

RESOLUTION: DNR SPONSORED RESEARCH FOR SWIMMER'S ITCH

WHEREAS, Higgins Lake, the State's tenth largest and fifth deepest inland lake, is a valuable natural resource located largely within the boundaries of Gerrish Township and is worthy of protection and preservation and;

WHEREAS, Higgins Lake, along with several other large, clear recreationally important inland lakes, is experiencing widespread occurrences of cercarial dermatitis, more commonly known as swimmer's itch, that can impact both recreational usage and tourism and, where Gerrish Township, along with other local governments, receives complaints and concerns from visitors and residents in regards to increased occurrences of cercarial dermatitis;

WHEREAS, both visitors and residents are concerned ecological and economical impacts of cercarial dermatitis and the continued outbreaks of swimmer's itch are becoming more prevalent and is a growing concern Statewide;

WHEREAS, Gerrish Township is committed to preserving our natural resources and to the promotion of the health and well being of both our residents and visitors and, whereas, Higgins Lake is the primary economic attraction of our Township and is also home to South and North Higgins Lake State Parks, two primary recreation facilities owned by the Department of Natural Resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gerrish Township Board of Trustees hereby urges and supports the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources to actively begin funding both research and eradication efforts that would result in reduction or control of cercarial dermatitis and also support the economic growth of South and North Higgins Lake State Parks and Gerrish Township.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Tulgetske and supported by Board Member Homola.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye": Tulgetske, Valentino, Homola, Link, Long
"Nay": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Jodi Valentino, the duly elected and/or acting clerk of Gerrish Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Jodi Valentino
Township Clerk

