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Ms. Tammy Doernenburg
Director, Emmet County Planning & Zoning
3434 Harbor-Petoskey Rd, Suite E
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

SUBJECT: Proposed Elmer's Gravel Pit

Dear Ms. Doernenburg:

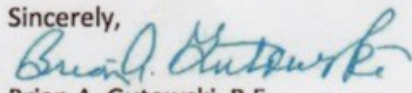
The Board of Emmet County Road Commissioners addressed the proposed gravel pit proposed by Elmer's off of Pickerel Lake Road in Bear Creek Township at its regular meeting of August 10, 2017.

The Board has asked me to clarify four items from the e-mail I sent to Steve Crane – Elmer's:

1. The proposed driveway location(s) on Pickerel Lake Road do meet minimum site distance requirements for a commercial entrance.
2. The Board will not take formal action in support or opposition of the gravel pit. However, the Board does acknowledge there is a need for more sources of gravel as we are having a difficult time getting gravel bids on some projects.
3. If the gravel pit is approved and the entrance is on Pickerel Lake Road, the recommended route is Pickerel Lake Road east to Bellmer Road, then north to Graham Road, then west to U.S.31. If a project is south of the gravel pit, the recommended route is Fletcher Road to Mitchell Road. We do not support using Kolinske Road, Country Club Road or Alcan Road.
4. The Road Commission recommends Emmet County Zoning look at the driveway access to Fochtman Industrial Park as an alternative to Pickerel Lake Road. If a wetland is to be impacted, the Road Commission has banked wetland acreage at our gravel pit on Bellmer Road and is willing to offer some of the banked wetland as an offset.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Cc: EC Road Commissioners
Dennis Keiser – B.C. Twp Superv.