

CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION 0/ OF 2023

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING INCREASED EXPANSION IN TO KALKASKA COUNTY.

**THE CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD, OF THE COUNTY OF
KALKASKA, STATE OF MICHIGAN STATES:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Clearwater Township, County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Township government of Clearwater township, Kalkaska County, Michigan.

WHEREAS, the Board of Clearwater Township, County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan have concerns with the expansion of Camp Grayling into Kalkaska County.

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is asking for a twenty year lease for an additional 162,000 acres from the DNR for Camp Grayling National Guard Training Activities significantly expanding the current area used for that purpose into Kalkaska County.

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed expansion and has been met with justifiable concerns from many municipalities and the public about the proposed expansion, and the uses defined for these areas.

WHEREAS, the Master Plan of Kalkaska County states that Kalkaska County is a rural, recreation-oriented place, filled with pristine rivers, dense forests and open farm land, and that Kalkaska County wants to retain its rustic and outdoor playground atmosphere for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling does not support the Master Plan of Kalkaska County, further surrounding and encroaching on even more private property and residences without any adequate buffering, thus interfering with the general quality of life and enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling would increase the use within the watershed of the Manistee River and its tributaries increasing the possibility of contaminants reaching the Manistee River and its tributaries.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling and with the increased use will have a potential negative impact on the rural roads of Kalkaska County and trails on state land within the county.

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling and proposed use will have an adverse impact on the health and general welfare of the citizens of Kalkaska County.

WHEREAS, the township of Clearwater, Kalkaska County, oppose the expansion of Camp Grayling when there are other alternatives than an expansion in to Kalkaska County.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the township of Clearwater, County of Kalkaska, Michigan be and hereby oppose the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling in to Kalkaska County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Counties of the State of Michigan, the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan State Legislature and State Senators, and the Govenor of Michigan.

This Resolution was adopted by the Board of the township of Clearwater, at a regular meeting held at the Clearwater Township Community Center, at 5407 River St NW, Rapid City, MI 49676 on March 16th, 2023.

YEAS: Members *BRADLEY BACKERS JOHNSON CHLOS*

NAYS: Members *KEYES*

ABSENT: Members *NONE*

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED *3-16-2023*



Christine Johnson, Clerk
Clearwater Township



Thomas Backers
Supervisor
Clearwater Township

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on March 16th, 2023, notice of which was given pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christine Johnson
Clerk
Clearwater Township