

**LAKE MONTCALM**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING**

**October 28, 2011**

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Mike Dunn, Chairman  
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Jeff Bokovoy  
Douglass Township Representative

Jason Hiscock, Chairman  
Belvidere Township Representative

**ABSENT:** Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Patrick Carr, Member  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

**ALSO**  
**PRESENT:** Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control  
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

A Motion was made by Jason and seconded by Jeff to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Jason and seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2010 meeting with corrections as follows: add the word owners to page 2 comment 19 and page 3 comment 2 and insert a comma on page 4 in the list of present board members. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update Weed Control Program

On the July survey it was noted that there was less pondweed this year. A treatment was done on June 13 for milfoil, Segoe, pondweed, algae, and alodea. The wild celery is bad this year and is not being treated. A treatment using Nautique can be done in mid to late August to treat the celery. However, because treatment is done late in the season it may not be worth the expense to keep the lake clear the last few weeks of summer. Cost to

treat 14 acres would be \$5,400 and has to be done as a separate treatment. There is no assurance that only one treatment would control it but you would have to wait until the next summer to see how good the treatment worked. Hydra is quite thick in shallow areas of the lake. Celery can easily be raked out manually. Norm will keep it on the permit next year so a treatment can be done if needed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The board would like to see about stocking fish in the lake. The DNR fisheries division did a fish study about 5 years ago. Jeff will ask and see what he can find out from the DNR. Norm suggested stocking Red Ear Sunfish because they will eat snails and zebra mussels.

The board discussed the problem with boat travel in the middle of the channel. They wondered if something could be done to slow down the boat traffic and get boaters to drive out away from the center.

Norm will pay for half of the postage to distribute the newsletters next spring because his notice will be included with the newsletter. Jeff suggested that there should be a way for property owners to submit an email address for sending out the newsletter to save on the cost of postage. Articles could be included to warn boaters to slow down in the channel and to rake the celery in the shoreline in front of their homes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne asked if home owners using chemicals to treat their lakefronts would affect the weed control treatment Norm does. There could be some effects and the other chemicals may kill weeds that Norm doesn't treat. He warned that a permit from the DEQ is required whenever chemicals are used in the water.

Anne wondered about swimmer's itch. Norm explained that the itch is caused by parasites that burrow under the skin and die.. A person would definitely know if they had contracted swimmer's itch. There have not been any reported complaints of swimmer's itch this year.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Jason and seconded by Jeff to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried.

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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 October 28, 2011 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.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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