

On Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 10:40 PM Trevor Chaulk <t\_chaulk@hotmail.com> wrote:  
Hello Dave,

Thank you for your patience in my response. As you know during this time of a campaign, in a very critical election, there are many questions concerns and comments to address.

Here are some key answers to your questions, keeping in mind that there is much more to chat about regarding the situations affecting the safety and enjoyment of your lake residents.

1. Other than your profile published in The Highlander, do you have a website or any documentation you would like to share that describes your background, experience, and platform on key matters you feel are a priority? This is important for those who cannot attend candidate debates.

Please find attached a brief overview of some of my background and objectives in our current focus of moving forward. This, by no stretch encompasses the massive amount of work that needs to be done in the council and staff levels to right the ship after many, many terms of reactive government and in some cases lack of foresight. I have a passion and a great deal of respect for the people in our community and we definitely can do much better with transparency and accountability for our ratepayers and citizens.

2. Are you familiar with our struggles working with the past two Councils on trying to restore public boat launch access on Bob Lake? If not, you can read the full story on our [website](#).

Thank you for the link. I have read many documents that are on your page and I thank you for documenting the history-it enhances transparency. These struggles, in my opinion were and are dragged out for far too long without any accountability from the town.

3. What is your position on public boat launch access to lakes in Minden Hills and the Township's responsibility in maintaining these?

I have heard many times over in the last while regarding the sever lack of services to our lakefront ratepayers. I have also heard recently some comments from officials that they are concerned about the usage from our seasonal residents...that's why they pay taxes right? It is my position that the township should provide, maintain and monitor public boat launches in our township to be safe and accessible. The Bob Lake boat launch is along side another concern that was brought to my attention regarding the peck street launch. This launch as well, is in dire need of safety repairs-broken concrete and rebar sticking out effectively making it unusable. This has been brought to the attention of the town to resolve this and half measures if that were taken...and avoiding conversation regarding the matter. That behavior is unacceptable.

4. Would you help support the BLA in finding a solution to our public boat launch that was taken away after several decades of being declared "public" and maintained by the Township? If so, do you have any thoughts to share on what specifically that support would look like?

This situation regarding the BLA public boat launch is well overdue to be addressed with a viable option to provide safe access to the water. I am in full support of continuing the conversation to get this resolved asap. One of my biggest concerns is the lack of responsible ownership from the township regarding this. One would assume that if they maintained it for that many years, they would own it! And if they did not ever own it they should not have expensed personal property maintenance to the rate payers. Further to this, does it support rumours of backdoor politics that help friends and family? Moving forward, I will advocate for better accountability from the council and staff to get this resolved- and if it costs the township money, well someone has to help pay for this- after all they should have done something with this prior to a potential and now final sale. What I have learned from many consultant reports I have read over my years in business and boards(both locally and nationally), they tend to provide more possible outcomes and costs to protect their position. What the township should have done is to request three local quotes that fully encompass the scope of work to be completed and only then pass judgement on what is actual-not just proposal. If elected or not(I hope I do as I am very concerned as well), I will continue to follow this situation and have a voice to promote leadership, accountability and hope for a better future.

Thanks again for reaching out  
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