

TOWNLINELAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MINUTES

April 5, 2011

A meeting of the Townline Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held in the Drain Commissioners Office, Stanton, Michigan on the 5th day of April 2011 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 Paul Hausler, Progressive AE
Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Jake Britton, SEPRO; Matt McCall, Nancy Snyder, property owner
Carrie Wills, Drain Office

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

A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Marv to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried

Public Comments

None

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Weed Control/Plant Studies

Paul presented a handout showing an overview of last year's program, AVAS results, and a comparison of weed growth for 2009 & 2010. The hybrid milfoil has been hard to treat. Paul

expects to use Renovate Max G and Renovate OTF this year for the milfoil and Aquathol for curly leaf pondweed. SEPRO is guaranteeing at least an 80% kill of the milfoil or they will furnish the additional chemicals to do another treatment with Dyquat. Norm will not charge for the labor to apply the second treatment if needed. There is a required setback of 300 feet from the form the outlet that cannot be treated. Treatment should be done before the milfoil can flower. Some growth expansion of the milfoil has been due to reproduction by regeneration. A draft copy of the newsletter was reviewed. Norms treatment notice will be included.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bud to approve the treatment plan proposed by Paul. Motion carried.

Move Overhead Wires Along The Channel

Don told the board that he has been working with Frontier and Charter on an agreement to move the overhead wires along the channel. At the time of the public hearings the phone lines were owned by Verizon. The wires are now owned by Frontier so a new quote was needed. Frontier wants \$7,000 to move the lines with and Charter quoted \$2954. The conduit will be placed by directional boring under the road and the channel at a depth of eighteen feet. Anything less than 18 feet would require a DEQ permit to go through the channel. According to Frontier, this is the most cost effective way to proceed. With the cost to do the boring, the total cost of the project should be \$14,852. The amount in the budget for the line location was only \$9,000. Don is asking the board to approve the additional fees needed to complete the relocation. The job can be started right away.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Bud to authorize the additional funds needed to relocate the wires up to \$16,000. Motion carried.

Sediment Buildup in Channel

The sediment in the channel has built up to about 2 inches from the top. Bud reported that there is been a heavy run off right now. The level is above the pipe. A hydrachoe would be the most cost effective way to perform the cleanout. The cleanout can begin as soon as the overhead wires are relocated.

Repairs to Channel Access Lot Owned by Connie Brown

The Drain Office Maintenance Supervisor will deliver a load of topsoil, level and reseed the lot owned by Connie Brown. Connie was willing to let us have access to the channel for the last cleanout across the lot and it should be restored back to its original condition.

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan Lakes & Streams Conference

The Michigan Lakes & Streams Conference is scheduled for April 15 & 16 at Boyne Mountain. No one is available to attend the conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

Weevils

The use of weevils was discussed. Research shows that the results of using weevils are unpredictable and weevils are expensive. They are not cost effective where milfoil is a big problem.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Marv and seconded by Bud to adjourn the meeting. 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 5, 2011, 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: _____