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CALL TO ORDER

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. Well, we're going to call this Washtenaw County Board of Public Works Special Meeting, Second Public Hearing for the Joslin Lake Improvement Project to order. Thank you all for coming this evening. Given that we're, this is a hybrid meeting, we've got people here in person, and we've got people online, I'm going to ask Theo to tell us a little bit about the remote and meeting remote and meeting guidelines and the protocols.

REMOTE MEETING PROTOCOL

MR. EGGERMONT: Excellent. So, this is a hybrid meeting. So, we have a couple of people who are joining us online. So, when we get to the public hearing comment portion, we'll do letters first. We do have a letter, and then we'll do in person, but eventually we'll get to people who are joining us digitally. For people who are joining digitally, there's an option to join in through the phone. They'll press star 9 in order to raise their hand, and then I'll call on them, and then you can press star 6 to unmute. For people who are joining by their computer, if you press Alt Y if you're on Windows, or if you are on a Mac press Option Y to raise your hand. And

then I will call on those people, and then you can raise your hand. Or you can unmute yourself and then we'll allow you to talk for three minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, first item of business is approval of the agenda. Is there a motion to approve?

MR. McCRIE: So, moved.

MR. SCHMIDT: Is there support?

MS. SMITH: Support.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right, moved, supported. Any discussion on the agenda?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Lauren, Theo, Michelle, any corrections, or anything that we need to, correct?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Very good. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MR. McCRIE: Aye.

MR. PRATT: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. SCHMIDT: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Motion carries.

So, the first thing, we're going to talk a little bit about what this hearing's about, and then we'll talk a little bit about the project itself, and then we'll open it up for public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MR. McCRIRIE: Mr. Chairman, can I just step back really quick? Did you do the minutes?

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, I'm sorry. You know, I checked that before I should have.

MR. McCRIRIE: You did. You got ahead of yourself.

MR. SCHMIDT: I did get ahead of myself. Thank you very much, Gary.

All right, next item on the agenda, approval of our minutes from the Special Meeting of June 23, 2022.

MR. McCRIRIE: I move approval.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you. Is there support?

MS. SMITH: I'll support.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. Moved and supported. Any discussion or corrections for the meeting minutes from June 23?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. All those in favor please signify by saying aye.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: Aye.

MS. SMITH: Aye.

MR. McCRIE: Aye.

MR. PRATT: Aye.

MS. ROOT: Aye.

MR. SCHMIDT: Opposed, same sign.

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Motion carries.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MR. SCHMIDT: Now we'll get on to the purpose of this public hearing. And we're going to have Theo Eggermont, the Director of Public Works for Washtenaw County tell us about that. So, Theo, the floor is yours.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thanks. So, I'm Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director at Washtenaw County. This, in a nutshell, the purpose of the hearing is to allow you to have a public comment, to provide input, comment, support, or objections, and then it's for the Board to determine if they want to proceed. They'll confirm the roll. So, they'll vote on a resolution at the end of the meeting to either approve or deny the resolution approving the roll, and the roll is who's in and who's out, what are the charges, and then proceed there. I'll give a little bit of background of where we've been so far and then what will happen next.

So, this project starts with input from the

residents, so there was a petition that was circulated, and that's really where the project started. So, we met with them, they had some questions for us, as we provided support to those folks who were looking to start a project.

They -- then once we felt like there was enough support, we brought it to the township to say, "Hey, would you like to support this project? Is this something that you want the county to provide this service for residents?" They approved that resolution to say, "Yes, we'd like you to take this project on." And from there the Board of Public Works reviewed the project, determined is this something that we want to proceed with, can we support the service, and we said yes, let's move forward in the process.

So, from there I went to the Board of Commissioners in Washtenaw County. They said, "Yes, we would like to support this project. This is something that the residents have asked for. We want to support the residents in the township." So, then we put a notice in the newspaper to say there's a couple of public hearings. Those have to go out ten days before. We also send a letter as a courtesy because we want to make sure that the people are notified of the public hearings, and that's something that we just do on, as extra because we think

it's important that -- you may not read the newspaper, especially in digital days.

So, then the first public hearing is really that support or objections. The second one is more towards the roll, but because we want to allow people to have their say in both, they open it up to support or objections during both meetings.

So, then this is the second of the public hearings, and regarding the roll, it's the amount paid, and Lauren will talk about that when she talks about the project. So, what the charges are. And I'll note that as far as the who's in and who's out, we can always administratively remove somebody from the roll by zeroing out the charge, but once they're not included in the Special Assessment District, you can't put them back in. So, we're a little bit more reluctant to remove someone than to keep them in and say, "Okay, we're going to zero out the charge and effectively remove you." But it allows that flexibility where we say, okay, we have that option that it's supposed to, if we remove you, and we, maybe we get some new information and then we can't put you back in the roll.

So, let's see. From there, this project was a project a number of years ago. It was able to run longer than anticipated because there were sufficient funds.



That's something that we always hope to do. That's part of why we lowered the cost from the last assessment. The last assessment, which I want to say was, I'm blanking on the year, but it was, it ended up running an extra year or two the last time we had it, so it ended in 2016, 2017. So, because that ran long, we lowered the cost a little bit.

We also hope that treatment is effective and that we are able to lower the cost, but the costs that we present tonight are the maximum costs, and we will, if the project is able to proceed, if the Board votes to continue, we would anticipate the full 100 percent the first year or two because it takes a lot more treatment in order to knock back the weeds, and then if it's effective we can lower it over time, and that's the goal from the financial side I should say. Lauren will talk about the goal from the ecological standpoint.

So explicitly tonight, just allow you to have public comment, say your piece, and then allow the Board to determine if they should proceed, and then confirm the roll to say here's who's in, here's who's out, and here's what the costs are.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Theo.

For a brief overview of the project, we're going

to call on Lauren Koloski.

MS. KOLOSKI: I wasn't sure if you were going to try or not.

MR. PRATT: Easy for you to say.

MR. SCHMIDT: I'm horrible with that.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MS. KOLOSKI: Thank you.

Hello, everyone. I'm Lauren Koloski. I'm the environmental supervisor over a Washtenaw County Public Works.

The Joslin Lake Improvement Project will provide lake improvements to control the growth and reproduction of non-native aquatic invasive plants, including, but not limited to Eurasian Water Milfoil and Starry Stonewort.

The project will also work to control the growth of nuisance native plants, including but not limited to, Chara and Variable Pondweed.

The project will focus on maintaining the ecological health and the recreational opportunities for Joslin Lake. Additionally, other items may be included which would provide support for maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities that will be subject to approval by the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works.

The total cost over the five-year project is estimated at \$284,130. The Washtenaw County Board of

Public Works has tentatively designed a Special Assessment District against which are (sic) all part of the project is to be assessed, which districts consist of the following lands: it's all tax parcels identified as having the deeded access to Joslin Lake.

The proposed maximum charges per year are as follows: non-waterfront residential properties with lake access is \$190 annually; waterfront residential properties are going to be assessed at \$515 annually; the Department of Natural Resources will be charged \$750 annually.

This lake improvement project manages the entire ecosystem and is not just a weed management program. We're steering it to benefit the native ecosystem and maintain the recreational usage. That is why we provide education to invested residents to help the lake improvement project meet these objectives.

We have had residents who have come forward and asked for verification on specific parcels, and we have followed up with them. If we have not followed up with you directly, please let me know as soon as possible at the meeting or after the meeting as well.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you, Lauren.

All right, at this point we're going to open the public hearing portion of our meeting. Since this is a

hybrid meeting, and we also take written comments, do we have any letters to be read into the record, Theo?

MR. EGGERMONT: Yes, we do.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay, well let's start there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. EGGERMONT: All right. So, this is from Arthur A. and Karen J. Pisani, 42380 Clemons Drive, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170-2593. And I should read the property ID as well, since they gave a separate address. So, it's E-05-04-400-011 on Joslin Lake. The letter reads:

"Dear Mr. Eggermont, I will be unable to attend the second public hearing set for Wednesday, July 27th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 North Territorial Road, Chelsea, Michigan, 48118.

Pursuant to our conversation by phone yesterday, July 21st, 2022, and your email also dated yesterday, July 21st, 2022, please consider this letter as my formal protest to the proposed Special Assessment against my property for the above-referenced project. I thank you for your courtesy in allowing me to enter my protest via this letter. Arthur A. Pisani."

MR. SCHMIDT: Excellent. Any others?

MR. EGGERMONT: That was the only letter.

MR. SCHMIDT: That's the only letter.

MR. EGGERMONT: Only letter I have.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. We're going to move on to in-person comment. If you want to speak, please fill out a card so we have a record of that, and we'll proceed and start off with Jane Sowa.

MS. SOWA: No, it's Janel Sowa.

MR. SCHMIDT: So, we ask that you give us your name and your address for the record.

MS. SOWA: Okay, it's 8095 Roepke Court, Gregory, 48137. It's Janel Sowa.

MR. SCHMIDT: Janel. Okay. And your comments?

MS. SOWA: Well, I've owned this place for 27 years, and the last time they did a weeding, you know, the weed control, I contributed, you know, I contributed and paid all that. But my complaint is they never come even close to my house, and I've got the worst weeds in the whole, the whole lake, and I'll guarantee it, because the other side is all sand. I'm all weeds, and I got surrounded. And I took pictures if you would like to look at them. I can hardly get my boat in and out. And I asked them last time, I called whoever was in charge, would you please come and look at it and see if you can do

something closer to the shore, and they never did, and I know -- are you going to do like 100 feet away from shore? Is that the rules this time?

MR. SCHMIDT: Uhm.

MS. SOWA: I mean, I don't know if it is or not, but I think that's what they said last time.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah, so we don't typically do a back and forth during this part, but the Board will have an opportunity to --

MS. SOWA: Oh, well, I'm just trying to figure out, you know --

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MS. SOWA: -- if it's the same situation as last time, and I'm still flooded with weeds, I mean solid, solid, then someone needs to come to my address and look when they're doing this project --

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. SOWA: -- I would request and see if they're going to do anything. If they're not, then I oppose that, paying all this tax money if they're not going to help get me out of -- my boat to back out. So that's my only thing I'd like to figure out.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. SOWA: You know, what -- what are they going to do about that? Are they going to go in the middle of

the lake only or what, you know?

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. SOWA: And am I allowed to take 'em out myself, but that's more of a me project, but does this include the lily pads or whatever they're called, I don't know if lily pads is the same as what that other thing is called. I don't recognize the names of all those weeds.

MR. SCHMIDT: We'll circle back around with some of the details --

MS. SOWA: Because.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- for this.

MS. SOWA: Okay. But I have all kinds of different weeds there. I have 'em all. You get a good variety.

MR. SCHMIDT: Is there anyone else who would like to provide public comment?

MR. EGGERMONT: Drew, real quick, one thing I forgot to mention here --

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh, please.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- just that in order to -- one of the reasons to speak during public comment is to be able to take your case to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. So, if you are opposed to the Special Assessment District, you have the right, in order to take it to the Tax Tribunal, to see if -- to contest the Special Assessment

essentially, so.

MS. SOWA: And who is that or where is that I mean?

MR. EGGERMONT: It's in Lansing. So, you pay a fee, I forget how much it is, and they will allow you to hear your case, and so they'll ask you a number of questions, and then they may side for or against, so.

MS. SOWA: So, you have to go to Lansing?

MR. EGGERMONT: That's something that --

MR. SCHMIDT: Is it in person now?

MS. SOWA: But I mean, but I mean can I still make a comment? Because mine's going to be \$2,575 extra. I mean, we're all -- you know, this is the worst times to raise taxes. We already have, you know, if you look at the gas tax. Everything else and just throwing on extra money on our tax bill is just kind of absurd timing, you know, with the way things are. So.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MS. SOWA: I don't know. I mean I just don't -- I think it's a lot of money to have to shell out, unless they really help improve where I'm at, and I'm right on the water, so.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. SOWA: Okay.

MR. SCHMIDT: Is there anyone else --



MR. PRATT: You still --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You didn't -- you didn't fill out a card.

MR. PRATT: -- real quick, hadn't filled a card out, but.

MR. SCHMIDT: We need a card.

MS. KATZ: We can bring one to you when we (unintelligible).

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MR. WALTERS: Speaking from the same side of the lake.

MR. SCHMIDT: Name and address, please, first.

THE COURT REPORTER: Can you come forward up a little closer?

MS. KOLOSKI: We'll do the card next. Come forward and speak.

MR. SCHMIDT: We have a microphone right up here.

THE COURT REPORTER: That's for my recording.

MS. KOLOSKI: We have to have recorded minutes.

MR. WALTERS: Oh, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Come on up.

MR. SCHMIDT: Don't be shy.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We want to hear your seven minutes in two-and-a-half.

MR. WALTERS: I'm trying to catch up a little bit here.

MR. SCHMIDT: Your name and address first.

MR. WALTERS: Oh, I'm sorry. Mark Walters. 5804 San Souci Road. Okay. And it's funny to hear you call it the same side, because we do have the four or five homes in a row there.

MS. SOWA: Okay.

MR. WALTERS: That have beach sand. But I, just so you know, when I pull in or pull out, my prop's full of weeds.

MS. SOWA: Oh.

MR. WALTERS: Okay, it might look like it's sandy.

MS. SOWA: Uh-huh.

MR. WALTERS: It's not. I just thought I'd point that out. For a minute I thought I was on the nice side of the lake, but it's -- it's just as weedy. So, I think you caught my drift.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes, yeah.

MR. WALTERS: And I wasn't involved when they treated it, we weren't out here X number of years ago, if you know what I mean, so I don't know how that went. I do know that it needs to be done.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah, just so everybody knows, we

will be posing some questions to Lauren based on the comments that we hear. So, thank you very much for your comments.

MR. WALTERS: Yep.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes. Very good.

Anyone else?

MS. SZUFNAR: Yes. I didn't fill out a card, and I will.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Name and address, please?

MS. SZUFNAR: Sandy Szufnar, 5215 Joslin Lake Drive. Brought up a very good point here. I know at a previous lake we lived at how the weed control was handled. I have no idea how it will be here after it is passed, which I assume it will be this evening. What is the next step, or will we go through this, as far as who we can contact as far as the company that will be doing it so that questions like this can be answered? And will we have, do we have, do we get like a bonding form for them and everything else so that we know that we know that their licensed to do this and -- that's just it. After this when we get into the nuts and bolts, I hope we're going to have a little more input as far as who is going to be taking care of our lake for us.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

MS. SZUFNAR: Uh-huh.

MR. SCHMIDT: Any other in-person comments?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Theo, do we have any virtual commenters who would like to participate?

MR. EGGERMONT: So, I'll open it up for our virtual attendee, Phyllis, if you would like to speak, please raise your hand. You can press star 9 if you're on your phone, or Alt Y if you're on a Windows computer, or Option Y if you are on a Mac. And I also can just allow you to talk here. If you unmute yourself, we should be able to hear you. If you'd like to speak now, please indicate you'd like to do so.

MS. GRZEGORCZYK: Hi, can you hear me?

MR. EGGERMONT: We can hear you.

MS. GRZEGORCZYK: Good, good. Phyllis Grzegorzcyk, and we are at 3816 Homewild Drive, and we've been there since 1969, and we're very much in support of the weed abatement. And we did -- we were there when it was done last time. I think it's; I think it worked out well. The weeds are really growing up badly all over the lake, and it really does need to be dealt with. And that's all.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you very much for your comments.

Anyone else in person that would care to speak?

(No response.)

MR. SCHMIDT: Perfect opportunity.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Last opportunity.

MR. SCHMIDT: Oh -- last opportunity, yeah.

MR. BLEVINS: So, the deed, if you're deeded access it's the 190 still, just the lake access?

THE COURT REPORTER: What's your name, please?

MR. BLEVINS: I don't live on the lake. I'm 8100 Roepke Court across the street from the lake, so.

MR. SCHMIDT: I'm sorry. Name and address?

MR. BLEVINS: Robert Blevins. 8100 Roepke Court, Gregory, Michigan.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. We'll get that answered for you.

MS. KOLOSKI: I will.

MR. SCHMIDT: During the course of our discussion.

Anyone else?

(No response.)

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay, seeing no more commenters, I'm going to close the public comment portion of the hearing. And I want to thank everybody who participated that way.

And the Board will now consider the resolution

to approve or deny the determining of the Special Assessment District, confirming the roll, approving the cost estimate. Is there a motion?

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: I'll make the motion to approve the resolution for this.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay, is there support?

MR. PRATT: I'll support.

MR. SCHMIDT: Very good, thank you.

Okay, let's, we'll open this up for discussion. I think we probably have some questions that need to be answered before we take action here.

So, Lauren, I trust you have a question or two?

MS. SMITH: Yes, I have -- I guess I'm getting a reputation.

So, we've heard a few comments today about the specifics of the treatment. I think there's maybe a little bit of confusion there, or lack of knowing where the information is I guess is maybe what we need to review. And then the second thing is the, just going over the cost estimate again and maybe explaining a bit more about what that means, you know.

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

MS. SMITH: Like you did. And informing that they can contact you and maybe even talk after the meeting. So, I don't know who wants to take my questions

if it's Theo or Lauren.

MS. KOLOSKI: To, I mean, to answer the question about how treatment is decided and, what we will do is after this process is completed, we put out requests for proposals. So, we put it out to a large group of companies that can provide this service to the lake, and so then we get those proposals back for an applicator and a lake manager, so we have two separate people doing those things, and then that's -- so we go through a bidding process. They have to give us their qualifications, they have to provide us updated information about similar projects. And so, we do go through a vetting process for the contractors that we do choose to make sure that we're getting, you know, fair pricing and we're not getting, you know, we're making sure we're comparing prices and comparing bids between all the companies who submit them to us.

The amount of involvement, I'm not sure. I have to discuss that with Theo. He might be able to answer that better, but that is the process that we go through for picking these people to do this project.

When they are picked or are out there doing surveys, what we do do is we -- we get on a boat and we travel around the entire shoreline of the lake and we assess it, and we assess the situations based off of each,

you know, is it undeveloped, is it not developed, you know, is it developed area, is it native plants, is it invasive plants, are we allowed to treat them this time of year. It's all based off of like the permit of what we can and can't do that's going to be issued for Joslin. I don't have an updated permit in quite a few years, but I, we would, after this process we would, the applicator, when we choose them, would submit a permit to the state that's kind of like our guidebook to what we can and can't do on a specific lake system.

So that's how we decide the treatments. We do go on a boat, and we do do the entire lake looking for areas.

MR. EGGERMONT: Just for reference, the lake manager is a scientist who is, that's their job is they go out, they look at the lake, and they say, "What are the different plants here? What's the treatment? What can we treat?" Because we, we're not going to treat plants that are good for the lake that end up preventing things like algal blooms or other native plants that are good that should be there, because if you treat those and you kill 'em, the first thing that happens is you get a bunch of weeds that are invasive, and those are the nasty ones that are going to be even worse than the native ones in some people's minds. They'll be more prolific, so.



They'll determine where it should be treated, and then a different company actually goes out and does the treatment. You can see the reason for why you'd have two different, because you don't want the left hand saying, "Hey, you should apply so many chemicals on the right hand," because then the incentive structure is to put more chemical in the lake than would be necessary because then they get paid more. So, we eliminate that incentive by having two different companies, so.

MS. KOLOSKI: I think that sometimes the misconception with this project is is we will not provide a swimming pool. We will not clear all of the plants if they are native and they are beneficial and they belong there and they're not causing recreational nuisance, they, in this program they will stay. But it's all plant based, and we can do a ton of education on what plant is which and where and provide a lot of information on that.

MR. PRATT: And Lauren --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes.

MR. PRATT: -- you're the point of contact for many of the lakes we treat on.

MS. KOLOSKI: Correct.

MR. PRATT: You give out your email --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yep.

MR. PRATT: -- there's a website and stuff --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yep, I'm --

MR. PRATT: -- so if this goes forward, you would have an email list specific to this lake that people could give you their emails tonight?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes. I did have a sign-up list last time. I didn't bring it this time because nobody signed up last time. But that is, yes. So what we, what I do is we were working on a website if this project passes, so I will have a website specific to this project with contact information on it, and specific to Joslin, so we'll put up a lot of, I mean if you guys have an association newsletter, anything of that sort, a lot of that stuff is kind of a collaboration to get that information up there, and I typically will post reports. But I do have an email list for all of my lakes that when I get really great information or treatments happening, it kind of depends a lot about we all -- we kind of like work together and see what fits best to get the information out. Some people have really strong lake associations where they do it all on their own, and sometimes I am the one who is sending out the information. But there will be direct contact information for me as well.

MR. EGGERMONT: There are different models for that. We had one lake in North Lake which just a little sliver is in Lyndon Township. They have a very active

group of residents who have formed a lake association, and some leadership within that association provides a lot of input for us. And so that's something that is helpful for us to get input from people who are really interested in saying, "Hey, we want to be part of this, we want to provide guidance," they're the eyes on the lake, and, you know, there's a certain level of guidance that's really helpful for us of how active do you want us to be on the lake. Some folks will be happy would be happy with one treatment a year, some would say, "Hey, you know, this is not doing it for us. We need a little bit more activity on the lake."

So that's the kind of guidance that can be helpful, as well as the eyes and ears on the lake. So, we'll be working with residents. I know the gentleman who passed around the petition was interested in forming some kind of group. So, I would encourage if this project is passed to form some kind of association or even an informal group that we can liaise with in order to have some more communication with.

But that being said, you always have our contact information and can reach out to us directly.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. More questions?

MS. ROOT: I have a question.

MR. SCHMIDT: Go ahead.

MS. ROOT: Lauren, just for a point of clarification, you said that you go around, and you assess the lake, the lake properties, and see where, what's happening with the weeds and whatnot. Is it possible that you don't cover all of the area because there's too much, or will all of the lake be treated? Does that make sense to you?

MS. KOLOSKI: I don't know if I'm following -- I don't know if I'm following. Are you asking if we, are we going to survey the entire lake?

MS. ROOT: I thought that's what you said, that you would go around and you would look to see what's happening in each, at each point, each person's home or whatever, and see what's growing there, whether there's natives or invasives, and I guess my question is will -- do we have -- is the treatment going to cover the entire lake area, or is it possible that it will only focus on a certain section because you run out of time kind of thing? Because it's too much?

MS. KOLOSKI: No, time is never a consideration of running out of time.

MS. ROOT: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: I think our limiting factor is what we are, the budget, and if it's natives, what type of plants are showing up there. If it's undeveloped

shoreline, developed shoreline, but time is never --

MS. ROOT: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: We will make it work.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: The whole lake is not treated.

It's --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: Yeah. The determination of where the treatment is made from the assessment.

And then can you just clarify how close to the shore you get? I heard some comments --

MS. KOLOSKI: It depends. It depends. It depends on a lot of different factors of, just the plants that are growing there, it depends on, you know, a lot of the stuff is they don't want us going out further. Sometimes they want us to kind of stay within that like 100-foot contour of the lake system. So, there are no limitations or restrictions about how close we can get to the shore. The limitations that we see are we can't really treat, you know, really too far into the middle of the lake because there's not plants there, and then undeveloped shoreline is pretty much off limits if it's native plants, they won't let us touch those.

MS. ROOT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: And there's also a time of year restriction with certain chemicals as well.

MS. KOLOSKI: Certain chemicals, yes. For the copper, yes. So, there are chemical restrictions in May and June for copper that are currently, I currently know will be applied to your permit, that we have restrictions on those, but as far as any other ones, we won't know until EGLE tells us what we can and can't do. Because you guys do have an endangered frog on your lake that was part of the assessment for the previous one. There's a whole population study that was done previously.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's its name?

MS. KOLOSKI: It's the Blanchard's Cricket Frog.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The what?

MS. KOLOSKI: The Blanchard's Frog. The Blanchard's Cricket Frog.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh. It's an endangered, yeah, it's endangered. So, they did a whole population study. It's in the wetlands area, and so we have to monitor -- well, previously we had to monitor that area, and if we saw the, I don't think we treated much there, but if we did see it, we had to suspend treatment in that area.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quick question. So, lily pads seem to be a holy grail --

MS. KOLOSKI: Sure.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- compared to -- or the DEQ at least thinks they are.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And they never get treated.

MS. KOLOSKI: Lily pads are heavily restricted in what we can and can't do. If we chose to treat lily pads, it's very limited in the amount of frontage that we can do, and how many parcels we can do over a year, so it's very restrictive, and it's not -- and I'm not sure if that's something you want to include or not include, but you can hand pull them and remove them by yourself if you would like if they're causing -- you can rake them and hand pull them out. But they are native beneficial plant to the lake system.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Until they aren't.

MR. SCHMIDT: Until they aren't.

Any other questions from the Board?

MR. McCRIE: I do.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She just said it. You can pull them.

MS. KOLOSKI: Correct.

MR. McCRIE: So, Lauren, will this have the same mapping that you would have had in for instance like Portage Lake?

MS. KOLOSKI: It depends on the contractor.

MR. McCRIE: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: But so different contractors provide different things, but it should be very similar.

MR. McCRIE: Okay. So, I can speak from experience. So, I have a property on Portage Lake which is also treated. You can click on the link for it, and it will tell you when they're going to treat portions of the lake and what they're going to treat it for.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. McCRIE: And it's a color map. It'll tell you the date that they're coming out to do it. And then, so there are three things that are happening on our lake, so they're treating the canals where they grow for different times of the year, and then there's also a harvesting portion for that one. I don't know if there's any with this one.

MS. KOLOSKI: Not currently.

MR. McCRIE: Not currently. But it's a really rich and informative website where you can see exactly what they're doing, and the dates that they're doing it. So that would be available as well, correct?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes.

MR. McCRIE: Okay. And I can speak from experience, it is highly effective on my lake. We are



very pleased.

MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

I know that there was a question about the annual assessments.

MS. KOLOSKI: Correct.

MR. SCHMIDT: Residential non-waterfront is 190 per year?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: \$190 per year.

MS. KOLOSKI: So residential non-waterfront properties -- do you mind if I get the map?

MR. SCHMIDT: Please. I love pictures.

MS. KOLOSKI: My son's been looking at this for, since the last time it's been in my garage. He thinks it's pretty cool. So, I have a color coding here. And so, this is the DNR obviously. These are all lakefront properties. The only ones that are not, so lakefront, lakefront, lake access, are your green ones over here. Lakefront, lakefront, lakefront contiguous, and then these are lake access without frontage. So, these are lake access over here. So, the different color-coding kind of shows where it goes and how they're assigned. So, you've got some contiguous properties over here, and so anyone that's kind of blue color is a contiguous property would not be charged under this project. It would be grouped in

with the other property that's -- that they own.

MR. EGGERMONT: It would just be charged once.

MS. KOLOSKI: Right.

MR. EGGERMONT: You don't get charged twice.

MS. KOLOSKI: Right.

MR. EGGERMONT: If you have a contiguous property.

MS. KOLOSKI: So, this is the, how I broke it out.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, the houses on the north side of Joslin Drive, some of them are in the original plat, and some of them are considered out lots.

MS. KOLOSKI: Here?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Have you ever -- yes.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're considered out lots in the original plat. They aren't charged at all even though at least one of them is deeded in conjunction with the subdivision.

MS. KOLOSKI: I pulled the home -- it's the Homewild one, right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, this --

MS. KOLOSKI: Homewild?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Homewild South.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, I pulled that subdivision plat. They were not included in that subdivision plat that I pulled from the state.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. The original 1923 plat there's --

MS. KOLOSKI: If that's the one that's on record and on file.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, that's the one --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's talking Joslin Drive, not --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Joslin, Joslin Drive, but it's Home -- we're still part of Homewild Subdivision platted in 1923, and there are three out lots that at the time the sub was platted are not considered to be part of the subdivision.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But since then, at least one of them is actually on their deed part of the subdivision.

MS. KOLOSKI: Hmm.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, should we --

MS. KOLOSKI: I wasn't aware of that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's just it's, yeah, I know it's kind of weird, but that means that two people are not getting assessed, or three people aren't getting

assessed, but one may be, is still considered to be part of the sub.

MS. KOLOSKI: I can look into that.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah, it's --

MS. KOLOSKI: I can pull the deeds. I have the ability to pull the deeds of these houses and I can look a little bit further into that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: It doesn't have to be -- this doesn't have to be the make-all for tonight. We can --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Once you say it's easy to get somebody -- or easier to get somebody out --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- than it is to get somebody in.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, I just have to pull the deeds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just wondered, there's a huge out lot between Homewild and, or maybe that's now -- yeah, that one.

MS. KOLOSKI: That one?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, but that's now got a color, so it's --

MS. KOLOSKI: Yep, that's included.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: See, but that was an out

lot originally, too, but that has got a color.

MS. KOLOSKI: Hmm. Okay. I just have to look into it. That's all I have to do is pull the, because the original subdivision plat does not include these properties.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. KOLOSKI: So, I will --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They call them out lots.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay. Interesting.

MR. SCHMIDT: So --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have 20 acres that's an out lot behind Homewild Drive.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It doesn't have lake access.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm on the lake though with my home. But those 20 acres, if you want to include it, that'd be fine, because then I could sell it with lake access.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, I --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good one. Good one.

MS. KOLOSKI: No, I will pull the deeds and I will investigate that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Appreciate it.

MR. McCRIE: Just for clarification, those were out lots in the plat?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MR. McCRIE: Okay. And then they were developed as residential lots at a later date?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: At a later time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MR. McCRIE: And people built on the out lots?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

MR. McCRIE: And is there a road end or any other thing that runs within the plat to the water? Their access or water width?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There are ports.

MR. McCRIE: There are ports.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There are ports.

MS. KOLOSKI: They're these, Gary.

MR. McCRIE: And they're accessing --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MR. McCRIE: I'm looking at an aerial photograph of the properties.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

MR. McCRIE: So, they can access through those

to the water?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct. Correct.

MR. McCRIE: And the out lots are part of that? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. KOLOSKI: Okay. Thank you for bringing that to my attention.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, then we would include those in the roll.

MR. SCHMIDT: That sounds -- do we --

MR. EGGERMONT: Contingent upon if they are, if they do have deeded access.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ah, we're back to that old, deeded access. Let's not do that.

MR. SCHMIDT: Do we need to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's not a deeded access in the lot.

MR. SCHMIDT: Do we need to amend the resolution to include those addresses so that they can be included, and then if they're not really with access we can pull them?

MR. EGGERMONT: That's my thought.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: Evan, do you have any thoughts other than that? But that would be my understanding --

MR. PRATT: Nope, that would make sense, yes.

MR. EGGERMONT: -- of how we proceed.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. McCRIRIE: Do we have access to the plat tonight?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yes. It's right here.

MR. McCRIRIE: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: Of course, I do.

MR. McCRIRIE: Of course, you do.

MR. SCHMIDT: While you're looking that up, while you're looking that up, do you have other questions from the Board that need some answers?

MS. SMITH: Just one. I just was hoping Theo or Lauren could just clarify that -- well, I can speak to it too because it's in our meeting notes, but the original lake management plan on Joslin Lake was from 2009 to 2014. And my understanding, I wasn't on the Board at that time, but money was collected for those five years, but it extended and continued. There was enough money collected to continue treating the lake for two additional seasons, right? So, it ended in 2016/2017 season. So, a reminder that the numbers you see on the amount that you would be charged in the Special Assessment District are maximum numbers. And so, if things go better than expected, you would be charged less. And maybe you can speak to that.



MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, so every year in preparation for our August Board meeting we look at the budget and we look at how things are responding, and we decide should we charge the full amount, which is the amount we know tonight, or should we charge less because we don't anticipate needing the money in the future for next year's treatment? So, we know that things are bad for the weeds, and people have told us it's grown back a lot. So, if there's a lot more, you have to do more treatment in the first year, probably two at least, and then we'll assess at that point and determine, okay, do we need to keep doing what we were doing, or can we throttle back a little bit and charge less?

MS. KOLOSKI: We make that decision every year. So, every year we review every assessment district that we have, and then we present our decisions to the Board for a resolution. So, it is a yearly review process.

MR. PRATT: And historically in my recollection is Joslin Lake, the assessment was reduced more than once, and we still had money left over, so I think there was still money for about a year-and-a-half of additional treatment after the five-year program was done, so, maybe we could have assessed even less than we did. But at the end of the day, I think all of that was used for continuing the treatment after the fact. It's just we

weren't administering the program that last half year. I think we did one extra year. So, it has worked out for this lake. It has worked out for most of our other lakes that after a couple years we do end up assessing less. It's not often obvious to people because all of us don't, you know, look at all those line items and then compare it to last years and stuff. But that has happened out here in Joslin, so, hopefully we can get there again.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. Do we have the --

MS. KOLOSKI: I do. I see the subdivision plat.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- parcels?

MS. KOLOSKI: I see the out lot one here, and I see it. I see the subdivision plat. I see out lot one. Now it's broken up into multiple different. So. I do see it, the out lot. But I didn't, my sister and I didn't pick up on the two houses that were built on there. So, we would have to pull -- Gary, you wanted to look at it or?

MR. McCRIRIE: I'm just curious if that --

MS. KOLOSKI: There is an out lot.

MR. McCRIRIE: -- then if there's a tax code number associated with those out lots.

MS. KOLOSKI: Not on the subdivision plat. It just says out lot.

MR. McCRIRIE: Right.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah.

MR. McCRRIRIE: But we can -- we can superimpose that over to come up with an address or a tax code number?

MS. KOLOSKI: Oh, yeah.

MR. McCRRIRIE: Okay.

MS. KOLOSKI: I'm pulling up the GIS system right now.

MR. McCRRIRIE: Okay.

MR. SCHMIDT: So --

MR. EGGERMONT: So, if you could read those, then we could add them into the.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah.

MS. KOLOSKI: Oh, of course.

MR. PRATT: If you'd like to do that, or I could add a friendly amendment that's a little more general in nature. I don't know --

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MR. PRATT: -- what we would need, but. I'm just saying maybe we could add an amendment to say subject to additional review in the Homewild sub for any additional parcels with legal lake access.

MR. SCHMIDT: I like that. I like that.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: I like that.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay. Is --

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: I made the motion.

MR. SCHMIDT: You offered. Do you consider that friendly?

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: I like that. Friendly, yep.

MR. PRATT: Okay. I supported, so I will support that.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right.

MR. PRATT: Just so we're not trying to do it all on the fly.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: Right.

MR. PRATT: And box ourselves in.

MR. SCHMIDT: Understood.

Any other questions for members of the Board?

(No response.)

ROLL CALL VOTE

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. I think we should probably move ahead then. Michelle, could I trouble you to call the roll?

MS. KATZ: Certainly.

McCririe?

MR. McCRIRIE: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Schmidt.

MR. SCHMIDT: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Smith.

MS. SMITH: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Root.

MS. ROOT: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Pratt.

MR. PRATT: Yes.

MS. KATZ: Maciejewski.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: Yes.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. Motion carries. Thank you.

MR. PRATT: And then Drew, a final clarifier, I think, I'm assuming everybody's aware of this, but this would be for treatments next year, right?

MS. KOLOSKI: Correct.

MR. PRATT: I can't remember if we said that at the beginning or not, but just so we're not --

MS. KOLOSKI: Correct.

MR. PRATT: -- crossing signals or whatever. I think everybody gets we're kinda deep into summer right now, but.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right.

MR. PRATT: So, we're not walking away thinking different things.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, I'm still raking the beach every day.

(Unintelligible; multiple speakers laughing, talking briefly)

MS. KOLOSKI: Beach raking is, I know you -- you can rake your beach, you can hand pull the plants. What you can't do is bring in an excavator and, you know, drag your shoreline.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, no. The excavator is this.

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is me excavating our (unintelligible; multiple speakers).

MR. SCHMIDT: So, we have one other resolution to consider, and then -- or actually it might make more sense, Theo would you want to talk about next steps? Because the next resolution --

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah.

MR. SCHMIDT: -- doesn't pertain to the Special Assessment District.

#### NEXT STEPS

MR. EGGERMONT: Yeah, so the Board will take a vote. There'll be a roll call vote to determine if they should proceed. If the --

MS. SMITH: We just did that.

MR. SCHMIDT: We just did.

MR. EGGERMONT: We just did. Sorry.

MS. MACIEJEWSKI: We just did that.

MR. SCHMIDT: It carried. We're all good to go.

MR. EGGERMONT: Thank you.

(Unintelligible; multiple speakers, laughing)

MR. SCHMIDT: It's okay.

MR. EGGERMONT: It's been a long day.

MR. SCHMIDT: It's a long day.

MR. EGGERMONT: So, since the Board approved it, we will determine what the assessment rate will be, noting that since it is weedy, we will recommend 100 percent in August for the full assessment amount. We will then put together an RFP for the lake manager and the applicator and have those in place before the next treatment season. We will work with residents who are interested, as I mentioned before, please reach out to us if you are interested in being one of those members of the group, and we'll connect you all to each other to see if you want to form a lake association, or just, if it's more informal, to move forward. But we'll figure out a communication mechanism for residents as well as updating our website at that point in time.

The assessment will go on the December, the winter tax roll, so you'll see that on your taxes. And then treatment will start next year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How soon do they usually start? Early? May?

MS. KOLOSKI: No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or later?

MS. KOLOSKI: We typically haven't treated, only time we've ever treated in May is when we're doing canals. So, June.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: June. Okay, thank you.

MS. KOLOSKI: Uh-huh.

MR. McCRIE: You're raking 'til June.

MR. SCHMIDT: Raking 'til June.

MR. PRATT: But you're out on the boat sooner than that doing the lake survey, right? End of April into May?

MS. KOLOSKI: Yeah, so it starts with the lake survey, and it's usually around Memorial Day --

MR. PRATT: Yeah.

MS. KOLOSKI: -- that we -- the plants really come. And it depends on the spring. A lot depends on the spring. If we have a really cold spring, it's going to kind of push things. If we have a really hot, warm spring, we're going to be moving things faster. So, we have -- a lot is whether dependent. And how cold the winter was as well, too. That's a big indicator is how soon we're getting out there is how cold that winter was.

MR. SCHMIDT: Okay.

MS. ROOT: But it's not us dragging our feet. It's we're dictated when we can start and everything.



MS. KOLOSKI: Correct. Yeah.

MS. ROOT: So that's what's important.

MS. KOLOSKI: We -- yep.

MR. SCHMIDT: All right. At this point for those of you who would like to stick around and listen to our discussion of an escrow agreement for Sylvan Township water and wastewater improvement, you're more than welcome to. For those of you who choose to leave or, now or later, thank you for coming out this evening. We do appreciate your participation in local government, and yeah, thank you. Have a safe trip home.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thanks for the information. It was very helpful.

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