

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWNSHIP OF SILVER CREEK**

**DEWEY LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DEWEY LAKE, SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

***Please take notice, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954 (MCL 41.171et seq.) that*** a Public Hearing will be held to hear objections to creating a special assessment district, the plans, and the estimated costs for weed control for riparian owners and others who may have riparian rights on Dewey Lake in Silver Creek Township.

***Please take further notice*** that said hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the Silver Creek Township Hall at 32764 Dixon St. Dowagiac, MI 49047.

***Please take further notice*** that the township board has received a proposed treatment plan from Dewey Lake Improvement Association. The estimated costs of such plan:

DEWEY LAKE SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP FIVE YEAR PLAN WEED CONTROL		
Tax Year	Program Year	Cost
2017	2018	27,500.00
2018	2019	22,000.00
2019	2020	22,000.00
2020	2021	22,000.00
2021	2022	22,000.00

Estimated Cost for weed treatments 2018 through 2022: \$115,500.00.

Said plans and costs will be available at the public hearing and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

***Please take further notice*** that at the hearing, the township board will consider written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the clerk at or before the time of the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. At the public hearing the township board will also consider comments or objections raised, as well as revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimates and costs or the special assessment district.

The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal.

***Please take further notice*** that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the township board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the area in the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Clerk Barbara Runyon, P.O. Box 464, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

***Please take further notice*** that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessment, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessment.

***Please take further notice*** the main meeting room at the Silver Creek Township Hall is barrier free and Silver Creek Township will provide the necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting room upon seven (7) day notice to the Township Hall. Individuals with disabilities or services should contact the Township in writing or calling the Township Hall. Return all correspondence to Barb Runyon, Silver Creek Township Clerk, P.O. Box 464, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047.

Barb Runyon  
Silver Creek Township Clerk