

WINFIELD LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2011

A meeting of the Winfield Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, Montcalm County Courthouse, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 30th day of August 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Book at 4:0-2 P.M.

PRESENT: Denise DeKraker
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Ron Baker
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

Richard (Dick) Stacey
Maple Valley Township Representative

Thomas Kok
Winfield Township Representative

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

ALSO
PRESENT: Pam Tynning, Progressive AE
Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Dick to approve the agenda with the addition of Election of Chairperson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Ron to approve the June 22, 2010 minutes as presented. Motion carried

Appoint New Board Member

Three lake residents were asked by the lake association to attend today's meeting as persons interested in filling the vacant lake board seat. Steve Book has moved away from the lake so a new abutting property owners' representative is needed. Denise DeKraker was present to introduce herself to the board.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Dick to appoint Denise as the new board member to represent abutting property owners. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Dick nominated Denise as chairperson of the board. No other nominations were given.

A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Don to close nominations.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Tom to elect Denise as the chairperson of the board. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Old Business:

Review Weed Control Program

Milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed were found when the lake survey was done in June. Norm used Reward to treat 20 acres of milfoil on June 14 and another 10 acres in July. A third treatment was done for 5 acres on August 25. Norm asked the board if they want him to stick to Progressive's treatment maps or if they prefer he treat additional problem areas if he finds them. The board agreed he should treat the additional problem spots as long as it is within the budget. They feel it is better to treat the milfoil and keep it under control. Chara has been spotted in some areas of the lake and lily pads are dying out in most locations. The inlet to the lake is looking better. The board discussed the use of Sonar and DEQ regulations and requirements.

New Business

New 5-Year Program

Public hearings for the next 5-year program will be necessary in 2012. The board discussed taking bids for applicators. As a general rule rates go up about 3% per year. As long as the contractor is doing a good job and the costs are in line with other applicators, the board feels that bidding is not necessary. A decision was made to continue using Norm as the applicator and not seek out other bids.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Tom to have Progressive prepare a proposed weed control plan and budget for the next 5-year program. Motion carried.

Prepare for Public Hearings (2012)

A meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2012 at which time the board will review the proposed plan and budget prepared by Progressive. Public hearing dates will be set at that meeting.

2011 Tax Roll Spread

The board decided to spread the full amount of \$15,500 on the 2011 tax roll.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Don and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 P.M.

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

State of Michigan)

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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 Winfield Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on August 30, 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 Winfield Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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