PERCH LAKE

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MEETING

September 13, 2010

A meeting of the Perch Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 13th day of September 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johansen at 4:10 p.m.

PRESENT: John Johansen, Chairperson
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

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

Thom Pacey
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Wally Peacock
Montcalm Township Representative

ABSENT: Tracy Brown
Montcalm Township Representative

ALSO
PRESENT: Pam Tyning, Progressive AE
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

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

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Wally to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Weed Control Program Update
Pam reported that Renovate had been used this year for the milfoil. No milfoil was found during the post treatment survey, but lately plants have been found in various areas of the lake in deep water. A harvest was done in mid August. The board reported that the harvester did an excellent job of cleanup even gathering weeds from between the docks. Milfoil is an ongoing problem and Pam suggests that a sonar treatment may be warranted; not in 2011, but maybe 2012. Sonar is a whole lake treatment and the chemical is more expensive. However, the effects of the treatment last for a longer period of time and little or no treatment should be needed for at least a couple of years after the sonar is applied. Pam estimates the cost for sonar would be about $4300 which would actually be cheaper than what it cost to treat this year. The board was concerned that the

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applicator did not do a good job of posting the treatment notice. Apparently the contractor is only required to post along the lake shore areas that will be treated. Pam said she could ask the contractor to post the whole lake shore next year if that is what the Board wants. Don recommended not posting in areas that are not being treated as people might question why their property was posted then not treated or might think that those areas had been treated but that the chemical did not work. Herbicides applied as a spot treatment generally do not disperse throughout the whole lake but will sink in the area where sprayed. That is why the contractor is required to post only along the lake shore where treatment is done.

A motion was made by Thom and seconded by Don to use the same contractors as were used this year and extend their contracts for weed control in 2011. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Budget/Determine Amount to Spread on Tax Roll

The board reviewed the finance sheet for the weed control program. The fund has a good balance to carry over for next year. However, the board must keep in mind that next year's treatment could be more costly as the milfoil seems to be increasing each year and a sonar treatment may be needed in the near future.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Wally to spread $15,000 on the 2010 tax roll. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Representation

The board is wondering if Tracy is still interested in holding a position on the board. Her employer has transferred her to a new location and she has not been able to attend the last few meetings. Wally agreed to talk with Tracy about the board's concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Thom to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Motion carried

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Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Perch 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 Perch Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 13, 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 Perch Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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