

CLIFFORD LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2011

A meeting of the Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 1st day of August 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: John Otto, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Larry Deuel, Member
Douglass Township Representative

Scott Zerka, Member
Douglass Township Representative

John Johansen, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Donald Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

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

A motion was made by John and seconded by Larry to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

OLD BUSINESS

Weed Control Program/Lily Pad Problem

Tony reported that three surveys have been done on the lake and they have found no milfoil. Sonar was used the year before last and no treatment has been needed since then. Scott just recently found a patch of milfoil that appeared practically overnight. Elaine Millard has been promised that something would be done with the lily pads in front of her

home. Tony had thought about harvesting but then other property owners would want to have their lakefronts harvested too and the weeds are not bad enough to warrant other cutting. The permit issued by the DEQ does not cover treatment for the lily pads but an amendment to treat 1600 square feet per home could be issued within about a day's notice. The treatment could be done now to knock down the lily pads or the treatment could be done sometime in mid-September to control the growth for next summer. There would be no extra charge for the amendment. The board discussed other areas of the lake that also have a lily pad problem. In 2007 four different areas were treated at a cost of \$600.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by John to treat four different locations in the lake in mid-September to help control next year's growth. Tony is to confirm the cost prior to treatment. Motion carried.

Act 451 of 1994

John Johansen talked briefly with Judy Emmons about the board's concern for the cost of the DEQ permit as was discussed at the last two meetings. He suggested that the lake board should send a letter to the governor and state legislators voicing its concerns.

Chairman Otto has questioned the permitting procedure. If the permit application could be submitted at a date in the spring after the first survey, a more accurate plan would be in place. If the permit could be issued for fewer acres the cost would be lower. As it is, there is no recourse for a refund of any overpayment when the estimated number of acres to treat is too high or if no permit is even needed for that year.

New Business

Larry commented that the curly leaf pondweed is the worst it has been in a few years. Tony had thought the pondweed would die off by the 4th of July but it is just now starting to turn brown.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Larry and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.. Motion carried.

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board

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 Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on August 1, 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 Clifford Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner