

LAKE MONTCALM
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING
September 24, 2008

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A meeting of the Lake Montcalm, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 23rd day of September 2008 at 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 8:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Anne Hiscock
Douglass Township Representative

Jason Hiscock, Chairman
Belvidere Township Representative

ABSENT: Patrick Carr, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

A Motion was made by Anne and seconded by Don to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Don and seconded by Anne to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting with the following correction: Page 2; Norm gave recommendations to the DNR after getting approval from the volunteer weed control group to make improvements to the public landing. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Budget/Assessment Amount

The board discussed the fund balance. There is enough in the budget to carry over for next year that this year's tax roll spread can be lowered. Norm indicated at the last meeting that a sonar treatment will not be needed next year and the cost to treat should be about the same as this year.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jason to spread the amount of \$10,500 on the 2008 tax roll. Motion carried.

Questionnaire

The board again reviewed the questionnaire to be given to property owners regarding apportionments. Jason will cover the topic in the next newsletter and a copy of the questionnaire will be included. A couple more revisions were made to the form to add the property address, remove the board member’s signature line, and include a note to return the form to the given address.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Ann to adopt the questionnaire with the changes and to send the form with the newsletter. Returned forms will be reviewed for corrections to the roll prior to the next five-year program. Motion carried.

Review of Apportionments

The board reviewed the tax roll and discussed several properties that were in question as to whether or not the assigned benefit factors were correct. It was agreed that Mike will meet with Stephen Denis to take a look at his property that is being assessed for two dwellings. Mike will determine if the second structure meets the requirements to be considered a separate dwelling.

A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Jason to make the following changes to the tax roll for the 2008 roll and to amend the tax roll for the Denis property as per Mike’s verification after his inspection:

Darnell	001-150-021-00	Change from .5 to 0
Kruger	001-150-011-00	Change from .5 to 0
Millard	007-400-017-00	Change from 1 to 0
Sawyers	007-400-019-00	Change from 1 to 0
Sawyers	007-400-002-00	Change from .5 to 0
Pawlak	001-031-006-10	Change from 1 to 2 (over 200 ft of frontage)
Bowerman	001-250-009-00	Add to roll as a 1/Split from another parcel

**Note: Mike made a visual inspection of the Denis property and determined that the second structure is definitely not usable as a dwelling so the factor on parcel 59-007-080-005-00 will be changed from a 2 to a 1 for future tax rolls. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Anne to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Lake Montcalm, Lake Improvement Board

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Lake Montcalm, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 23, 2008 and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner which is the principal office of the Lake Montcalm, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner