

Bear Creek Planning votes against mining on Pickerel Lake Road

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The Bear Creek Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 to deny a special use permit for extracting sand and gravel off a property on Pickerel Lake Road.

During a packed public meeting Wednesday, the township board heard the request from Elmer's Crane and Dover to use the property located at 4281 Pickerel Lake Road, between Kolinske and Fletcher roads for extracting sand and gravel, along with using the site for crushing gravel and reused concrete. The site has single-family residential and farm/forest zoning.

The meeting lasted three hours, and heard concerns from citizens of the township regarding the safety concerns caused by trucks, especially at Pickerel Lake Road and U.S. 31 intersection. Other concerns included noise concerns and health concerns, and whether the mining could negatively affect water wells of neighboring properties.

Read more about the meeting and decision in the Friday edition of the Petoskey News-Review.