

**MIDLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PRACTICABILITY AND ASSESSMENT**

**SANFORD LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

**TAKE NOTICE** that public hearings of the Sanford Lake Improvement Board will be held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Jerome Township Hall (737 W. Beamish Road, Sanford, Michigan 48657)**. The purpose of these public hearings is to: (1) consider the practicability of a continued nuisance plant control project on Sanford Lake (“lake improvement project”); and (2) to consider an assessment roll for the proposed lake improvement project. An assessment roll and proposed plan and budget for the lake improvement project will be available at the public hearings or upon request to the Office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner. The proposed lake improvement project proposes annual assessments from 2022 to 2025 in the approximate amounts of \$191.45 for lakefront parcels, \$95.73 for non-lakefront parcels, and \$382.90 for certain commercial parcels.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Sanford Lake Improvement Board will determine the practicability of continuing the lake improvement project from 2023 to 2026 (with first assessments levied in winter of 2022) and will review a corresponding special assessment roll for the project, hear any property owner objections to the lake improvement project and the proposed assessment roll, and make a determination of whether or not to confirm said assessment roll. The hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that appearance and protest at the assessment hearing is required to appeal your special assessment. Property owners and those concerned may attend the public hearings and offer comment. Any person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings **and/or** file his or her objection in writing with the Midland County Drain Commissioner. Any such person or entity can file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the Midland County Drain Commissioner, on behalf of the Sanford Lake Improvement Board, **220 W Ellsworth Street, Midland, MI 48640**. Protest letters received by the Drain Commissioner by no later than the hearing shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the assessment hearing. The Sanford Lake Improvement Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearings. If the hearings are terminated or adjourned before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the district and having protested such special assessment may file a written appeal of their special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after published notice of confirmation of the special assessment roll. Please review MCL 211.746 and MCL 324.30913 regarding appeals.

Proceedings conducted at these public hearings will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Midland County Drain Commissioner’s Office at **(989) 832-6770**. Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner’s Office at **(989) 832-6770** or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Midland County Drain Commissioner’s Office.

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