

# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD

## REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**TO:** Township Board

**FROM:** Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner

**DATE:** January 6, 2023

**RE:** Hunting Area Control Ordinance

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At its September 14, 2022 meeting the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended to the Township Board an amendment to the Hunting Area Control Ordinance to prohibit hunting on the following designated areas in the Township:

- Township Municipal Offices/Annex/Police Department/Hawley Park
- Community Hall
- Dublin Center/Vetter Park
- Civic Center Property
- White Lake Library
- Stanley Park
- Fire Station #1
- Fire Station #2
- Fire Station #3
- Water Tower #1
- Water Tower #2
- Bloomer Park
- Hidden Pines Park
- Fisk Farm
- 12-09-476-005
- 12-23-477-002

The purpose of the proposed amendment is the protection of Township property. In order to amend the Township's hunting ordinance, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) must review and approve the proposal. Resolution No. 23-002 (attached) is required to commence this process with the State.

### **Attachments**

1. Resolution No. 23-002.
2. Current prohibited hunting areas.
3. Proposed prohibited hunting areas.
4. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2022.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION PROHIBITING HUNTING  
IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-002**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held in Township Annex, 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, Michigan, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, at 7:00 p.m. With those present and absent being,

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) is authorized to regulate and prohibit hunting, and the discharge of firearms and bow and arrow on certain designated areas where hunting or the discharge of firearms or bow and arrow may or is likely to kill, injure, or disturb persons who can reasonably be expected to be present in the areas or to destroy or damage buildings or personal property situated or customarily situated in the areas or will impair the general safety and welfare, in accordance with Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, Part 419, MCL 324.101, *et seq*, (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 324.41901 of the Act authorizes a formal process for local municipalities to request the assistance of the DNR in prohibiting hunting, and the discharge of firearms and bow and arrow on certain designated areas in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, when a Township submits a resolution to the DNR, there shall be a public hearing and an investigation completed by the DNR as to whether the DNR shall prescribe regulations prohibiting hunting, and the discharge of firearms and bow and arrow on certain designated areas in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended an amendment to the Township’s Hunting Area Control Ordinance to prohibit hunting, and the discharge of firearms and bow and arrow on the following designated areas in the Township (see attached Exhibit A for parcel numbers and legal descriptions of the properties referenced below):

- Township Municipal Offices/Annex/Police Department/Hawley Park
- Community Hall
- Dublin Community Center/Vetter Park
- Civic Center Property



**EXHIBIT A**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 23-002**

- Township Municipal Offices/Annex/Police Department/Hawley Park  
12-21-251-028  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 BRENDEL HEIGHTS PART OF LOT 218 DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST N 01-54-10 E 29.71 FT FROM SE LOT COR, TH N 01-54-10 E 221.86 FT, TH N 87-10-10 W 77.29 FT, TH S 02-05-50 W 221.95 FT, TH S 87-12-30 E 77.94 FT TO BEG, ALSO PART OF LOT 218 DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST N 01-54-10 E 251.57 FT FROM SE LOT COR, TH N 01-54-10 E 80.01 FT, TH N 87-10-10 W 156.66 FT, TH S 03-00-00 W 80 FT, TH S 87-10-10 E 158.14 FT TO BEG, ALSO PART OF LOT 219 DESC AS N 01-54-10 E 29.82 FT FROM SE LOT COR, TH N 01-54-10 E 623.07 FT, TH N 87-11-00 W 165 FT, TH S 01-54-10 W 623.14 FT, TH S 87-12-30 E 165 FT TO BEG, ALSO ALL OF LOTS 220 & 221 8-28-18 FR 009 & 027
  
- Community Hall  
12-21-401-019  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 BRENDEL HEIGHTS LOTS 147 & 148, ALSO W 104.35 FT OF N 104.35 FT OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 21, EXC THAT PART TAKEN FOR M-59 HWY
  
- Dublin Community Center/Vetter Park  
12-25-351-010  
T3N, R8E, SEC 25 & 26 PART OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 25 & PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 26 BEG AT PT DIST E 329.47 FT & N 26-00-00 W 634.95 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 25, TH N 26-00-00 W 151.11 FT TO W LINE OF SEC 25, TH N 26-00-00 W 37.04 FT, TH N 64-00-00 E 831.50 FT, TH S 13-35-50 E 476.49 FT, TH S 84-49-00 W 780.10 FT TO BEG 6.02 A
  
- Civic Center Property  
12-22-351-006  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 & 22 PART OF E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 21 & PART OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 22 ALL DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST S 1148.96 FT & S 50-38-04 E 171 FT FROM W 1/4 COR SEC 22, TH S 50-38-04 E 219.78 FT, TH S 39-18-13 W 251.05 FT, TH S 50-40-05 E 175.02 FT, TH N 39-18-13 E 250.92 FT, TH S 50-38-04 E 539.41 FT, TH S 34-17-41 W 477.77 FT, TH S 65-12-19 E 202.78 FT, TH N 34-17-41 E 5.59 FT, TH S 13-28-31 W 341.06 FT, TH N 89-51-19 W 693 FT, TH S 89-48-09 W 306.92 FT TO TRAV PT 'A', TH S 89-48-09 W 32 FT M/L TO CEN LINE OF CREEK TH ALG CEN LINE OF SD CREEK TH N 45-22-12 E 15 M/L TO TRAV PT 'B' LOC N 20-39-10 E 415.09 FT & N 00-37-28 W 292 FT & N 50-38-11 W 305 FT FROM TRAV PT 'A' TH N 45-22-12 E 747 FT TO BEG, ALSO PART OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 22 DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST S 00-08-15 W 1144.51 FT & S 50-58-00 E 399.72 FT FROM W 1/4 COR, TH S 50-58-00 E 175 FT, TH S 49-02-00 W 250 FT, TH N 50-58-00 W 175 FT, TH N 49-02-00 E 250 FT TO BEG, ALSO PART OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 22 DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST S 00-08-15 W 1144.51 FT & S 50-58-00 E 1113.80 FT FROM W 1/4 COR, TH S 50-58-00 E 200.72 FT, TH S 34-09-00 W 425 FT, TH N 65-21-00 W 202.78 FT, TH N 34-09-00 E 475.54 FT TO BEG 29.14 A 12-14-21 FR 001, 002 & 005

- White Lake Library  
12-21-426-006  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 & 22 PART OF E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 21, ALSO PART OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 22 DESC AS BEG AT PT DIST S 1148.96 FT FROM W 1/4 COR SEC 22, TH S 50-38-04 E 171 FT, TH S 45-22-12 W 747 FT, TO TRAV PT 'A' TH S 45-22-12 W 15 FT M/L TO CEN OF LINE OF CREEK TH ALG CEN LINE OF SD CREEK TH N 65-37-32 E 14 FT M/L TO TRAV PT 'B' LOC N 44-37-48 W 40 FT & S 78-28-04 W 115 FT & S 46-48-24 W 130 FT & N 17-21-03 W 250 FT & N 13-53-38 E 215 FT & N 51-03-27 E 220 FT & N 30-34-55 E 145 FT & N 26-04-05 W 109 FT FROM TRAV PT 'A' TH N 65-37-32 E 270 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 601.69 FT, CHORD BEARS S 43-12-19 E 157.05 FT, DIST OF 157.50 FT, TH S 50-32-43 E 139.69 FT TO BEG 9.22 A 10-17-17 FR 004 & 12-22-351-004
  
- Stanley Park  
12-27-100-014  
T3N, R8E, SEC 22 & 27 PART OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 22 DESC AS BEG AT SE SEC COR, TH W 627 FT ALG S SEC LINE, TH N 13-19-50 E 341.06 FT, TH N 34-09-00 E 419.41 FT, TH S 50-58-00 E 403.67 FT ALG CENLINE OF HIGHLAND RD, TH S 00-05-00 W 424.75 FT TO BEG, ALSO NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 27, ALSO N 12 ACRES OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 27 59 A 1-14-21 FR 001, 002 & 12-22-351-003
  
- Fire Station #1  
12-21-326-015  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 BRENDEL HEIGHTS N 325 FT OF LOT 226, EXC N 25 FT IN M-59 HWY, ALSO LOT 227, EXC N 155 FT OF W 95 FT, ALSO EXC NLY PART OF E 70 FT TAKEN FOR M-59 HWY, ALSO LOT 228, EXC N 175 FT THEREOF 9-17-90 FR 005, 007 & 008  
  
12-21-326-006 (Fire Station Office)  
T3N, R8E, SEC 21 BRENDEL HEIGHTS E 50 FT OF W 95 FT OF S 130 FT OF N 155 FT OF LOT 227
  
- Fire Station #2  
12-35-204-081  
T3N, R8E, SEC 35 CEDAR LAKE PARK NO 1 LOTS 225, 226 & 227, ALSO LOTS 257 & 258 5-23-88 FROM 044 TO 046 INCL& 015 & 016
  
- Fire Station #3  
12-07-200-013  
T3N, R8E, SEC 7 PART OF NE 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST S 88-32-00 E 264.00 FT FROM N 1/4 COR, TH S 88-32-00 E 108.02 FT, TH S 00-15-16 E 690.56 FT, TH N 89-35-15 W 372.74 FT, TH N 00-11-00 W 293.40 FT, TH S 88-32-00 E 264.00 FT, TH N 00-11-00 W 404.00 FT TO BEG 3.48 A
  
- Water Tower #1  
12-25-400-019  
T3N, R8E, SEC 25 PART OF SE 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST S 00-02-30 W 676.20 FT & S 89-50-30 W 2639.26 FT FROM E 1/4 COR, TH N 01-42-40 W 200 FT, TH N 89-50-30 E 200.01 FT, TH S 01-42-40 E 200 FT, TH S 89-50-30 W 200.01 FT TO BEG 0.92 A6-21-93 FR 001

- Water Tower #2  
12-20-251-020  
T3N, R8E, SEC 20 PART OF NE 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST N 00-31-08 E 198.92 FT & N 89-58-09 E 519.78 FT & S 88-39-46 E 277.97 FT & N 00-39-06 E 1353.01 FT & N 08-28-00 E 277.77 FT FROM CEN OF SEC, TH S 89-55-06 W 172.18 FT, TH N 00-04-59 W 200 FT, TH N 89-55-00 E 202.25 FT, TH S 08-28-00 W 202.25 FT TO BEG 0.86 A1-24-05 FR 018
- Bloomer Park  
12-08-300-007  
T3N, R8E, SEC 8 S 28 ACRES OF E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 28 A Y109
- Hidden Pines Park  
12-05-100-020  
T3N, R8E, SEC 5 PART OF NW 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST N 89-03-35 E 684.35 FT FROM W 1/4 COR, TH N 89-03-35 E 730.41 FT, TH N 04-25-34 E 554.12 FT, TH N 69-44-00 W 363.78 FT, TH S 56-14-08 W 536.19 FT, TH S 02-02-02 E 392.71 FT TO BEG EXC THAT PART TAKEN FOR 'HIDDEN PINES' OCCP NO 721 9.23 A9-18-95 FR 018
- Fisk Farm  
12-14-476-002  
T3N, R8E, SEC 14 W 363.92 FT OF S 363.92 FT OF THAT PART OF SE 1/4 LYING ELY OF CEN LINE OF FISK RD, ALSO BEG AT PT DIST N 88-30-47 W 1014.40 FT FROM SE SEC COR, TH N 88-30-47 W 42.68 FT, TH N 01-42-00 E 363.92 FT, TH N 89-15-33 W 364.32 FT TO E LINE OF FISK RD, TH N 00-56-00 E 180.85 FT, TH S 89-04-00 E 402.14 FT, TH S 00-56-00 W 543.96 FT TO BEG EXC THAT PART TAKEN FOR FISK RD BEG AT PT DIST S 88-58-18 W 1014.02 FT & S 88-58-18 W 42.68 FT & S 89-18-29 W 304.14 FT FROM SE SEC COR, TH S 89-18-29 W 10.79 FT, TH N 22-44-33 W 153.96 FT, TH N 01-40-03 W 27.81 FT, TH S 22-44-33 E 183.96 FT TO BEG 4.96 A9-28-99 CORR
- 12-09-476-005  
T3N, R8E, SEC 9 PART OF SE 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST W 1310.00 FT FROM SE SEC COR, TH W 645.00 FT, TH N 00-10-18 W 1326.28 FT, TH E 645.00 FT, TH S 00-10-18 E 1326.28 FT TO BEG 19.64 AY127B
- 12-23-477-002  
T3N, R8E, SEC 23 THAT PART OF E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 LYING S OF HURON RIVER, EXC W 660 FT 9 AY358B



# PROHIBITED HUNTING AREAS

## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

Latitude 42° 38' 58" N, Longitude 83° 31' 04" W  
Area - 36 square miles, Elevation 1,017 feet

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES**      **OFFICE HOURS**  
7525 Highland Road,      Monday through Friday  
White Lake, Michigan. 48042      9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**OFFICE PHONE** - 698-3300

### 1980 HUNTING AREA CONTROL MAP

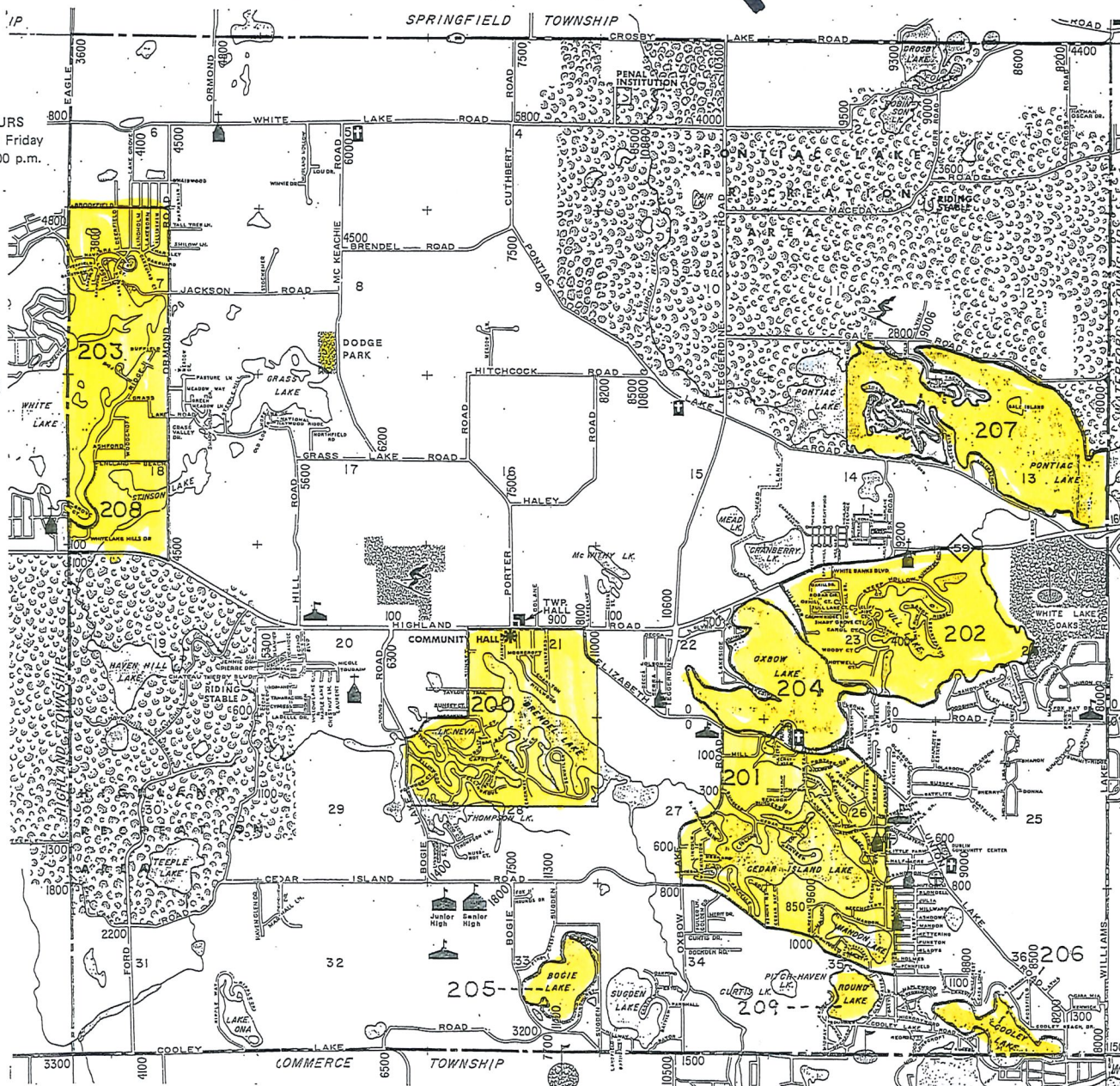
ORDINANCE NO. 63 (Adopted 7/21/70)

"AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY FROM THE HAZARDS OF HUNTING AND THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND BOWS AND ARROWS BY PROHIBITING SAME WITHIN CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF."

### AREAS PROHIBITED

- 200 - Brendel Lake (07/21/70)
- 201 - Cedar Island Lake (07/21/70)
- 202 - Tull Lake (07/21/70)
- 203 - White Lake (08/15/72)
- 204 - Oxbow Lake (08/13/74)
- 205 - Bogie Lake (08/13/74)
- 206 - Cooley Lake (08/13/74)
- 207 - Pontiac Lake (08/13/74)
- 208 - Stison Lake (01/03/78)
- 209 - Round Lake (09/06/88)

**NOTE:** State Law (Act 286, PA 1929, Sec. 312.10b) prohibits discharge of firearms or other dangerous weapons within 150 yards of a home or building (even in areas not covered by ordinance).



Can target  
shoot anywhere  
w/ approved back  
drop

w/o permission  
450 Ft  
from an occ.  
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w/ permission  
it's whatever  
starts 1/2 before  
sun up  
ends 1/2 after  
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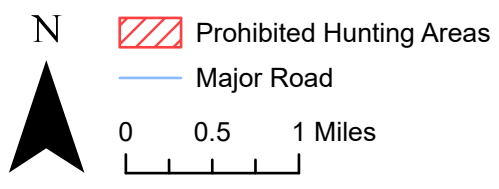
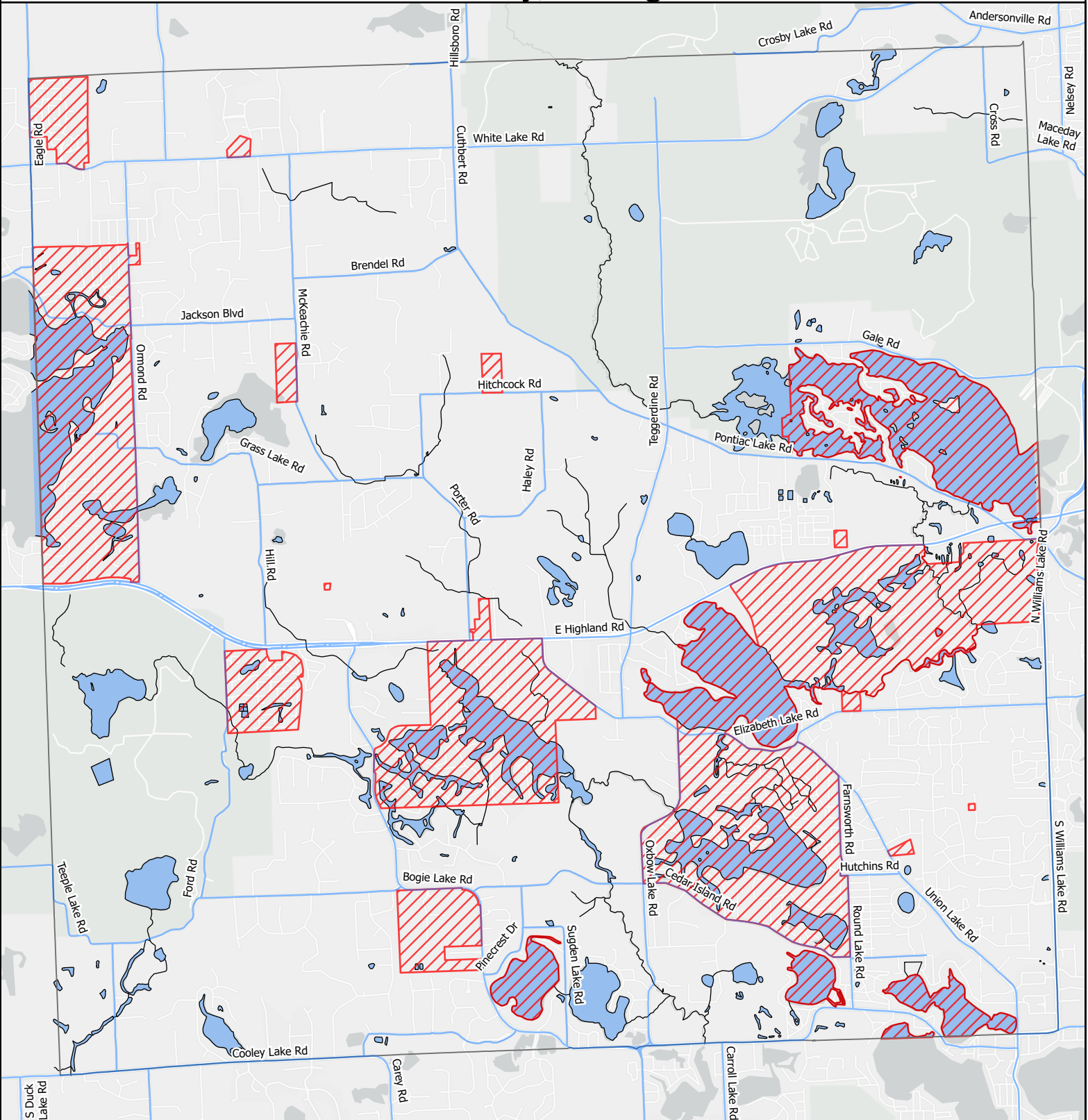


# WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

## HUNTING AREA CONTROL MAP

### Oakland County, Michigan

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### Hunting Area Control Map Ordinance No. 63 ( Adopted 7/21/70)

**"An Ordinance to protect the public safety and general welfare of persons and property from the hazards of hunting and the discharge of firearms and bows and arrows by prohibiting same within certain designated areas of the township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof."**

**Note:**

**State Law (Act 451 of 1994, Sec. 40111.7) prohibits discharge of firearms or other dangerous weapons within 150 yards of a home or building ( even in areas not covered by ordinance).**

**Target Shooting:**

**Can be preformed anywhere with an appropriate backdrop in use**





**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Regular Meeting

White Lake Township Annex, 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383  
**September 14, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL:     Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison  
                  Kathleen Aseltyne  
                  Merrie Carlock, Chairperson  
                  Deb Deren, Vice Chair  
                  Rhonda Grubb

Absent:           None

Also Present:   Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner  
                  Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Member Deren moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022 as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Beckett & Raeder – Stanley Park Design Discussion**

Brian Barrick from Beckett & Raeder (BRI) was in attendance. He provided an overview of the presentation he was going to share with the Committee.

Much of the spring and summer were spent on the grant administration process. U.S. Fish and Wildlife identified endangered species at Stanley Park. This was elevated to a formal review. BRI drafted a biological assessment (BA). U.S. Fish and Wildlife went through the BA and issued an opinion, which was essentially a permit for the work. This fall or winter the Township should receive a project agreement from the National Park Service (NPS) through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The goals of the park design were to preserve the natural features with some subtle improvements for access and activities. He discussed the phasing of the project. BRI had conceptual designs based on updated topographic and wetland surveys.

Construction costs had escalated between 30 and 40 percent since the first estimate was done 18 months ago. The Phase 1 cost estimate was \$1,687,954.58. He provided some options for deferring some of the costs, which could result in a new project estimate of \$1,350,000.

The next steps were to continue design development, geotechnical investigations, preliminary engineering, and discuss budget strategies.

Trustee Voorheis was concerned with the number of trees being removed. She asked for more information about the trees being proposed for removal, and if the Committee could design around trees. Brian stated most of the trees slated for removal were by the roadway. BRI tried to design around the trees for minimal impact.

Member Aselyne was impressed. She asked about the proposed boardwalk materials. Brian stated there were many material options. In an effort to be cost conscious, treated lumber was proposed.

Member Deren stated if the exercise stations were costly, a few of them could be eliminated. She added the pier was 55 feet and asked if it could be reduced. Brian responded the pier needed to go out to about three to four feet deep water.

Steve Woodward (953 Schuyler) stated the water was currently about as low as it gets and suggested examining the current lake level.

Kim Turner (971 Schulyer) noted if the pier went too far, it could impact the travel pattern from Mud Lake. He added the floating dock would need to be removed at the end of the year.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated if the Committee was supportive of the design direction, staff and BRI would move ahead and come back to the Committee with updates at a future meeting. The Committee was supportive of proceeding in the direction discussed.

**B. Hunting Area Control Ordinance – Amendment**

Staff Planner Quagliata discussed the previous map versus the proposed map showing prohibited hunting areas. He stated the purpose of the amendment was protection of Township property.

Nick Hubbard (795 Bonita Drive) noted people could not currently hunt in subdivisions and hunting was regulated by the State. Member Aseltyne stated she encountered someone near her property who had an app they used to figure out where hunting was allowed.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Township property on Elizabeth Lake Road and Hitchcock Road needed to be added to the map.

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) would like to see the red line moved 450 feet into Mud Lake. Staff Planner Quagliata stated this may be possible in a future amendment.

**Member Aseltyne moved to recommend to the Township Board the amendment to the hunting area control ordinance as presented by staff. Trustee Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.**

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the amendment would be placed on the October 18 Township Board meeting agenda.

**C. Fisk Farm Halloween Event – October 15, 2022**

Staff Planner Quagliata stated he and the Supervisor's Office were working with the Historical Society to help with the event. The Township planned to handle the trunk-or-treat portion of the event, which would lead into the rest of the Historical Society activities at the event. Member Aseltyne would like to see more recycling; she said many plastic bottles, etc. were thrown away at the Fisk Farm Festival. Staff Planner Quagliata stated there had been some discussion about a movie at the event, but both the Historical Society and Township agreed there was already enough planned for the Halloween event; a movie night could be a separate event in the future.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Township received a request for a Hawley Park rental and the individual wanted to know if they could have a video game truck. The Committee did not have a problem with it.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the Township Board would approve the Capital Improvement Plan at its regular September meeting. He was at the Fisk Farm Festival with a tent set up to obtain input on the 5-Year Recreation Plan update. There were approximately 420 survey responses. He added about 40 to 50 people stopped at the tent. He stated field rental revenue had increased for baseball/softball fields. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Supervisor approved some maintenance projects at Hawley Park, Stanley Park, and Vetter Park.

Staff Planner Quagliata would like the Committee to hold a meeting on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Groya regarding the 5-Year Recreation Master Plan update. He added the Township was considering applying for a grant for the renovation of the current building at Stanley Park.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis did not have anything to report.

Member Aselyne reported she was impressed with the Fisk Farm Festival. She thought the Committee could have something later on in the day with a band, etc. – or maybe this was redundant with the Family Fun Day event. Combining the two events may be a good idea. Member Grubb liked the idea but thought getting people more familiar with the other parks was the reason for hosting events elsewhere. Staff Planner Quagliata noted the ultimate goal was to have one event per season, to go along with the Four Seasons Playground motto.

Member Deren had no report.

Chairperson Carlock reminded everyone to promote the Hess Hathaway events and to take part in those events.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.**

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.