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PUBLIC HEARING  
Village of Hesperia, Michigan  
November 13 2023  
7:00 PM  
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**Call to order:** President Farber called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Donald Bostrom, Stephanie Halverson, Dan Herin, Joyce McDonald, Jackie Slocum, Jim Smith and Mike Farber  
Also present: Clerk Burrell, Treasurer Borgman, Steve Micklin, Debra Pagan, Tammie Nguyen, Joan David, Lil Eitnrear, Bill Milner, Al Seng, Kay Seng, David Huntley and Craig Newhouse

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS CALLED FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE DAM BOARDWALK REMODEL

President Farber introduced Craig Newhouse from Tower Pinkster. He gave a brief presentation on the current area around the dam and presented three design options. He said that the river and dam area are great assets to the village and the plans that he prepared will showcase the area. He mentioned that there are some parts of the original boardwalk that can be saved, but most parts will need to be replaced. He invited the public to come up to the presentation boards and gave them Post It notes to have them place next to the design they preferred.

Debra Pagan asked if the plans addressed the issues with the sidewalks. Craig responded that ideally the whole design would take you from your car to the park.

Al Seng inquired if the plans extended the boardwalk to the bridge. Craig responded that not at this time because there are property ownership challenges that need to be addressed. Craig said that would be a good idea to include that in the revised master plan. Jackie Slocum said that would be a future project.

Tammie Nguyen asked if Vida Weaver Park was included in the plan. Slocum also stated that would be a future project.

Bill Milner asked if the village had any plans to restore the fish ladder. President Farber said that no, there are no plans to restore it because the Department of Fish and Wildlife use the dam as a lamprey eel barrier. He stated that he had met with GEI, Fleis & VandenBrink and the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding evaluating the area around the dam including looking at the spillways, sludge, backwaters, hydraulics and wildlife.

President Farber asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any questions.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Burrell  
Hesperia Village Clerk

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