

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
GERRISH TOWNSHIP WITH LYON TOWNSHIP
SWIMMER'S ITCH
April 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm at Lyon Township. Present from Gerrish Township Board: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert Absent: Treasurer Tulgetske. Present from Lyon Township Board: Supervisor Nellist, Clerk Reno and Trustee DeHaan. Absent: Treasurer Williams and Trustee Munoz. Also present: 10 citizen.

Discussed: Swimmer's Itch

- Supervisor Homola announced the intent of Gerrish Township to endorse the Steven Sendek and Dr Mark Luttenton's Swimmer's Itch Action Plan for 2016.
- Supervisor Nellist announced they will continue to support the Blankespoor's Swimmer's Itch Control Program.
- Both Boards would like to work together and continue to have meetings on progress of programs.
- Both Boards agree in the importance of sharing all data collected for the ultimate goal of reducing Swimmer's Itch.

Public Comments:

- HLSIO will be providing a SI brochure and website swimmersitch.org/Higginslake
- Concerns of how to determine which plan is most effective with 2 plans in place.
- Concerns of relocation and lethal permits in conflict with each other
- Question on when the programs will begin. Answer: Beginning of May/ice out
- Question on where shooting will take place. Answer: On Lake and secured/safe land locations
- Question could both programs function together. Answer: Boards didn't feel it would be an issue

Announcements:

- A.C.T. Now will be hosting a Monthly Community Meeting with the informational update presented by the local Swimmer's Itch Task Force at Gerrish Township on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome
- Next Swimmer's Itch Task Force Meeting will be held at Gerrish Township on April 14, 2015 at 2:00 pm
- Next meeting for joint Lyon Township Board and Gerrish Township Board will be held on May 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Gerrish Township. Swimmer's Itch Task Force meeting will immediately follow the joint Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved