

Darlene Turner

From: Jane Pajot [janep24@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Darlene Turner; Nancy Gaines; Denise Hudson; Trailsmanager@powelltownship.org; Howard Robare; Kelli Santilli; Karen Deceamber; parks andrec
Cc: Jane Pajot
Subject: Rocket Launch Plan

Hello,

I respectfully Thank You for all you do for Powell Township and ask you to consider opposing the Spaceport Proposal in order to maintain the beauty and safety of this area. I hike and ski in this area and love its natural beauty and peace. I want this natural area to be available for many generations to come and enjoy it. You have a great responsibility to protect this area so I hope you are open to the public input.

I strenuously object to the proposed Granot Loma rocket launch plan which, according to Marquette County Board's employees and aerospace experts would require rezoning and amending the Powell Township Zoning Ordinance to create a new industrial use zone, for a use so intense that:

- ` each explosive launch blast will be seen and heard for miles around
- ` risk of explosion at launch will require evacuation of at least six nearby family homes.
- ` falling rocket debris will endanger hunting, fishing and other recreational activities
- ` lighting and water towers will pollute the day and nighttime sky views
- ` clear cutting will strip crucial habitat for many plant and animal species
- ` the launch site will be built on fragile wetlands and hydric soil, and a water deluge shockwave suppression system will draw large amounts of water from groundwater tables and/or the already eroding Lakeshore.

This industrialization of our Lake Superior Coastline will degrade the quality of life now enjoyed by those who hike, fish, hunt, recreate and live in the beautiful natural landscape of Powell Township.
Please publicly note my letter of opposition to the spaceport proposal and to any proposals for zoning changes that would enable it. Please provide hard copies to fellow board/commission/committee members and post online with board/commission/committee website minutes documents.

I live in Marquette and love our beautiful UP and want it preserved. We see Climate Change effecting our planet and we yearn for safe natural areas which give us hope and revitalize our souls. Please help.

Sincerely,
Jane Pajot

Darlene Turner

From: Frank Farwell [farwellf@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Darlene Turner
Subject: Please Say No to Rocket Launch Site Project

To: Darlene Turner

My family has been coming to Marquette County since the 1880's, I began coming here in 1950, and in 2006 I moved here full time. I am a retired businessman and active in outdoor activities both on and off the big lake. The most valuable asset Powell Township and Marquette County have is natural, mostly unspoiled beauty. A rocket-launch site is a dangerously bad idea for a region that depends on tourism and prides itself on protecting its natural resources. Please don't give away our children's future by allowing this launch site project to go forward.

Sincerely, Frank Farwell, Marquette

August 28, 2021

Darlene Turner, Supervisor
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Big Bay, MI 49808

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Powell Township Planning Commission
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Powell Township Parks and
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re: Proposed Rocket Launch site in Powell Township

Dear Township Officials:

As property owners in Powell Township, we vehemently object to the rocket launch project proposed by MAMA, to be located at Granot Loma, or to be located at any other location within Powell Township.

Our objections are based upon the following:

- a) The noise/shockwave nuisance and noise pollution that will be generated with every launch;
- b) The likelihood that a launch failure will occur on one or more occasions, creating a fire hazard if the failure occurs over land, and a serious water pollution problem in Lake Superior if the failure occurs over the Lake;
- c) In the event of a launch failure, whether caused by an intentional abort, or by an unexpected explosion, the fallout of rocket debris (including unspent fuel) over land, or into the Lake, will occur. The threat to neighboring homes and the people living in those homes if a rocket goes out of control as a result of a failure cannot be ignored;
- d) The Electron rocket that would be used for the launches (9/18/2019 Explorer Solutions Report furnished to the County of Marquette) does not have a very good safety record. According to the Wikipedia List of Electron Launches, "The rocket has flown 21 times with 18 successes and 3 failures." This is a 14% failure rate. This underscores that the environmental and safety concerns noted in sub-paragraph c) above are not idle speculation, but are very real;

e) The degradation of the beautiful natural resources in Powell Township, and

f) The degradation of the quality of life in Powell Township;

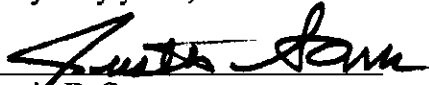
The quality of life in Powell Township is a significant factor for people living in every residential home or seasonal dwelling in the Township. The quality of life here is unique, and is not duplicated anywhere else in the United States. The water quality of Lake Superior is of paramount importance, and cannot and should not be impaired in any way. Powell Township, as a steward of Lake Superior, should recognize its clear obligation to protect the Lake. Do not throw away what we have here for any arguable or speculative benefit that might be dangled in front of the Powell Township officials as a selling point for the project. There are no selling points that benefit the residents.

We respectfully request the following:

1. Please provide a copy of this letter to your fellow Board Members, your fellow Planning Commission Members, and your fellow Parks and Recreation Committee Members, respectively;
2. Please read this letter into the record at each of your next respective public meetings, under the public comment portion of the meeting agenda, or under that portion of your agenda which allows a person to address your public body;
3. Please post this letter online on your respective websites; and
4. Take no action whatsoever that will authorize, permit or in any way enable MAMA or any other organization, public or private, to build or develop a rocket launch site in Powell Township.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Justin D. Savu


David M. Savu

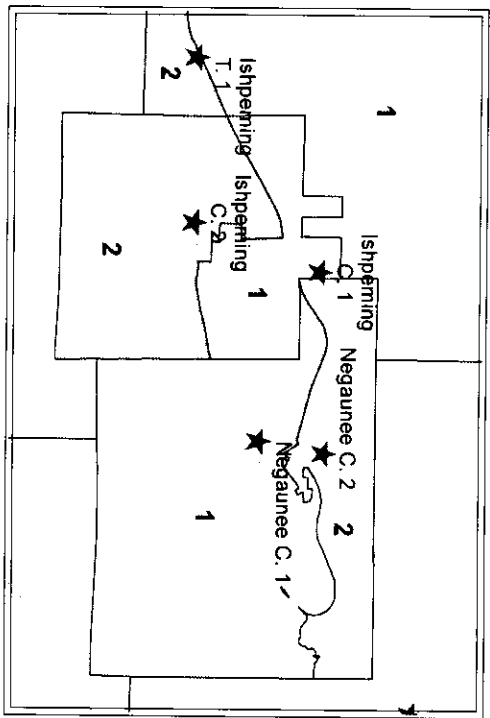
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cc: Samantha Morin, Powell Township Clerk

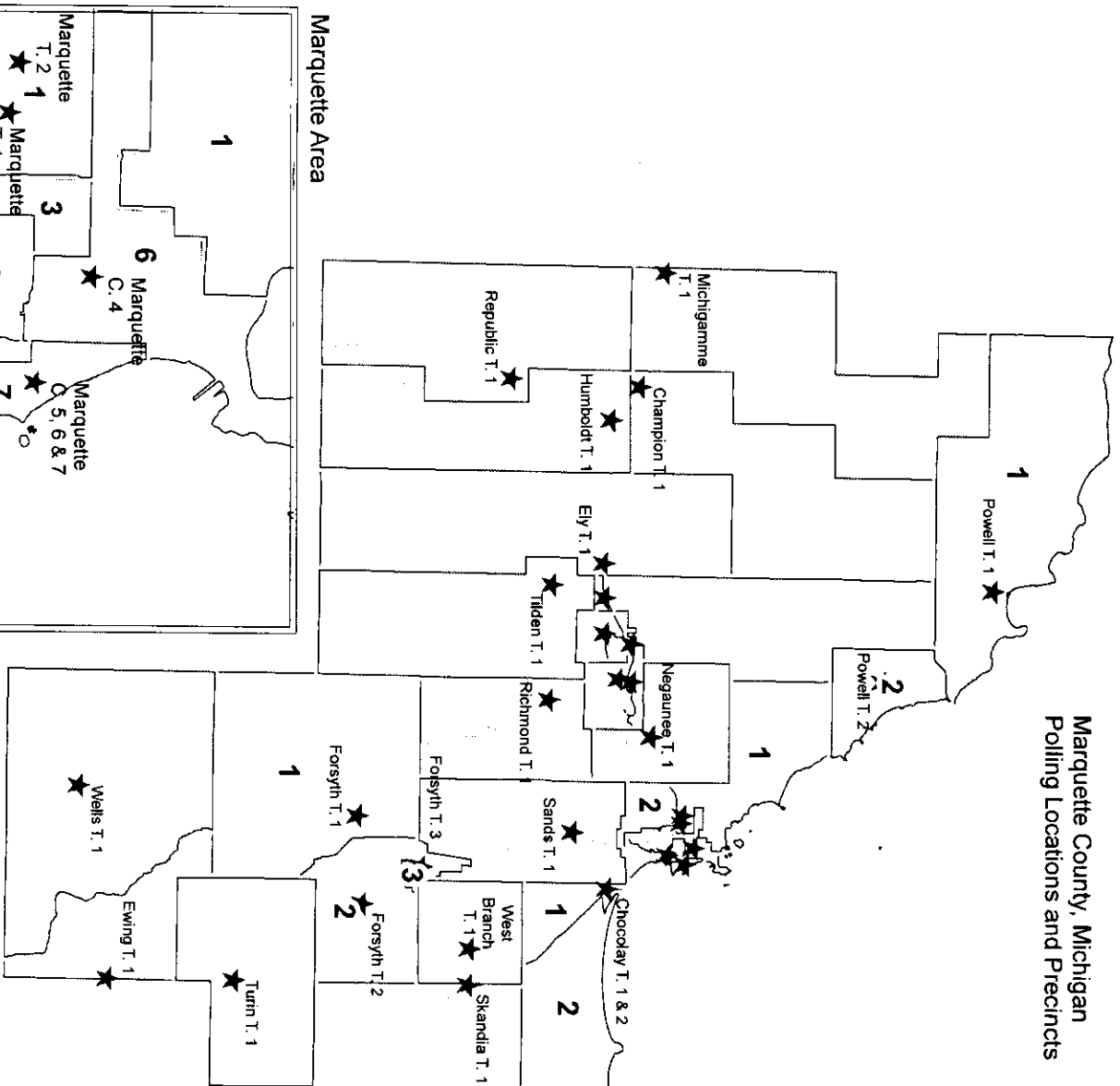
Polling Locations

- Champion T. 1 Champion Township Fire Department, 5170 US 41, Champion
- Chocoday T. 1 & 2 Silver Creek Church, 219 Silver Creek Road, Harvey
- Ely T. 1 Ewing Township Hall, 2500 W. Maple Ridge Road, Rock
- Ewing T. 1 Ewing Township Hall, 2500 W. Maple Ridge Road, Rock
- Forsyth T. 1 Little Lake Gospel Chapel, 1761 E. State Hwy. M-35, Little Lake
- Forsyth T. 2 K.I. Sawyer Emergency Services Bldg., 420 Avenue A, Gwinn
- Forsyth T. 3 Humboldt Township Hall, 244 Co. Rd. FAF, Champion
- Humboldt T. 1 Birchview Elementary, Poplar Street, Ishpeming
- Ishpeming C. 1 KD Hall - St. John's Church, 325 S. Pine Street, Ishpeming
- Ishpeming C. 2 Ishpeming Township Hall, US 41 West, Ishpeming
- Ishpeming T. 1 Ishpeming Township Hall, US 41 West, Ishpeming
- Marquette C. 1, 2 & 3 Baraga Gym, 300 W. Spring, Marquette
- Marquette C. 4 Municipal Service Center (City Building), 1100 Wright Street, Marquette
- Marquette C. 5, 6 & 7 WMCA, 401 E Fair, Marquette
- Marquette T. 1 St. Christopher Church Basement, 2372 Badger Street, Marquette
- Marquette T. 2 Marquette Township Community Center, 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette
- Michigan T. 1 Michigan Community Center, Michigan
- Michigan T. 2 Senior Center, 410 Jackson Street, Negaunee
- Negaunee C. 1 Lakeview School, Croix Street, Negaunee
- Negaunee C. 2 Negaunee Township Community Center, 42 M-35, Negaunee
- Negaunee T. 1 Negaunee Township Community Center, 101 Beringer Street, Big Bay
- Powell T. 1 Powell Township Hall, 101 Beringer Street, Big Bay
- Powell T. 2 Halfway Fire Hall, Big Bay
- Republic T. 1 Republic Township Hall, 279 Kionan Avenue, Republic
- Richmond T. 1 Richmond Township Hall, Smith Street, Palmer
- Sands T. 1 Sands Township Hall, 987 South M-553, Sands
- Skandia T. 1 Skandia Township Community Center, 224 Kreiger, Skandia
- Tilden T. 1 Tilden Township Hall, 3145 County Road Pg, Ishpeming
- Turnin T. 1 McFarland Community Center, 17430 Hwy. M-35, Rock
- Wells T. 1 Wells Township Community Building, 38295 Co. Rd. 426, Arnold
- West Branch T. 1 West Branch Township Hall, 1016 County Road 545, Skandia

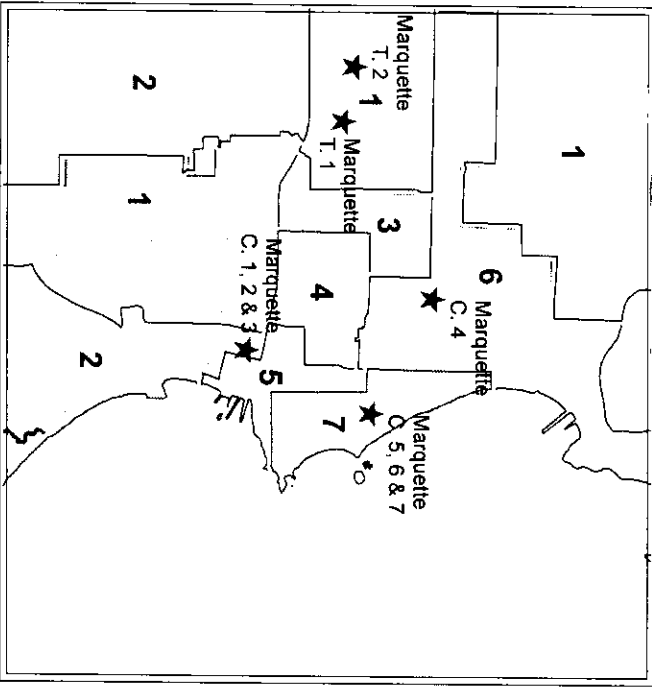
Ishpeming-Negaunee Area



Marquette County, Michigan Polling Locations and Precincts



Marquette Area



- Legend**
- ★ Polling Places
 - Voting Precincts