



Village of Wolverine Lake

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Village of Wolverine Lake Memo:

April 16, 2020

To: Administrator, Michael Smith

From: Village Council President, Brian Nedrow

Re: Goose Egg/Nest Destruction

Michael,

This memo is to express my position to move forward in the Goose Nest Destruction Program this spring of 2020. The reason of this program is to maintain a minimum level of the Goose waterfowl presence on the water and surrounding property within the Village of Wolverine Lake. We have continued with this operation, along with the Goose Round -up in mid-June every year to minimize the amount of the Canadian Geese that frequent the waters and boundaries of Wolverine Lake. Over the last many years, we as a Village, have had an increased amount of e-coli present, which has affected the water and beaches of Wolverine Lake. We have on an annual basis, applied for and obtained a DNR permit to allow for the Goose Nest destruction and Goose round-up to help reduce the presence of these nuisance waterfowl. For this reason and given the circumstances due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that we are in the presence of, we need to proceed with this program to promote the safety and health of the residents of the Village.

Due to the Governor of the State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-42, which restricts the use of Motorboats by residents of the state, we hereby authorize the use of Village Volunteers to utilize motorboats as necessary to perform this critical operation. These individuals have been certified by the state to carry out the nest destruction of Goose nests within the boundaries of the Village of Wolverine Lake and due the safety and accessibility, should be able to perform those duties in a safe manner. This process requires that the volunteers access areas of the lake that would be difficult to access by another watercraft. For the safety of all involved, we deem the operation of this process to be done on a one-time basis. The results of this process will help ensure an increase in safe water quality and a decrease of Goose Fecal matter on residential properties surrounding the lake. The Wolverine Lake Police department will be notified as to the presence of this operation and it will be conducted with a minimized interaction of the public. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding the process of this procedure. I want to stress the essential nature of this situation to the safety and general health to the residents of the Village of Wolverine Lake.

Respectfully,

Brian Nedrow

Village Council President

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