

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #8-9-2022
EXPRESSING LOVELLS TOWNSHIP'S POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL
TO INCREASE CAMP GRAYLING'S TRAINING AREA BY 168,000 ACRES

WHEREAS, the Lovells Township Board (LTB) is generally supportive of the goals and objectives of the all-domain Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (IEW) training capabilities Camp Grayling (CG) anticipates and that such training is needed due to the addition of an IEWS Battalion to the MI National Guard (MING) and seven other National Guard (NG) organizations throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, in the undated "white paper" provided by CG, Area 6 and Area 3 were also to contain High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) firing points which the Lovells Township Board (LTB) was adamantly opposed to. The LTB was opposed because the entirety of the existing 40 Complex is within Lovells Township (LT) and LT residents are already exposed to HIMARS and other projectiles being fired from the 30 Complex into the 40 Complex. LT residents are therefore, in the opinion of the LTB, already providing more than their fair share of support to CG's current training objectives. The LTB is relieved that subsequent to the release of the "white paper" all proposed firing points have been removed from CGs proposal, and

WHEREAS, within the "Reassurances" section of the "white paper" the establishment of buffer space is mentioned but without specificity. Subsequently, buffer space has been described as "1500 feet around lakes and rivers" and "1000 meters" by representatives of the MI DNR and CG, respectively. The LTB emphatically recommends that buffer space of at least one-half mile (2640 feet/805 meters) be placed (1) around all lakes, creeks and rivers, and (2) around all springs and wetlands that feed any lake, creek or river and (3) around all privately owned property, regardless of size and (4) around any known areas of historical or ecological significance, and

WHEREAS, the enormity of CGs proposal, to add within Area 6 32,000 acres/50 square miles of leased training areas, drives the LTB to adamantly oppose the proposal as (1) a "want" by CG that is factually unsupported by logical "need" and (2) because the only industry in LT is tourism and the loss of all remaining "open" State of Michigan (SOM) land in Areas 6 to CG would effectively eliminate our current tourism industry, and

WHEREAS, in the current lease Management Agreement (MA) between the DNR and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), and outlined in section 9 states: "The DNR and DMVA shall meet at least once a year..." The LTB is adamant that, for whatever acreage proposed Area 6 ultimately contains, the MA covering that acreage must read "The DNR, DMVA and LT shall meet at least once a year, within the first quarter of the calendar, to discuss issues of concern, including but not limited to:" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lovells Township Board hereby adopts Resolution #8-9-2022 as their official position on the Michigan National Guard's proposal to increase Camp Grayling's total training acreage by 168,000 acres, of which 32,000 acres are in an area identified by CG as Area 6 and which lie primarily in LT.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member NEUMANN and supported by Board Member INFANTE-INMAN.

Upon a Roll Call vote the following voted:

Aye DUBY, HOPP, INFANTE-INMAN, COUCH, NEUMANN
Nay NONE

The Supervisor declared the foregoing resolution adopted.

Cynthia Infante-Inman 8-9-22
Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk Date