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From: Steve Crane <scrane@teamelmers.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Eric Ritchie
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Subject: FW: Proposed Pickerel Lake Road Gravel Site

From: Brian Gutowski [<mailto:emmetcrc@emmetcrc.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Steve Crane
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Steve,

The Emmet County Road Commission supports Team Elmers proposed gravel pit on Pickerel Lake Road west of Fletcher Road in Bear Creek Township.

The Road Commission has identified several locations on Pickerel Lake Road for the property where the site distance will exceed 1,000 feet which is more than the 500 feet recommended site distance for a 55 mph road. Team Elmers has agreed to place their driveway at one of those locations. This leaves more than adequate time for a vehicle travelling the road to react to a traffic movement from the pit and leaves adequate time for a truck leaving the pit to avoid conflicts with approaching vehicles.

We support Team Elmers proposal to require their trucks to head east upon leaving the gravel pit to avoid the Pickerel Lake Road and U.S.31 intersection. Team Elmers has also proposed to install truck crossing signs on Pickerel Lake Road to warn oncoming vehicles of the potential operation.

Gravel sources are becoming scarce in Emmet County. The gravel has to be extracted where it is found. The Road Commission and townships put \$4-\$6 million into road improvements every year. With better sources of gravel in Emmet County, the citizens of Emmet County will benefit with lower gravel prices therefore making our dollars improve more miles of road.

Team Elmers has done several projects for the Emmet County Road Commission and have done an excellent job on those projects. They have a local office and we encourage hiring local companies on our projects.

We encourage the Emmet County Planning Commission to approve the proposed gravel pit.

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