

The following is an excerpt in a newsletter from our Club President on October 13, 2020:

VISION PROJECT – Things are starting to move again! The perc retest for the septic system for LSSC's new facilities was conducted on Mon, 28 Sep, beginning at noon. I had another commitment for that day so I had club member Don Harris attend in my place. Don got there early and looked around and found a sandy loam spot right out in front of where we want to build. Much closer than the proposed septic site, and downhill too.

He had the contractor dig there and the ground looked good. When the rest of the group arrived, he showed them the location he had found and they did their testing there. That location passed the perc test. They didn't have to dig at the proposed new (staked) location.

With last year's failure, finding a suitable septic location was a major concern.

Many thanks to Don for finding this new site and assisting with getting it approved. This is a big achievement to getting the design work moving ahead. In addition to Don representing LSSC, other attendees at this meeting were:

Lori Burford, MI DNR (Roscommon)

Dan Dowdy, MI DNR (Baraga)

James Caron, EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy)

Jessica Cunningham, Western U. P. District Health Dept.

Norm Pestka, Excavator contractor

Keep in mind that this is only the first step in a permitting process. In fact, EGLE refers to this meeting as the "Preapplication Meeting". The next step will be to submit an application for a permit.

Other related upcoming events include a phone meeting regarding facilities design status on Fri, 16 Oct and a site visit on Thu, 5Nov.