

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.

East Bay Charter Township Hall

1965 N. Three Mile Road

Traverse City, MI 49686

Present: Planning Commission Members Robert Tubbs, Judy Nemitz, Ted Hentschel, Jim McDowell, Tracey Bartlett, Rob Larrea and Mindy Walters

Board Members: Glen Lile, Sue Courtade, Bryan Marrow, Matt Courtade, and Dale McAlister.

Absent and Excused: Butch Strait

Also Present: Township Planner Jay Kilpatrick; Zoning Administrator Leslie Couturier; Recording Secretary, Anne Wendling;

Two (2) guests were in attendance.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Lile called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll was called by the Recording Secretary.
3. **Review for Conflict of Interest:** None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Hentschel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Nemitz and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Public Input:** None

6. **New Business**

A. The Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Center's Healthy Beach Initiative

Andy Knott was present to discuss the Healthy Beach Initiative with the joint boards. He stated that there was grant money available to provide monitoring and public awareness campaigns. Knott showed maps of the

watershed and said that due to the largesse of the area, many partnerships must be forged to work in tandem to protect water quality in the bay. In the past 20 years, changes along the bay have changed from industrial uses to recreational uses and the wastewater treatment plant had an upgrade in 2004. Knott showed tables of chemical levels which proved that the water being released was cleaner than the water being taken in. Knott discussed storm water projects such as Hannah Park, the Farmer’s Market and porous pavements. Knott gave background regarding e coli monitoring at the beaches and gave facts pertaining to when e coli levels are found to be highest. There is an action plan for healthy beaches which has three phases. Phase One includes public education, ordinances, and behavior modification; Phase Two includes more detailed sanitary surveys and source tracking; and Phase Three would implement additional stormwater controls. Knott also discussed the many stakeholders in this project as well as some of their accomplishments.

Questions were then asked by the joint board and commissioners. Larrea inquired about any correlation between increased sampling and more e coli being discovered. Bartlett inquired about inland lakes associations and suggested that the healthy beaches initiatives may want to present a program for them as well. Tubbs asked why testing occurred on Wednesdays and Knott responded that the labs were closed on the weekends and it took time to get results. Nemitz said enforcement is an issue and asked where stormwater goes. McDowell asked whether zebra mussels create e coli and Knott’s response was that water was filtered by the mussels and in turn, that problem does create other problems such as more aquatic plants in bay. S. Courtade said that the East Bay Township Park Commission should be involved in such a township decision as well. McDowell asked if the signage is available right now and where the funding could come from. Knott said that the signs just needed to be on public property.

9. Old Business: None

10. Adjournment: Chair Lile adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.
Submitted by:

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Anne E. Wendling, Recording Secretary	Date
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Susanne M. Courtade, Clerk	Date
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Glen Lile, Supervisor	Date