Flag was recited. Roll call was answered by Supervisor Kasprzak, Clerk Wozniak, Treasurer Rudlaff and Trustees Johnson, Gordon and Hurlbutt. Daly was absent.

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson to approve the Agenda, carried.

Supervisor Kasprzak opened a Public Hearing at 6:33 pm. Kasprzak introduced the subject of the hearing; weed eradication special assessment of Barron Lake for up to \$125.00 per year for five (5) years for each riparian property owner on Barron Lake. After reading the hearing rules, Kasprzak asked for any conflicts of interest. Kasprzak then read three letters in favor of the treatment received by the board for this hearing; David and Kris Regal of 1302 Barron Lake Road, Dan Morrill of 1274 Barron Lake Road and Dave and Linda Reynolds of 2597 Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Kasprzak then relinquished the floor to Barron Lake Association Member Bruno Eidiētis. Mr. Eidiētis explained the association is moving toward spot treatment instead of widespread treatment and that they have learned a lot the last few years. He stated they are trying to do a better job of managing the health of the lake and introduced Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences to explain the process and outcome of treatment. She had stated they have already been monitoring and testing the lake. They will only be treating areas with invasive plant species. They will not only be focusing on invasive eradication, but encouraging native growth. This will put the lake in better balance, and should decrease the muck and blue green algae in the lake. She said they want to use as little chemicals as possible. Blue green algae can kill all life in a lake. Several residents asked the doctor several questions. Treasurer Rudlaff asked about a guarantee that the treatment is only invasive plants and will not kill native plants; the last contractor had claimed it would only kill the milfoil and it did much more. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones stated they would spot treat the areas with the invasive species and that would protect native plants. Supervisor Kasprzak asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor of the assessment. At this time, no one else added any comments. Kasprzak then asked if anyone would like to speak against the assessment and no one spoke against the treatment or assessment.

Supervisor Kasprzak closed the Public Hearing at 6:58 pm.

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Hurlbutt, to approve Resolution 2019-005, setting a second public hearing to confirm a special assessment roll for the weed eradication treatment of Barron Lake for June 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm, carried, Bill Kasprzak abstained.

Kasprzak adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Wozniak, Howard Township Clerk