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**Subject:** Reserve Strip

I am addressing this letter to all the board members of Bass Lake Township.

As a resident of Bass Lake Township and also a property owner affected by the reserve strip issue, I would like to see closure to this issue once and for all. We have owned property at 14260w Poplar since 1990 and we have always had a "use it like it's yours attitude" from the township. We have invested money in rip-rap on the shoreline and have done what we could to keep the bank from eroding. When we bought this property I removed over 70 tires from the shoreline, also at my own expense. I feel the bank in front of our cabin is now more secure than when we bought. My feelings are that the board should first look at how this strip of land could be turned over to the people that have property adjacent to it. It would alleviate the need for multiple ordinances for the township to try and control a strip of land that in reality is only going to be used by the affected homeowners. The property in front of my cabin is not even usable unless you are on the stairs to get up and down the bank. My cabin, built in 1955, is only 6 feet from the edge of the bank and it should be grandfathered in. Any ordinance that allows anyone other than me to walk in front of my cabin will be contested legally, and as a resident and taxpayer of the township, I would not like to see money wasted by the board on property they do not have a use for. Let's do the right thing and find a way to get this done. I can be a better steward of the bank by installing more rip-rap and working with the DNR on ways to fight the erosion, something the township does not have the funds for. Instead of thirty minutes for owners to air their concerns, let's set up meetings that allow enough time to address a problem that is way overdue in ending this issue once and for all. Please post this with the letters concerning the reserve strip.

Thanks,

Rob and Jeanne Wamstad