

Notice of a Public Hearing
12:00 PM (Noon) on Tuesday, September 6, 2022

St James Township Hall
37735 Michigan Ave
Beaver Island MI 49782

The public hearing is held to receive public comment on the following:

1. St James Township planned acquisition Lot 52 owned by Evan Karnes and Paul Karnes and Lot 53 owned by Evan Karnes, located on Beaver Harbor (aka, Paradise Bay). This will allow the expansion of the current Gillespie Public Beach thereby providing the public additional recreational opportunities for the public in the harbor.
2. St James Township plans on seeking a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to secure some of the necessary funds to purchase these properties. Other funds will be provided by a generous donor and the township.

Representatives of St James Township will provide comments on the acquisition of these properties for public good, which will be presented in person at the public hearing. Depending on the outcome of this hearing, after the conclusion of this public hearing, the Township Board plans to pass a resolution accepting the terms of the agreement and commit to providing the expected match.

Meeting intent update: The Township Board will also consider passing an ordinance updating the township's current floodplain ordinance to comply with FEMA's new floodplain management provisions relative to FEMA's FIS Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Written comments regarding the above topic may be submitted at the time of presentation or until 5:00 pm on September 7, 2022, at the following address:

St James Township Supervisor
PO Box 85
Beaver Island MI 49782