

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SQUARE LAKE WATER QUALITY CONTROL SAD #3B –PUBLIC HEARING COST
ESTIMATE/WORK PLAN MINUTES, MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2019, at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. The Square Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #3B Public Hearing Cost Estimate/Work Plan was held to provide an opportunity for members of the public to offer comments related to this.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Barnett, Penny Shults, Donni Steele, Brian Birney, *(Trustee Birney arrived at 6:45 p.m.)* Julia Dalrymple, Mike Flood, John Steimel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Dewey	John Pender	Mitch Tarrance	Brian Hearn
Lisa Reynolds	Frank Kunz	Harold Mitchell	Mary Mitchell
Nicholas Modak	Aubrey Rocco	Lil Hutchison	Sherri Bowers
Aaron Whatley	George Hanley	Donald Piirala	Nathan Butki
Frank Boni	Marine Boni	Kathleen Fitzgibbon	Blake Shutwell
Kathleen Lester	Charles Lester	Sgt. D. Zehnpfenning	Joe & Cindy Fraga
Barbara Duff	Claude Duff	Sharon Kelly	Roger Buches
Joanne Buches	Nancy Thede	Gary Thede	Peggy Osborne
David Berlin			

Supervisor Barnett convened the Public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Don Piirala, 1605 Bayview, stated he has five pieces of property that would be up for this assessment, and one house that is seventy years old on one piece of property along with four other pieces of property that are wooded and landlocked. Mr. Piirala stated that he is definitely opposed to this SAD.

Nate Butki, 1342 Maple Pt., stated that he expressed support for the lake water quality SAD. Mr. Butki stated that one of the things that is tough sometimes is to understand the value of maintenance and for anybody who has lived on that lake at a period of time when it wasn't maintained and actually when it disappeared for a period of years, knows what a travesty that was. Mr. Butki stated that when you go to the lake now, it is one of the most beautiful lakes in North Oakland County, and stated this is a very reasonable plan. Mr. Butki stated that this has been in effect for a while now, which is why it is being renewed in order to keep the lake quality up to what is a phenomenal level and he appreciates the support for it.

Peggy Osborne, 1591 Lakeside, stated that she too is in favor of maintaining the water quality and stated that this enables anyone in the neighborhood to access the lake and utilize it for swimming without getting swimmers itch and having to deal with algae bloom, and she is definitely in favor of continuing this SAD.

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Dave Berlin, 1280 Heron Way, stated that he is in favor of the SAD. Mr. Berlin stated that if anyone knows how we have the different weeds coming in from different lakes, and when his parents lived on Indianwood they had a problem with the weeds, and stated that we just can't let the milfoil weed, which seems to be the most aggressive one, take over the lake. Mr. Berlin also stated that this is a beautiful lake, and let's not let it revert back to something that we don't want.

Rick Buckley, 1533 Pleasantview and 490 Pleasantview, stated that he is in favor of the SAD. Mr. Buckley stated that if you look back when the SAD was going around with petitions to be signed at the Pleasantview Park Homeowners Association homeowners, which is one of the higher density associations, we pretty much had a seventy three percent approval for the SAD, so for the most part our neighborhood and Pleasantview Park neighborhood subdivision, most of the residents are in favor of maintaining the water quality of the lake.

Joe Fraga, 1270 Kempster, stated he is definitely in favor of this SAD. Mr. Fraga stated that the water is beautiful, it's clear, clean and it is a great asset for the Township.

Roger Buches, 696 Lawson, stated that he has been coming out to Square Lake for over forty-three years now and his wife and her family have been there for quite a few years. Mr. Buches stated that thinking back it was such a beautiful lake for awhile and then it got into really rough conditions, and he is in favor of the proposal because he wouldn't have the lake in the same condition that he used to experience so that his grandkids can enjoy the lake as much as he did.

Nancy Phillips, 1692 S. Newman Rd., stated that she and her husband Tom are here to let you know that they are in favor of the proposal.

Clerk Shults read written response received from Dale and Carol Kotila, 1140 Elkhorn Lake Rd., sent correspondence objecting to the SAD for weed control and pumping of the lake and they stated that they almost have no access to it.

Also, from Julie Savard in the Supervisor's Office, Michael and Katherine Kolomitz, 1075 Devon sent correspondence stating that they are opposed to the SAD.

Clerk Shults read the following list of names into the record as being opposed to the SAD: Hurston Wallace, Ellen Miller, Richard Leczel, Tara Christi, Margaret Miller, Laura Thomas, Michael and Janice Engel were all opposed to this SAD.

Clerk Shults read the following list of names into the record as being in support of the SAD: Ron Matijega, Ronald Wiczorek, Alan Meier, Karen Meier and Meier Family Trust, all submitted letters in support of the SAD.

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Seeing and hearing no other citizens interested in providing comments or any other written comments were received related to the Square Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #3B Public Hearing Cost Estimate/Work Plan, Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

Transcription: K. Comeau