

DUCK LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2010

A meeting of the Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Crystal Township Hall, 414 South Main, Crystal, Michigan on the 19th day of April, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sandborn at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Marv Sandborn, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners Representative

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

Marie Nico, Member
Crystal Township Representative

Bob Gagne, Member
Crystal Township Representative

Steve Crouse, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO

PRESENT: Pam Tynning, Progressive AE
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission
Ed & Carolyn Wozniak, David Wight, Earl & Janet Hatinger, John & Marie McCarty, Larry DeVito, and Ron Harter

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bob to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marie and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes from April 28, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

Liaison Committee Report

The Liaison Committee has not met since last fall. Marv asked the committee if they could have a meeting to discuss the channel cleanout. The board discussed the need to clean the channel, necessary permits, etc. Pam told the board that even though the DEQ and DNR have been combined into one department, we will be dealing with the same employees as in the past.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Weed Control Program

Pam reported that the permit for treatment has been issued. Milfoil control will be similar to last year using 2,4-D and renovate. Algae treatments and harvesting will be done as needed. The spring survey should be done in a couple weeks and the first treatment should be sometime between the end of May to first of June. There are some areas where the lily pads are a problem. Property owners are worried that the cut weeds that are not picked up and removed might reseed making the growth areas thicker.

History of Duck Lake Improvement Board

Pam gave an overview of the history of the dredge project leading up to the need to find a dump site for the dredged sediment which has high levels of arsenic. Dave Wight has agreed to follow up on the names and addresses of the owners of a parcel of land the board is interested in obtaining to use as a dump site.

Lake Level Control

The lake is 2 to 3 inches below normal right now. The Channel is so low boats cannot be started there without getting into the mud. Don explained that the boards are taken out in the winter to let the lake flush out and to prevent shoreline damage from the ice. Boards are put back in on April 1 to raise the level back up. Don has been monitoring the level. The board discussed water quality, which has not been tested since prior to the diversion project.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Marie to approve testing the water quality for phosphorous, e-coli, and other elements as suggested by Pam. The cost is not to exceed \$250. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DeVito Property 005-690-056-00 Contiguous

Larry DeVito had informed the Drain Commission that he bought a lot (Lot 56) that is contiguous to his other two parcels (Lots 7 & 57). Lot 56 was on the 2009 tax roll with a .5 factor. He would like the factor changed to 0 because it is contiguous to the other parcels and wondered if the 2009 tax that he paid in the amount of \$146.58 could be reimbursed to him.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Marie to reimburse Larry the amount of the 2009 tax. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Marv would like to have the DNRE attend a meeting to discuss problems the board has encountered trying to get a permit to clean out the channel and for the lake dredge. Pam would like to see the DEQ denial for the channel cleanout to see if she can do something to help get it approved. Dave Wight would like to attend a meeting if one is scheduled with the DNRE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marv reminded everyone that the weed cutters are still available for property owners to use. Marv would like letters sent to Dave Long and Jane Matty to see if either or both of them would agree to meet with board members to discuss the problems on Duck Lake and some suggestions on how to proceed.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Don Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Dated: April 19, 2010

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 Duck Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on April 19, 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 Duck Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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Agenda Item #6/New Business

Lots 5, 56 & 57 are owned by Larry DeVito.

On the 2009 tax roll Lot 5 had a benefit factor of 1; Lot 56 was a .5; and Lot 57 was a 0.

I have fixed the 2010 tax roll so that Lot 56 will be a 0 next year since it is contiguous to the other two lots. Larry would like to be reimbursed for the tax amount of \$146.58 that he paid on the 2009 taxes.

