

LITTLE BASS LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING

September 28, 2011

A meeting of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 28th day of September 28 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Weaver at 4:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Daniel Weaver, Chairman
Abutting Property Owners Representative

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

Sandy Gomes, Member
Belvidere Township Representative

ABSENT: Jim Hoppough, Member
Belvidere Township Representative

Patrick Carr, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control

PRESENT: Margaret Weaver
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

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

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Don to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Weed Control Update

Norm reported that the lake was treated on June 21 for pondweeds and algae, on July 15 for algae and for lily pads on August 29. They seem to be getting good control on the lily pads so Norm may be able to skip that treatment for a year. He will continue to treat as usual though if needed. Niaid has been spotted in the lake but it is a non-nuisance native plant.

Swimmers Itch

Swimmers Itch was a wide spread problem at the lake this year. Several people voiced their concern at the neighborhood picnic and asked if something could be done to treat it. Norm told the board that treatment can be done with high doses of copper sulfate but it would most likely also kill off the Chara. The Chara will come back but other nuisance plants could also become a problem. The Red Ear Sunfish feeds on the snails that cause the swimmers itch so stocking the lake is another option. Norm did not know how many fish it would take or the cost to stock and it will take time for the fish to deplete the snails. The cost to treat with copper sulfate is \$285 per acre. Norm predicts he would have to treat about 8.5 acres at a cost of \$2422.50 plus the \$400 fee for the permit. The dead snails will cause a bad odor and make a mess along the shoreline. DEQ will not permit the treatment until after June 15 and it may have to be done more than just the one year. Norm recommends doing the treatment in 2012 and obtaining a permit to treat the following year. There is enough money in the budget to treat in 2012 but there will not be enough to treat the next year.

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Don to get the permit and treat the lake for swimmers itch in 2012. A budget and management plan will be prepared to present at the public hearings in 2013 so additional treatments can be done if needed in the next five-year program. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The board will plan to meet next fall.

Public Comments

None

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Don to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer
Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board

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 Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 28, 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 Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

Donald E. Cooper
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

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