



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Ph.D., Natural Resources Deputy
Mark Hoffman, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Ronald A. Olson, Chief, Parks and Recreation Division

SUBJECT: Miner Lake Boating Access Site Addition - Approval to Appraise, Offer and Acquire

Overview:

- Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) currently manages the Miner Lake Boating Access Site (BAS) on the 300 acre Miner Lake in Allegan County to provide public boating recreation opportunities.
- PRD intends to acquire a 1.5 acre parcel adjacent to the BAS for the purposes of expanding the existing BAS in order to improve capacity, traffic flow and safety.

Acquisition Parcel:

- This property consists of 1.5 acres with 120 feet of frontage on Miner Lake.
- Access to the property is from 120th Avenue.
- Landowner: 2643 120th Ave, Allegan, Michigan 49010, 269-
(Name, phone and email edited before posting to MinerLake.com site)
- Realtor: By Owner
- The parcel includes 152 feet of frontage on Miner Lake

Field Review and Comments:

- The existing BAS often gets congested and traffic patterns can cause safety issues.
- The existing parking lot fills up quickly and is in need of increased capacity.
- This acquisition will provide the land necessary to expand the existing parking lot to increase capacity of the BAS.
- Division staff support the acquisition as it will be of direct benefit to the Department's waterways program.

Location:

- The parcel is located in Allegan County, Allegan Township.
- T2N R13W, Sections 11
- The property is bordered by the Miner Lake BAS to the west, Miner Lake to the North, lake channel and lake residential (seller's property) to the east, and 120th street to the south.

Local Engagement:

- Allegan County and Allegan Township have been contacted. DNR is waiting for their responses.

Funding:

- The existing asking price for the property is \$225,000.
- PRD will use funds from the Waterways Program for this purchase.
- DNR Waterways Commission has approved the use of Waterways Program funds for acquisition in Fiscal Year 17.

Relationship to DNR Managed Public Land Strategy and PRD Land Acquisition Strategy:

- This parcel would contribute to achieving quality recreation opportunities, protecting and managing natural resources and helps meet the DNR's measurable objective to manage existing DNR land by providing appropriate amenities on 30% of Michigan's navigable waters.
- This acquisition will also provide additional recreation land in southern Michigan.

PRD would like your review and support in moving forward with this acquisition. With your approval, PRD will forward this request to the Real Estate Section for processing.

APPROVED:

William E. Moritz, Ph.D., Natural Resources Deputy

DATE: _____

Mark Hoffman, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: _____

Attachments

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