

LAKE MONTCALM
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MEETING

September 8, 2009

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 8th day of September 2009 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

ARRIVED 10:00 Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
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 Jason and seconded by Anne to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. A correction was made to the Public Comments in the response to Mike Timiney's question. In regards to the right of property owners to put in a dock at their dedicated access site, Jason's response should also explain that a legal survey may be needed as well as a legal opinion from a judge.

A Motion was made by Anne and seconded by Jason to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting with the above correction. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Weed Control Program 2009

Norm gave an overview of the year's weed control program. A survey was done on May 14. Milfoil and Algae were treated on June 11 with touchup treatment on July 7. There are still some areas visible with milfoil. Chara is a problem in some areas. However, Chara is a good native plant so Norm is hesitant to treat it. Swimming areas can be raked to remove the plant. Dick commented that there is a good balance of plant growth this year. Norm plans to stick with the same general program next year.

Questionnaire

Carrie presented the board with a list of information compiled from the questionnaires returned by property owners. The board tabled any action until the next meeting so they would have time to review the returned questionnaires.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget/Tax Roll Spread

The board reviewed the finance statement and predictions for next year’s program. The board has been able to keep the program costs down so there is still a good balance left in the account.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Anne to spread \$10,500 again this year. That is \$10,000 less than the normal spread. Motion carried.

Public Hearings/2010

The board discussed the need to prepare a new five-year program and conduct public hearings in 2010. Don recommends that the board have a consultant set up the program and present it at the public hearing. The board would like to receive proposals from interested consultants to establish the new program and present it at the public hearing and a separate bid to oversee the program for the five years.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jason to get proposals from three engineering firms 1) to establish the five-year program and present it at the public hearing and 2) to oversee the program for the next five years. Motion carried.

A meeting will be scheduled when the proposals have been received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dick thinks there are some people who are unhappy in general with the weed control program. The best asset is the fact that the board has handled the program very well and kept costs down even without the use of a consultant.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Anne and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.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 8, 2009 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