

TOWNLINELAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES

October 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 October 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Interim Chairman Kladder at 4:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Suzanne Ammann
Cato Township Representative

Forest (Bud) Stephens, Member
Belvidere Township Representative

Marv Kladder, Member
Property Owners Representative

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

Patrick Carr, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO PRESENT Paul Hausler, Progressive AE
Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Gary Beasinger, Nancy Snyder, & Gary Smith, property owner
Carrie Wills, Drain Office

The Board welcomed Suzanne Ammann as the new board member representing Cato Township. She is replacing Tom VanDyke who resigned in July. A letter of resignation was also received from Bud effective as of today. Bud is recommending that Gary Beasinger be considered for his position and both will attend the next Belvidere Township meeting to ask them for the appointment. Nancy might also be interested in the position. Anyone seeking the township board's appointment should plan to attend the next township board meeting.

The agenda was approved with the amendment to add Pat Carr's attendance under New Business.

A motion was made by Bud and seconded by Marv to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried

Election of Officers

Election of Officers was put on hold until the next meeting after the new township representative has been appointed.

Public Comments

Nancy remarked that the condition of the lake was much better this year. Gary Smith agreed. It's the best he has seen it since he moved there 3 years ago.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Weed Control

The sonar treatment used last year did not work because the hybrid milfoil was resistant to that herbicide. This year a low dose of Renovate OTF was used with great success. The whole lake was treated out to a depth of 10 feet. The water use restriction time was longer but there were no complaints from property owners. On June 7th Norm treated 58 acres of algae and 20 acres of curlyleaf pondweed. Algae was treated again on June 29 and August 3. No milfoil was spotted but Niaid was more prevalent than in other years. Paul is predicting they may have to expand the curlyleaf treatment next year.

Paul is working on the fish study which will be available later this year. He is waiting for information from the DNR.

Norm informed the board that swimmer's itch has been a problem in some of the county's lakes. Red Ear Sunfish eat zebra mussels and snails and could be stocked to help prevent the problem in Townline Lake. There is no chemical treatment for the mussels.

Move Overhead Wires Along The Channel

The overhead wires along the channel have been moved underground.

Sediment Buildup in Channel

A channel cleanout was done after the wires were moved. The channel looks good right now. No bill has been received yet from the contractor.

Repairs to Channel Access Lot

The final repairs were done to the lot used for access to the channel. There is a good regrowth of grass and the lot looks very nice.

NEW BUSINESS

The board is concerned because Pat does not attend meetings. They feel his input is important and wonder if he would be willing to appoint another commissioner to act as the representative for the Board of Commissioners. Per state statutes, a representative from the board of commissioners must hold a seat on the lake board. Suzanne will send Pat a letter explaining her concerns as a property owner on the lake.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Bud and seconded by Suzanne to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 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 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: _____

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