

LAKE MONTCALM
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING

February 5, 2010

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 5th day of February 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

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 Don to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jason and seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Mike asked the other board members if they could recall the discussion about approving the new contract with Norm. The board agreed that the intent was to use Norm for the 2010 treatment but no formal motion was made at that meeting. The motion to approve the minutes as presented carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Questionnaire/Changes to Tax Roll

The board members have all reviewed the questionnaires that were returned concerning lots with more than one dwelling. The benefit factors being used seem to be correct. The board discussed a couple of situations: One lots owned by George Timiney that is divided by an outlet from the lake and the lots owned by Roxanne Greenia. The board verified that the current benefit factors are correct and no changes were made.

Public Hearings in 2010

The date for the public hearings to approve a new five-year program was scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Douglass Township Hall, if available. That will give Norm and Tony plenty of time to prepare for the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Engineering Program – Tony Groves/Progressive AE

Tony presented his proposal to the board for services they would provide to prepare and present the next 5-year weed program for public hearings. A lake survey will be done prior to and after the first weed treatment is done. They will be looking for the type of weed species in the lake and the locations of weed growth. The next 5-year budget will be developed and either Tony or Paul will do the presentation at the public hearing. The cost for these services will be \$3,000. Jason asked if a survey could be done a couple of weeks prior to the hearings so update information is available.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jason to approve contracting with Progressive to get through the public hearings. The motion was amended to include an additional survey a couple weeks prior to the hearing. Motion carried.

Tony presented a second proposal for overseeing the weed control program after the public hearings. The board told Tony that in the past there were problems with permit applications to DEQ being late, appointments not kept, and asking board members to do some of the testing. Tony assured the board that he or Paul would be doing the surveys and testing and they would be sure to notify Mike ahead of time so he could go along on surveys etc. Services would include preparing contracts and bid documents, lake surveys, pretreatment maps, approval of treatments and payment of bills, up to date logs of activities and other data, attend lake board meetings, and a yearly newsletter. Cost of this proposal is \$6,000 per year and there will be an annual renewal provision.

The lake board took no action on the second proposal. Tony will present the proposal at the public hearing and the board will make a decision based on the public input and response.

2010 Weed Control Program

Norm will be following basically the same weed control program as was used last year. There is one area of chara that has been a concern to a property owner. That area can be treated if necessary, but the best way to keep chara down is with activity in the water. Chara is a good native plant and if removed may give way for starry stonewort to take over

Norm asked for a signature on the authorization form so he can apply for the 2010 permit from DEQ.

Treatment Contract – Norm Zion/Aquatic Nuisance Control

Norm had a contract prepared for the board's signature. Aquatic's contract has always been done on a lump sum amount each year. Don would like to see the contract changed to show a cost for each chemical on a per acre basis.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Anne to approve the 2010 contract with Norm for weed treatment. The motion was amended to accept the contract with the

addition of the per acre cost of each chemical to be used for each plant species and is not to exceed \$11,330. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason presented a copy of an email message he received from Steve Murray. Steve is worried that the fish population has declined. A copy is attached.

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 11:00 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 February 5, 2010 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