



## Park Township

From the Desk of Howard Fink,

Township Manager

1/24/2020

Hi Everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### **Water Levels**

Attached with this managers' report is a damage claim assessment from Wade Eldean resulting from high water levels. This damage claim is to the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner office through the established drain district in that area. At a recent county drain meeting, Mr. Eldean indicated he was planning on petitioning the district for an engineering study on how to address the high lake levels.

Recently, Mr. John Gronberg also indicated that the Macatawa Park Association desires to discuss and identify if there are any solutions to the high lake levels. They also may be involved in a petition effort.

Currently, I am not aware of any strategies that would be effective in mitigating the high lake levels. In general, it is an area far removed from my knowledge base. I intend to have some conversations with Joe Bush if there are any ideas that have been discussed. At present, I do not see a path-way for the Township to provide any relief. I also am still of the belief that the Township should not be the petitioner / instigator of any engineered solution. I will certainly keep you posted.

### **Lake Michigan Erosion**

As I have sent out, we have a house in eminent danger of collapse on the lakeshore. I will keep everyone posted on new developments.

### **Water Utility**

Contract negotiations are ongoing. We are also working on the communications documents and phone scripts for when residents enquire on how and why the Township is divesting its water utility.

As I have previously mentioned, the February meeting will include a lengthy closed session on this topic. Please let me know if you have any questions prior.

## **Parks**

The parks team met with Consumers Electric regarding lighting design at Winstrom Park. We are analyzing removing and consolidating some large utility light poles. With the savings, we are looking into designing some bollard and pedestrian level LED or solar around the new playground area.

## **Street Light Assessments**

I met with the president of Leisure Acres subdivision, adjacent to Tiffany Shores. During this meeting, we discovered that it is likely their subdivision has been double billed for street light lighting. We are working to confirm that with certainty. Once that is done, we will need to look at a good faith and fair reimbursement for their double payment. While we cannot and should not go back to the beginning, some number of years will need to be negotiated. I will keep you posted on the progress of this issue.

## **Riley Shores Drainage Meeting**

The Riley Shores drainage meeting was a success. It is a perfect example of how important it is to dialogue with residents on issues, even ones that may be contentious. I thought it might be a difficult meeting, with fingers pointed in the direction of a resident who built a house on what was supposed to be a drainage area. Instead, the neighborhood had valuable discussions on the severity of the flooding, the cost benefit analysis of creating a drainage district, and the need for additional data. Joe Bush's office will be providing Prein & Newhof with monitoring wells to provide additional data in the winter / spring months. This will help us determine the best course of action moving forward. Hopefully, the data will point us in a direction where the solution is cheaper than we have originally identified.

## **Airport Fact Sheet and Sign Issues**

The airport fact sheet is on our website. It will also be emailed shortly in our online newsletter.

I have informed the airport that any sign information displayed needs to be approved by myself first. Also, the Airport requested to hold a fundraiser for the Chad Tough Foundation. Although I did not say no, I did encourage them to contact the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds has the capacity and infrastructure for these type of requests / events. In the future, the Board may want to consider a policy on this type of issue.



**County of Ottawa**  
*Office of the Water Resources Commissioner*

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*Water Resources Commissioner*

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January 10, 2020

Howard Fink  
Park Township Manager  
52-152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Holland, MI 49424

Dear Howard:

This letter is in regards to making Park Township aware that a "Notice of Claim" under the Public Act 222 of 2001 was filed by Macatawa Partners LLC and Gator Properties. This was passed onto the Kelly Lake Intercounty Drain Drainage Board and will communicate with you of their findings.

Sincerely,

Joe Bush  
Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner

**PUBLIC ACT 222 OF 2001**

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

An individual claiming damage or injury as a result of a sewage disposal or storm water system event must provide written notice of the event within 45 days after the date the damage or injury was discovered or, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been discovered.

**THIS NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**

Name: Macatawa Partners LLC Date: 1/6/2020

Address: 2150 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434

Telephone: 616-335-5843 Email Address (optional): wade@eldern.com

Date of Event: 11/27 to 11/28/2019 Date Damage Discovered: 11/27/19 to 12/2/19

Address of Damaged Property: 2170 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434

Drain Name (or location if name not known): Kelly Lake Intercounty Drain and  
the South Shore Drive Drain

**Description of Event:**

High Winds and High Lake Macatawa Water levels caused both  
of these drains to backflow on our property and not  
allow the rain to drain out

**Description of Damages to Building or Personal Property:**

Undermining and erosion of property. Inside and Outside Storage areas  
flooded and many things floated away and dirt and smell left from water

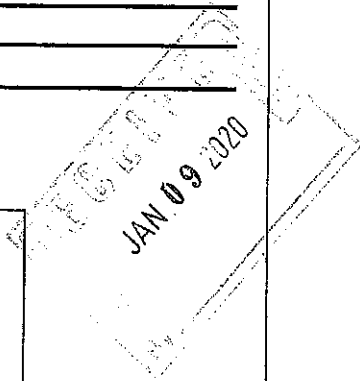
Amount Requested: \$ 5,250

**Description of any Physical Injuries:**

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Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**When Completed Return To:**  
**Kelly Lake Intercounty Drain Drainage Board**  
**C/O Ottawa County Drain Commissioner**  
**12220 Fillmore St.**  
**West Olive, MI 49460**



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Name: Wade Gator Properties Date: 1/6/2020

Address: 2223 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434

Telephone: 616-335-5843 Email Address (optional): wade@eldean.com

Date of Event: 11/27 to 11/28/2019 Date Damage Discovered: 11/27/19 - 12/2/19

Address of Damaged Property: 2223 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434

Drain Name (or location if name not known): Kelly Lake Inter-County Drain and the South Shore Drive Drain

**Description of Event:**

High winds and High Lake Macatawa Lake levels caused both of these Drains to back flow on to our property and not allow the rain to drain out. Semco Energy shut off gas

**Description of Damages to Building or Personal Property:**

Flooded Mechanic Shop, Retail Store, 4 offices, and Storage Buildings. Damaged Inventory, Flooring, equipment. Undermining and erosion of property. Smell and dirt remain after water removed.

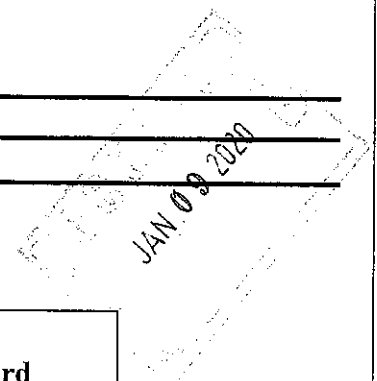
Amount Requested: \$ 24,495

**Description of any Physical Injuries:**

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Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**When Completed Return To:**  
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This form is provided to assist the property owner in submitting a claim and does not constitute an admission of liability, that the claim has any merit, or that the property owner is entitled to damages for the alleged loss.