

Fraser Township Special Meeting 3/22/2021

Special Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Galus, Augustyniak, Hadd, Powers, Rugenstein – all present. Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Fence at Linwood Scenic Point: Bid for fixing Linwood Fence from Thomas Kernstock with the price of \$10,900. Motion to accept bid by Augustyniak, supported by Powers. All in favor; motion carried.

Close of meeting: Motion by Galus to close special meeting, supported by Powers. All in favor; motion carried.

Public hearing meeting called to order by Galus.

1. Confirm public notice: Notice of meeting was published in the Pinconning Journal the week of 3-15-2021.
2. Explanation of request: Fraser Township is requesting local support on the application of 2 grants for the improvements of the Great Lakes Access Point at the end of Linwood Road. One grant to the MDNR Trust Fund and the other to The Land and Water Conservation Fund.
3. Comments by applicant, Laura Ogar, Director of Environmental Affairs for Bay County. Ms. Ogar gave a very detailed and professional presentation including project drawings from a civil engineer, so the public could ask pertinent questions.

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT 6:55 P.M.

All present at special meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Laura Ogar-Speaker	Director of Environmental Affairs for Bay County
Bob Bragiel	128 N. Huron Rd., Linwood MI (LCIC)
Judy Migut	188 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Jack & Janet O'Connor	120 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Steve Suess	200 Ernst St., Linwood MI
Lee Gifford	188 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
William Harper	98 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Charles Campbell	525 S. Huron Rd., Linwood MI
Troy and Beth Johns	186 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Tracey Ruff	20 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Fred Heideman	196 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Michelle Kirchman	309 S. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Barbara Vandenbelt	224 N. Linwood Beach, Linwood MI
Caitlyn French	926 Fraser St., Bay City MI (MLive)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michelle Kirchman/Parks & Recreation from Kawkawlin Township. She asked if the seawall is part of the first phase. Answer to her question was yes. Another concern was funding. Answer to the question was: We have dedicated funding of \$127,000.00 and \$20,000.00 for this project. We are applying for additional grant monies. Also, it will include greenspace and sidewalks.

Jack O'Connor: He asked if we still have the \$127,000.00 available for use. Answer to his question is yes. He also asked when will the seawall be constructed. Answer to his question is that it depends on when and if we receive the grant monies from the DNR.

Bob Bragiel: He commented on the top notch drawings by the civil engineer that were procured by Laura Ogar and thanked her for all her hard work. He also commented on how thorough the presentation was to all that were present.

Michelle Kirchman: She commented that she was worried about the west end of the tie back of the seawall not being long enough. The answer to that comment was that the seawall will be engineered by a long time professional in the business so it will be done right. Another question she asked was how do we keep the debris from washing up on shore at the west end of the sea wall. The answer to that question: At this time Phase 1 does not involve the natural coastline.

Bill Harper: He commented that the construction of the sea wall will make it more efficient for the trash and debris to follow the seawall and funnel right back into the ATV and snowmobile access area. He asked who would be responsible for keeping the area cleaned of debris. As of now the local residents do so. The answer to the question was that this is a natural shoreline and it is not part of the current build and because the ownership of the property belongs to Fraser Township and Kawkawlin Township the maintenance is up to them.

Jack O'Connor: He commented that boats and trailers all go into the bay at the end of the spit.

Barbara Vanderbelt: She commented that for the past years everyone used the spit to access the bay.

Michelle Kirchman: She commented that the proposed ATV/snowmobile access point was never used until recently as an access point to the bay.

Bill Harper: He commented that back when the water level was low, a local resident built a berm and planted shrubs and trees on it. The local residents feel this is why the debris is building up in this area.

Charles Campbell: He asked what the elevation of the sidewalk will be. He is hoping the elevation of the sidewalk will prevent debris from entering into the parking lot. The answer was that once again the natural shoreline is not a part of this phase. The consensus of the group was that the residents will manage the debris and trash unless it is something where they need the help of the townships. They do not want the debris issue to prevent getting a grant.

Bill Harper: He asked if there would be lighting and cameras for the area to prevent vandalism. The answer is that the townships will definitely look into getting lights and cameras during the construction with other grant money.

Troy Johns: He asked if the old guard rail will stay there and will the school bus still be able to turn around. Answer to his question: This is not part of this phase so the bus will still be able to turn around.

Lee Gifford: He asked why don't we put in a dock so small boats can be docked and tied up where the kayak launch is planned to go. The answer to his question is the dock at the end of the spit will be a rolling dock only for fishing and not to tie boats to. Putting in a small boat dock (maximum 14' boats) is absolutely something to look into in the next phase. He asked who is going to mow the green space. The answer to his question is that Fraser Township and Kawkawlin Township are the owners and are taking responsibility for all the maintenance.

Tracey Ruff (now lives next to the access point): Asked if the repairs to the townships wooden privacy fence would impact her chain link privacy fence at the end of the wooden fence. The answer to her questions was that it would definitely not have any effect on her fence. She stated she was thankful to learn how the berm came to be. She also commented that she is very much in favor of this project. She stated she watches people drive down to the bay and turn around and leave because there is no place to sit and enjoy the bay.

Barbara Vandenberg: She commented that she loves the new plan and that so many people drive down to look at the bay. She lives right there and sees all the traffic. She stated it would be very nice to have somewhere to sit and enjoy the bay.

William Harper: He also made the statement that he sees a lot of traffic all day long of people driving down and turning around because there is no where to sit and enjoy the bay.

Charles Campbell: He also stated he wants to see a greenspace there where more people can come and enjoy the bay.

William Harper: He commented he loves the plans and has no problems with this going forward. He stated he has been looking forward to it for years.

Patricia Powers: She stated that after church services she and her family go to the bay to enjoy the view and turn around and leave because there is nowhere to sit.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT 8:00 P.M. by Galus and the Fraser Board agenda was resumed.

4. Motion by Augustyniak to replace entire fence from damaged end towards the bay. Motion supported by Rugenstein.

Roll call: Hadd yea, Augustyniak yea, Galus yea, Powers yea, Rugenstein yea. Motion carried.

5. Board may Comment
6. Motions & Considerations by board

- Board to vote on Resolution #3-317-21. Resolution read in its entirety and voted on by board.

Roll call: Hadd yea, Augustyniak yea, Galus yea, Powers yea, Rugenstein yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Roll call: Hadd yea, Augustyniak yea, Galus yea, Powers yea, Rugenstein yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Motion to adjourn by Galus, supported by Rugenstein. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

PATRICIA POWERS
FRASER TOWNSHIP CLERK