

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CLAY TOWNSHIP
PHRAGMITES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Clay, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, held in the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pointe Tremble Road, on Monday April 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

PRESENT: Supervisor Jay DeBoyer, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Trustee John Makuch, Trustee John Horvath, Trustee Joanne Shirkey

ABSENT: Clerk Lisa White, Treasurer Connie Turner

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Krueger and supported by Makuch:

WHEREAS, Ordinance 79 of the Clay Township Ordinances, “An ordinance of the Township of Clay to Control and Eradicate certain Noxious Weeds within the township”, and Act 33 of 1951 empowers Clay Township “to enact such ordinances and establish and enforce such resolutions as they shall deem necessary to guard against the occurrences of fires and to protect the property and persons of the citizens against damage and accident resulting there from”, and

WHEREAS, Phragmites australis (Common Reed) is an invasive plant species which has taken over much of the township’s shoreline, many of the canals and a major portion of the Township’s wetland areas, and

WHEREAS, it impacts wetland ecology by out-competing the native plants by creating a monoculture of reeds and reducing plant and animal diversity, and it blocks or inhibits the flow of surface water in canals, drains or other open conveyances and adversely impacts the groundwater hydrology, and

WHEREAS, it reduces land values and tourism by limiting access to and views of the lakes, rivers and canals, and encourage blight conditions, and

WHEREAS, it presents a safety hazard by blocking or inhibiting visibility or access along roads and trails, at intersections and driveways or along navigable reaches of shoreline and waterways, and

WHEREAS, it presents a fire hazard due to its proximity to dwellings, appurtenant structures or adjacent property, and

WHEREAS, an organized Phragmites Management plan endorsed and administered by Clay Township for the benefit of all of the residents can educate the public about the effects of Phragmites and can assist property owners with control of Phragmites,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Clay Township establishes a Clay Township Phragmites Management Advisory Board for the purpose of developing a Phragmites Management plan for the Township.

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of this resolution, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Shirkey, Horvath, Krueger, Makuch, DeBoyer

NAYES: None

ABSENT: White, Turner

The Supervisor declared this Resolution adopted by the Clay Township Board on April 5, 2010

Lisa M. White
Clay Township Clerk