

SPECIAL MEETING
GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD WITH LYON TOWNSHIP BOARD
SWIMMER'S ITCH
May 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm at Gerrish Township. Present from Gerrish Township Board: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Present from Lyon Township Board: Supervisor Nellist, Treasurer Williams and Trustee DeHaan. Absent: Trustee Munoz and Clerk Reno. Also present: 13 citizen.

Discussed: Swimmer's Itch

Steve Sendek from Northpoint Fisheries updated his progress. He noted that Common Merganser Duck counts to peak around 90 on April 24. After harassment and lethal take, in designated area, down to a count of less than 10 on May 18th. Lethal take of Common Merganser to date is 23. Dr. Luttenton has also began sampling snails to identify the specific snail host. Looking into why nutrients are so high in identified bad snail area. Nesting boxes will be checked in the next few days. Steve is very happy with the results thus far.

Ken Dennings from HLSIO updated on the progress of SICon. He noted the lab is located at 104 Webster Street and will be open to public. SICon will began full program on May 20th. SICon has collected snails and are currently gathering data on the snail samples along with the Merganser Ducks received from Northpoint Fisheries noting all Common Merganser Duck samples to be infected to some degree. Ken Dennings noted that HLSIO was working on increasing funding at all levels and attempts to form a Michigan Swimmer's Itch Foundation.

Public Comment:

-A resident inquired about any swimmer's itch creams that are endorsed. Also inquired about potential protection suites to be worn.

Announcements:

-Next meeting for Gerrish Township Board and Lyon Township Board for a Swimmer's Itch update will be on Monday, June 16, 2015, 2:00 pm at Lyon Township Hall. The Swimmer's Itch Task Force will immediately follow meeting AT Lyon Township Hall

-ACT NOW will be hosting a community meeting at Gerrish Township Hall on Monday August 17th, 7:00 pm with a Swimmer's Itch Progress update. All are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

Approved