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November 11, 1966

Mr. Glenn C. Gregg  
Deputy Director - Recreation  
Department of Conservation  
Mason Building  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Gregg:

It was most pleasant meeting with you yesterday, sorry our time was so short.

I am sending you a copy of the zoning request by the Manley Sand interests. This is what will be discussed at the December 6th public meeting of the Lincoln Township Planning Board, at which I hope you can have a representative.

One of the local appeals of this is the "Marina" idea. We have a report prepared by knowledgeable engineers sympathetic to preserving Grand Mere that point out some of the problems. I wonder if the State Waterways Commission, thru Mr. Keith Wilson, could enter into the picture. The state is involved for several hundred thousand dollars in the New Buffalo Marina some 20 miles south. Perhaps it could be pointed out - officially - that the cost of maintaining an opening to the lake, of building piers etc., is so expensive as a private undertaking that it seems economically unlikely a marina could justify it.

I would like to suggest again that you personally contact Judge Philip Shapiro, 4846 No. Hamlin, Chicago, Illinois. As I mentioned he is not very approachable. Since he has not had any contact with your office he does not know what value was placed on his land, or that there may be new legislation to permit acquisition. If he can be interested, his appearance at the public hearing December 6th could be very important.

One point you mentioned, which I hope can be reconsidered, is the idea of permitting any extensive sand mining. Once there is a sizable cut thru the dunes the character of the area behind the dunes will be altered.

Sand mining with state blessing is no more attractive then such work without state blessing in my view.

I would like to confirm the date of Monday, November 21st for Mr. Sam Milstein. Could he discuss the preliminary plan the department has prepared? Perhaps with a blowup of the layout, and state, as you mention in your letter, that the department is going to include the land cost in your budget request for 1967?

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If he would arrange to come thru Coloma shortly before 5 pm he could call me at work. ( Coloma) - HOF-3153.

We could have dinner together and then to the meeting at 8 pm. The meeting will be thru by 9:30. If he wishes to stay overnite, I will make arrangements.

In the event he does not get here by 5 pm, he can reach me at home.(Stevensville) CA9-4434, get off at exit 22.

As I stated to you, collectively as the Association, and as individuals, we wish to work with the Department.

Sincerely,

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