

TOWNLAKE LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES

April 22, 2010

A meeting of the Townline Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held in the Drain Commissioners Office, Stanton, Michigan on the 22nd day of April 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman VanDyk at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Thomas VanDyk, Chairman
Cato Township Representative

Forest (Bud) Stephens, Member
Belvidere Township Representative

Marv Kladder, Member
Property Owners Representative

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Patrick Carr, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO PRESENT Tony Groves, Progressive AE
Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Paul Forton, Spicer Engineering
Carrie Wills, Drain Office, Sandy Raines, Deputy Drain Commissioner
Paula Tanis, George Leist, Pat Mahoney, Suzanne Ammann, Shane Siedenburg, Donald Palmer, Bob Ham, Tom Steggall, Connie Brown, property owners

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

A motion was made by Marv and seconded by Bud to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried

Public Comments
None

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Channel Dredge

Paul Forton gave an update on the channel dredge, which was completed last fall. Seeding still needs to be finished but final payment will not be issued until all work is completed to the board's satisfaction. Because the contractor was allowed access to the

channel through lots owned by Connie Brown, Paul wants to check with Connie to make sure her lots are repaired to her satisfaction. The contractor has also agreed to repair some cracks in the driveway of a property owner next to the access site. The channel is now navigable up to the weir.

The board discussed the need to follow up with removing the overhead wires that have hampered channel cleanouts in the past. Money was budgeted in the funding for the project to get them moved.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Marv to proceed with the removal of the overhead wires. Motion carried.

Judgment on Schmied Park Properties/Property Owners to Address the Board

Mr. Mahoney presented the board with a letter and an overview of the recent court case in which he and his wife, Pat, George & Linda Leist, and Alex & Joyce Weever were named as defendants. A judgment given by the court prohibits any of them from personal use of Schmied Park or the drives to the lake. The property owners want the board to remove any special assessments against the lots named in the judgment that are for lake improvements as they feel they no longer have any access to the lake. The attorney for Belvidere Township is checking into the matter to see if he can represent the parties. The board does not want to make any decisions until they have all the facts to consider. The property owners were asked to keep the board informed of any progress on the case so it can be addressed at a later time.

2010 Treatment Program

Tony explained that sonar will be used this year to treat the milfoil. The milfoil growth found in the lake now is a hybrid that has developed some tolerance to chemicals. The DNRE has issued the permit for sonar but under certain conditions so Progressive will be doing additional monitoring. Plant samples will be sent to SEPRO, manufacturer of the chemical, and Grand Valley University to see how much of the milfoil is the hybrid species and to track what effect the sonar has on the hybrid. Both SEPRO and Grand Valley have agreed to do the studies at no cost to the lake board. Progressive will be collecting the samples and collecting data for other required tests. There will be an additional cost of \$7500 to cover the cost of the additional testing. Tony stated that a letter is needed to send to DNRE acknowledging that the board is aware that the milfoil is a hybrid and that they understand that the sonar treatment being used is experimental in nature.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bud to approve the letter prepared by Tony for the DNRE and to allow Tom to sign the letter on behalf of the board. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Herbicide Treatment Contract

Tony had prepared a new contract for Norm to sign for 2010 through 2013 which gives the unit cost of the chemicals and the responsibilities of the parties.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bud to approve the herbicide treatment contract with Norm. Motion carried.

Newsletter

A draft of the newsletter was presented to the board. They will be in the mail by Monday. The board approved the newsletter as presented.

Shane Siendenburg/004-220-215-00

Shane Siendenburg was present to discuss the assessment on 10 lots that he purchased at the annual tax sale for \$1000. He stated that the special assessments against the lots were as much every year as he paid for the property. He has limited use of the land because it is mostly wetland and is unbuildable. He suggested that the board take a look at the factor methodology when it is time for the next five year program and consider a lower multiplier for parcels like his that are unbuildable or assign factors based on the number of accesses to the lake. He also offered the board an opportunity to create a detention basin on the lots to alleviate some of the water from surrounding lands and prevent some of the sediment buildup in the channel. The board agreed to look at the factor formula when preparing for the next public hearings in 2013.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Bud to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer

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County of Montcalm }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Townline Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on April 22, 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 Townline Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Dated: _____