

TOWNSHIP OF BEAR LAKE
Resolution No. 9 of 2024

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
DNR's PROPOSED CAMP GRAYLING
EXPANSION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Bear Lake, Kalkaska County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall located at 198 E. Bear Lake Road, on May 14, 2024.

PRESENT: Bankier, Havens, Dannenberg, Knight, Dixon
ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Bob Dixon and supported by Shirley Havens.

Recitals

- A. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has proposed expansion of DNR-controlled lands available for Camp Grayling National Guard Training Center Activities through an MOU or Special Use or Permit, of Public Lands within Bear Lake Township, Kalkaska County.
- B. Contaminants known as the "forever chemicals" as documented by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), confirming to exist in Lake Margarethe and its tributaries, aquifers, wells, on lands used by the military and its affiliates, on areas used for training within the confines of Camp Grayling, present a clear and present danger to the environment and to those that live and recreate in the Township of Bear Lake, Kalkaska County and within the proximity of the Township.
- C. The purpose of the public lands within Bear Lake Township is for the use of the citizens of the state of Michigan for recreation as stated in the Michigan Constitution and the Kalkaska County Master Plan.
- D. It is the public's right to recreate and not be subject to disrupt, detain, or endanger the Outdoor Experience, without the potential of a harmful device, proven or unproven, Electromagnetic or Electronic devices or

otherwise be used by the military, its affiliates or defense contractors, or their proxy, in Bear Lake Township, Kalkaska County, Michigan

- E. The Bear Lake Township Board wishes to seek a diminished military presence, to have the peaceful and quiet experience, with the many watershed, forest, and recreational opportunities that drive our economy and property values.
- F. The Bear Lake Township Board, therefore, desires to express its views concerning this proposed expansion by this adopted Resolution.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bear Lake Township Board:

- 1. The Board hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed expansion and any future expansions of Camp Grayling by lease, Memorandum of Understanding, Special User Permit, or sale of public lands by the Michigan DNR to the military, its affiliates or defense contractors, or their proxy.
- 2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, M. Scott Bowen, and to the Township's State Senator Michele Hoyenga, State Representative Ken Borton, and to United States Congressman of the 1st District of the State of Michigan Jack Bergman, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs General Paul Rodgers, and Camp Grayling Post Commander Scott Meyers.
- 3. All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

YES: Banker, Havens, Dannenberg, Knight, Dixon

NO: _____

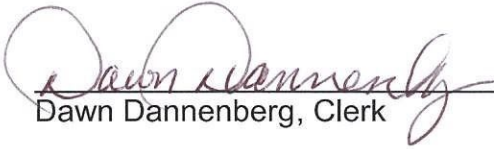
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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By: George Banker
George Banker, Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Township of Bear Lake, Kalkaska County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Bear Lake Township Board of said municipality at its regular meeting held on May 14, 2024, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 5/14/24


Dawn Dannenberg, Clerk