

**MUSKELLUNGE LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

**MEETING**

**October 14, 2009**

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A meeting of the Muskellunge Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thebo at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Greg Thebo, Chairman  
Maple Valley Township Representative

Sandy Raines Secretary/Treasurer  
Montcalm County Deputy Drain Commissioner

Carl Paepke, Member  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Duane Spears, Member  
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Bob Pickel, Member  
Maple Valley Township Representative

ALSO Jennifer Jermalowicz Jones, Lakeshore Environmental  
PRESENT: Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Duane to approve the agenda with an addition under Old Business: Lake Association Letter/Renewal of Lakeshore's Contract. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Carl and seconded by Duane to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2009 meeting as presented Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Management Plan from Lakeshore Environmental

Jennifer presented the board with a copy of the proposed lake management plan for 2010. She apologized for all the problems during the 2009 season and addressed the changes proposed for next year to fix the problems. They will no longer use Beach Restore for harvesting. The plan is to continue treating the milfoil and harvest the pondweed. Bids will be taken for both contracts. The newsletter will be ready by April 1<sup>st</sup> and copies of all correspondence will be provided to the Drain Office and all board members. The first lake survey will be done by May 1 and depending on weed growth, the first treatment

should be done by 1<sup>st</sup> of June and harvesting before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There was discussion about the sediment buildup problem in the North bay area. The board feels it would be just a temporary fix to dredge and the problem as a whole is a bigger project than the board can correct.

Jennifer suggested that the board may want to appoint someone as a point person to go out with the consultant on lake surveys. Bob and Duane are both willing to act as point persons for the board.

Lake Association Letter/Renewal of Lakeshore's Contract

Sandy told the board that the Drain Office's recommendation is to not renew the contract with LSE. It has been the policy to go with the wishes of the Lake Association and we did receive a letter from them asking the board to not renew the contract. The board discussed again the problems encountered during the 2009 treatment year. Greg also recommended not renewing the contract. The board is responsible to the property owners and they were very unhappy this year. Bob feels that things have gotten too far out of hand to make any corrections now. Carl commented that the board also dropped the ball on this one and issues should have been addressed earlier. However, the board has to do what the people want.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Sandy to not renew the contract with Lakeshore Environmental. Motion carried. (Duane voted no)

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Bob to retain Progressive AE as the new consultant for the lake board. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Duane to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried.

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Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Muskellunge Lake, 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 Muskellunge Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on October 14, 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 Muskellunge Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner