

**Ross Township
12086 M-89
Richland, MI 49083**

**Public Hearing for Local Watercraft Control Ordinance
Tuesday October 20, 2020
5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Baker at 5:03 P.M.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Diana Langshaw Norm Kellogg Rob Baker
 Cindy Genung Dave Senkewitz

Absent: Lynn Harmon Mike Sulka

Also Present: Corporal Ivan Perez and Jim Mason-DNR
 Jeff Christensen – Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept.

Corporal Ivan Perez from the DNR opened the Public Hearing for Local Watercraft Control Ordinance. Mr. Perez is the local DNR enforcement officer. He discussed the timeline of the request and an outline of the Watercraft Control Ordinance. (No wake zone in the bay of Gull Lake). His preliminary report will be available for the next meeting to review. All of the information is being recorded, including public comments. Residents can be able to make comments for up to 30 days via, regular mail and email to the DNR.

Public Comments:

Michael Sullivan – in favor of the no wake zone

David Scott – in favor of the no wake zone, due to safety issues and the amount of boat traffic.

Jack Gesmundo – in favor of the no wake zone. Increase in traffic, boats, kayaks, paddle boards, etc. Franklin Beach should be included in the no wake zone.

Kevin Miller – Resident of 194 E Gull Lake Dr. and Manager of Gull Lake Marine Center. In favor of the no wake zone

Lyle Showerman – in favor of the no wake zone

Mark Rodgers – Sherman Lake resident- wanted the definition of a “no wake zone”

Tom Cole – Bay resident and has 12 slips for rent in the bay (40 years) In favor of the no wake zone due to safety and wave issues.

Jean Hansen- Bay resident for 40 years, increase in boat traffic, that has caused safety issues. In favor of the no wake zone.

Corporal Perez read his closing statements. He and Mr. Mason will be available after the meeting to discuss any other issues one on one with any resident. Reminded our attending residents that they can still provide public comments through November 19, 2020.

Mr. Perez closed the Public Hearing at 5:41P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Kellogg
Ross Township Clerk