

COWDEN LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES
April 21, 2009

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A meeting of the Cowden Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, Stanton, Michigan on the 21st day of April 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Betten at 4:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Roger Betten, Member
Maple Valley Township Representative

Sandra Raines, Secretary/Treasurer
Montcalm County Deputy Drain Commissioner

Howard Blazo, Member
Maple Valley Township Representative

Carl Paepke, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ABSENT: Jack Skinner
Abutting Property Owners Representative

ALSO
PRESENT: Paul Hausler, Progressive Engineering
Donna Paepke
Carrie Wills

The agenda was approved as presented

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Sandy to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Howard to retain Roger as the board Chairman and Don as the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Howard reported that the new drain is getting worn down so it forms a point instead of being flat on the bottom. It seems to be working to keep the yards from washing out. The road is washing out from under the new pavement.

Old Business

Weed Control Update

Sonar was used last year so not much treatment should be needed this year for the milfoil. Harvesting should be done sometime in July.

New Business

Proposed Budget for 2009-2012 Program

Paul presented a handout with costs for chemical and harvesting. He also had a proposed budget for the next four-year program with an annual cost of \$26,000. The board discussed the fact that there is a big overage in the current fund balance and that the tax spread could be cut back for the next four years.

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Carl to approve the proposed budget of \$26,000 per year for the next four-year program.

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Carl to reduce the tax roll spread to \$13,000 per year so that the cost on the roll per one unit would be \$125.00. Motion carried.

Public Hearings

The board decided to schedule the public hearings for August 22, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Maple Valley Complex, if available.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Carl and seconded by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Dated: April 21, 2009

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

State of Michigan)
) ss:
County of Montcalm)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Cowden Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on April 21, 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 Cowden Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Dated: April 21, 2009