

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION

April 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Trustee Lippert and Trustee Link. Absent: Treasurer Tulgetske. Also present: Chief Hill and Sgt Patchin and 21 plus citizens.

Public Comment:

Ethan Brandt shared his disappointment with Supervisor Udy in regards to the US Fish and Wildlife Permit requesting the Board remove Dave Udy as permit administrator. Marvin Bolton shared his support for the Northpoint swimmer's itch plans noting his comparisons between Northpoint and Sicon reports. Tom Kizer shared his concerns about the misconduct of Supervisor Udy in requesting an amendment to USFWS permit. Steve Sendek gave a synopsis and clarification of the Northpoint Program requesting that the slanderous statements of their program stop. Martha Clapp spoke of the integrity and honesty of Supervisor Udy. Ken Dennings referred back to the letter given on behalf of the HLPOA, HLSIO, HLEEC, HLLC requesting the the Board end the lethal take program and remove artificial nesting boxes. Ken Dennings also gave the Board an email document and stated there was no authority to take eggs, young or adult birds from duck boxes. Chuck Brick referred to the letter written by the DNR requesting that the duck boxes be taken down. Tom Mutchler said nest boxes were never allowed questioned the liabilities involved and laws being broken. Bill Baker noted duck nesting boxes were used in Harvey Blankenspoor's program in 1990. Ethan Brand referred to the misrepresentation used on the permit amendment request. Jean Lawrence referenced that the Board had already chosen the direction to go with the permit.

1. Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board adopt Resolution# 2017-04-06-01 in reference to the U.S Fish and Wildlife services Special Purpose-Miscellaneous Permit MB56627B

Roll Call: Ayes: Patchin, Udy, Link, Lippert
Nays: None
Absent: Tulgetske

2. Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Supervisor Udy to sign the Contractor Agreement with Northpoint Fisheries Management, LLC for 2017.

3. Motion by Udy supported by Lippert: CARRIED
That the Board authorize the request to amend US Fish and Wildlife Service Misc. permit MB56627B and the DNR Damage and Nuisance Animal Control Permit to allow for the collection of a blood sample and liver tissue sample from the lethally taken common mergansers prior to DNR releasing merganser carcasses to SICON. Request was made to the Board by Jason Garvon, Ph.D from Lake Superior State University. Samples will be used for research focus on parasites commonly found in the liver of waterfowl along with an ongoing project to screen for avian schistosomes using molecular (DNA) methods as well as screening for Leucocytozoans, Plasmodium sp. and Haemorphoteus sp.

Discussed

-Police Department Monthly update

Recess 10:27am to 10:30am

Discussed:

- Michigan Township Participating Plan Summary of coverage for 2017-2018
- Fire Department Monthly Update
- RCRC purchase and installation of road signs
- Rental Housing Inspections Committee
- Gerrish Township Board Resolution to apply for the Federal HAVA funds and State appropriated funds to obtain a new voting system to include tabulator and accessible voting devices
- Fire Department Monthly Update
- Compost Site program for monitoring
- Marina Monthly Update
- Planning Commission update from Mary Link
- Gerrish Township Forest Management Plan
- Wreaths Across America program
- Gallagher Land Split request
- Wally Chwan resignation of Parks and Recreation Committee
- Roscommon County Equalization Dept services renewal

Motion by Link, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
that the Board adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

Approved