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You are receiving this status update because you signed the second petition in support of the Ackerson Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. The petitions submitted to the Township the first time were not accepted because of improper verification by the petition circulators. Those were returned to the circulators on June 16, 2009, to obtain properly verified new signatures.

The second signed petitions were resubmitted in early July. On July 14, the Township board was told that if the petitions were verified, the matter would come before the board for action. On August 11, pursuant to Michigan law, the board acknowledged receipt of sufficient signatures on the petitions and ordered plans to be obtained.


Township Clerk, Dan Wymer, and I met with the Township Attorney on August 25 to review the applicable statute for creating a special assessment district for weed control. Subsequently, it was determined to proceed with the Ackerson Lake project after the Olcott Lake project for the following reasons:

- Advice from our attorney to do the lakes one at a time.
- Concern that trying to do too much at the same time could cause both lakes to miss the deadline for the 2009 winter tax bill.
- Written communication to me from the petition circulators stating their goal was to have it on the winter 2010 tax bill.
- Written communication to me from the petition circulators stating that petition signers were told it would be on the winter 2010 tax bill (not 2009).

By far, the most important factor in the decision to proceed with Ackerson Lake after Olcott Lake was the fact that petition signers had been told that the assessment would not be on their tax bill until the winter of 2010.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions via telephone 517 536-8108 or email denise@denisebutler.com.

Sincerely,



Denise Butler
Township Supervisor

cc: Township Board