

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PRACTICABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

BEAR LAKE – LAKE BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that the Bear Lake – Lake Board (“Board”) will hold a public meeting with public hearings on continuing an improvement project for Bear Lake on **September 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., at Laketon Township Hall, located at 2735 West Giles Road, North Muskegon, Michigan 49445**. The purpose of these public hearings is to: (1) consider the practicability of a continued lake improvement project that consists of aquatic plant control and other related activities intended to improve Bear Lake (“lake improvement project”); and (2) to consider an assessment roll for the proposed lake improvement project. In summary, the Board is proposing an additional five years of annual special assessments. More information and documents associated with the proposed lake improvement project such as an assessment roll will be available at the public hearings or upon request to the Office of the City of North Muskegon at (231) 744-1621. **The proposed lake improvement project proposes annual special assessments for five additional years in approximate annual amounts of up to \$524.22 for lakefront parcels, \$262.11 for condominium parcels, and \$1,048.43 for commercial parcels.**

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Bear Lake - Lake Board will determine the practicability of continuing the lake improvement project and will review a corresponding special assessment roll for the project, hear any property owner objections to the lake improvement project and the proposed assessment roll, and make a determination of whether or not to confirm said assessment roll. The hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the assessment hearing is required to appeal your special assessment. Property owners and those concerned may attend the public hearings and offer comment. Any person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings **and/or** file their objection in writing with the Bear Lake - Lake Board. Any such person or entity can file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the **Bear Lake - Lake Board at 1502 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon, Michigan 49445**. Protest letters received by the Bear Lake - Lake Board by no later than the assessment hearing shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the assessment hearing. The Bear Lake - Lake Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearings. If the hearings are terminated or adjourned before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the district and having protested such special assessment may file a written appeal of their special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after published notice of confirmation of the special assessment roll. Please review MCL 211.746 and MCL 324.30913 regarding appeals.

Proceedings conducted at these public hearings will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the City of North Muskegon’s Office at **(231) 744-1621**. Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the City of North Muskegon’s Office at **(231) 744-1621** or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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