

TOWNSHIP OF WATERLOO

TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING GREEN ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 19-04-09-1

At a duly-scheduled meeting of the Township Board of Waterloo Township, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mount Hope Road, Munith, MI 49259 on April 9, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Doug Lance, Lisa Morency, Josh McAlister, Wendy Walz, Janice Kitley.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by Lance and supported by McAlister:

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Department of Transportation has proposed closing a portion of Green Road in Waterloo Township, which is also a natural beauty road, to allow Aggregate Industries to mine, extract, and haul the sand, gravel, stone, and dirt from the closed portion of the roadway and the buffer areas on either side of the road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Natural Beauty Road Act, the Township Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 to consider and hear public comment concerning the closure of Green Road; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Waterloo Township in attendance at the public hearing expressed several areas of concern regarding the closure of Green Road and the proposed mineral extraction from the road and the buffer areas on either side of the road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board hereby finds that several concerns remain regarding the mineral extraction of Green Road and the abutting buffer areas and the impact of that extraction on the surrounding native trees and plants:

1. How will Green Road remain a natural beauty road if it does not functionally exist for portions of 2019 or 2020?

2. How will impacts on the natural beauty road, trees, flora, and fauna be limited during paving and improvement of the western (remaining) portion of Green Road as well as the extracted portion of Green Road?
3. How will the native trees and plants be replaced and maintained following the proposed reconstruction of Green Road?
4. How will invasive species be kept out of the natural beauty road area and associated setbacks?
5. What is the impact on the tree canopy surrounding Green Road? How will it be mitigated or addressed?
6. No reclamation plan has yet been provided by Aggregate Industries regarding Green Road and the setback area as required by its annual extraction permit.
7. Will appropriate setbacks from adjacent non-mining properties be maintained? Will appropriate setbacks from the open portion of Green Road be maintained?
8. Are variances from applicable zoning setbacks available?
9. Is a road no longer a right-of-way for the purposes of the Waterloo Township Sand and Gravel Ordinance simply because it has been temporarily closed by the County?
10. Clarify the length of closure for mining and restoration of Green Road.
11. Details of procedures for closing and noticing roadway. (Safety)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Sand and Gravel Review Committee is directed to carefully examine the impacts of the proposed road and buffer area extraction operation in collaboration with Jackson County in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of the Township and Green Road's natural beauty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any final extractive operations and reclamation plans remain subject to the final approval of the Township Board under the Waterloo Township Sand and Gravel Ordinance.

