

**TOWNSHIP OF LYON
COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-011

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING LEASE EXPANTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Lyon Township, Roscommon County, Michigan, held on October 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Tatro, Schnell, Grier, Carlson, Tomak

ABSENT: None

Board member Schnell offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Board member Grier:

WHEREAS, the board of Lyon Township, county of Roscommon, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Township government of Lyon Township, Roscommon County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, The Board of Lyon Township, Roscommon County, State of Michigan, have concerns with the expansion of Camp Grayling as proposed;

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is asking for a 20-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 these purposes;

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling has not presented a study confirming the need for the expansion,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed expansion and has been met with justifiable concerns from the public about the proposed expansion and proposed uses;

WHEREAS, the Master Plan of Lyon Township states its purpose is to maintain the existing rural and environmentally rich character of Lyon Township, and to protect the natural resources and discourage large scale development;

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling does not support the Master Plan of Lyon Township, further surrounding and encroaching on even more private property, residences, and Sate and Federal lands used exclusively for outdoor recreation 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 Higgins Lake, the Muskegon River and all the tributaries involved, increasing the possibility of contaminates;

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion Camp Grayling and with the increased use will have a potential negative impact on the rural roads of Roscommon County and trails on State land;

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 Lyon Township, Roscommon County;

WHEREAS, the Township of Lyon, Roscommon County opposes the expansion into Roscommon County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Board of Lyon, Roscommon County, State of Michigan be, and hereby oppose, the Proposed Expansion of Camp Grayling into Roscommon County.
2. That the Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the County of Roscommon, the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and the Township's State Senator and State Representative.
3. All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby rescinded.

YEAS: Board Member(s): Tatro, Schnell, Grier, Carlson, Tomak

NAYS: Board Member(s): None

ABSENT: Board Member(s): None

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2022


Julie Tatro, Supervisor


Doug Schnell, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Doug Schnell, the duly appointed clerk of the Township of Lyon, Roscommon County, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lyon Township Board at a regular meeting held on October 19, 2022, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Attest:

Dated: October 19, 2022


Doug Schnell, Township Clerk