

Subject: Request for Clarification on Sept. 14 Update Post
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To Springfield Township Board:

I am writing regarding Supervisor Davis's September 14, 2026, Levy update. I have concerns about the language used to describe future public communication.

The update states that residents will receive "*legally required public notice*" and that relevant materials will be made available through the Township's normal public-access channels, including the website "*when appropriate*."

Because the update repeatedly speaks on behalf of "the Township," I am asking for clarification not only on what those phrases mean, but also on who established this communication standard and under what authority.

Specifically, I would appreciate answers to the following:

- What public notice and communication regarding the Levy application is legally required under Township ordinance and Michigan law?
- What does "*when appropriate*" mean? And who determines when materials are appropriate for public release, and what criteria are used?
- Who decided to characterize future communication as "*legally required public notice*"? Was this discussed or approved by the full Township Board, directed by legal counsel, or determined solely by the Supervisor?
- Does the September 14 update represent an official Township communication policy, a legal recommendation, or simply the Supervisor's intended approach to communicating about the application?
- Does the Supervisor's approval authority over consultant work products, as established in the January Scope of Work, remain in effect, and will revised Levy submissions, consultant reports, technical findings, applicant responses, and supporting materials be proactively posted for the public?
- How much time, if any, will residents be given to review significant new technical information before the Planning Commission resumes the public hearing?

I respectfully ask that these questions be addressed publicly so myself and other residents have a clear understanding of what they can expect before the next round of Levy materials is submitted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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