

**Ross Township
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**Special Board Meeting
And Public Hearing
April 7, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Supervisor Hutchings.

ROLL CALL

Present: Christina Hutchings Michael Bekes Syndee Genung
 Lynn Harmon Diana Langshaw Mike Sulka
 Carin Louis

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Rob Thall and approximately 10 interested residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Bekes moved to approve agenda. Second by Trustee Langshaw.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to general public comment at 5:33pm.
Supervisor Hutchings closed public comment at 5:33pm with no comments made.

GULL LAKE LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROL

Attorney Thall explained the purpose of reprocessing the Resolution and Ordinance for the No Wake Zone that was previously established by Ross Township March of 2021. The DNR's protocol to establish the Ordinance included an internal policy that was not required to be followed by the prior DNR official overseeing the Township's process. The Township thought everything was all set last year. The DNR has requested that the process be reestablished in order to comply with their internal policy and ensure that the Ordinance is enforceable. There is no cost from the DNR to re-adopt the ordinance or for the buoy permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to public comment at 5:39pm.
David Kempe of Gull Lake asked about the timing of DNR's public hearing in respect to the boating season.

Jack Gesmundo of Gull Lake spoke in support of the No Wake ordinance and passed on that he had not heard any negative comments about the Ordinance. He believes it's a positive improvement.

Supervisor Hutchings closed public comment at 5:42pm.

Trustee Sulka suggested future Townhall discussions to listen to resident's opinions of the effects of the Ordinance over the last year.

Further public comment was requested. Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to further public comment at 5:43pm

Keith Bruns of Gull Lake stated the ordinance is working to reduce the wake and dangerous situations.

Russ of Gull Lake Marina stated he is against the no wake zone because most people with lake front property want their beach to have no wake. Where do we start and stop? The no wake zone causes lost revenue to the Marina due to extra travel time with the boats they provide services to.

Jack Gesmundo passed on that he has observed a substantial increase in non-motorized boaters. It is now a safer environment for smaller watercrafts.

Supervisor Hutchings closed public comment at 5:50pm.

Trustee Harmon moved to adopt Resolution 472022-1. Trustee Langshaw seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Sulka: Aye

Harmon: Aye

Louis: Aye

Hutchings: Aye

Genung: Aye

Langshaw: Aye

Bekes: Aye

No nays, Watercraft Resolution 472022-1 adopted by the Ross Township Board.

Trustee Sulka moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Trustee Bekes.

Meeting adjourned 5:50pm.



Carin Louis
Township Clerk