

# **Rollin Township Planning Commission**

**Minutes Special meeting February 14, 2015**

Meeting to gather citizen input regarding proposed improvements to Township boat access on Round Lake

Call to order at 11:00 AM

Roll call; Present; Nancy Nichols, Walt Miller, Mike Clark, Barb McClain, Bruce Walker, Doug Kapnick, absent; Jim Driskill

28 citizens present

Chairman Kapnick opened meeting informing all present that the purpose of this meeting was to gather public input from citizens regarding proposed improvements to Township boat access on Round Lake. The present access ramp is in poor condition and needs repair. The Planning Commission has no authority to act in respect to the access and is only gathering information to forward to the Township Board. Chairman Kapnick presented 20 letters/e-mails from the public in regard to the subject with a synopsis that 16 were in favor of some improvement and 4 were opposed.

**Public Comment:**

Jerry Tonjes asked if there was a plan? He was informed that there is no plan at present. He stated that he was in favor of improving the launch ramp but was against public parking

Don Murdoch asked if Round Lake is a public lake and was told yes it is.

Mark Wenn presented a petition with 114 signatures in favor of leaving all trees in place

Mark also complained that the new fence makes it difficult to plow his driveway.

Township Trustee Bruce Walker spoke about the background of the proposed project and told everyone present that the Township Board had voted at its last meeting to prohibit parking at the access and to place no parking signs at the site.

Monty Yackee asked what were the plans and the safety concerns?

Tim Mattern asked when the project would happen?

Clyde Frautschi asked what would be the cost and said he was not in favor of increase in taxes

Don Murdoch asked if a permit was granted to plant the trees on the access? Answer; no

Arlen Miller spoke in favor of improving the ramp but is against the addition of a dock

Gary Zimmerman asked who will police the access? Answer; Township officials and the Lenawee County Sherriff Dept.

JoAnn Fullerton asked if this is the only public access on Round Lake? Answer: yes

Joel Johnson spoke in favor of widening the approaches and improving the launch ramp but was opposed to a tie down lane and dock

Micky Miller spoke in favor of ramp improvements, dock and tie down lane

Chuck Hiller the new owner of the adjacent property to the North of the access spoke in favor of improving the launch ramp but not to expanding drive

Jeff and Jill Elsea spoke in favor widening and improving launch ramp

Richard Fullerton was in favor of improving the ramp but no dock

Greg Meijer spoke in favor of improving ramp and adding side tie-down lane

Gary Marzolf expressed concerns about the spread of invasive species, said people, including the Sherriff Dept. need to clean boats and trailers between moving from lake to lake.

There being no further comments, Chairman Kapnick thanked all present for their input and assured that all comments, letters and e-mails would be forwarded to the Township Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM**