

## TAMARACK LAKE

### LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2010

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A meeting of the Tamarack Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner's Office, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lincoln at 3:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Todd Lincoln, Chairman  
Village of Lakeview Representative

Donald Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Dr. John London, Member  
Cato Township Representative

Clark Newell  
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

ABSENT: Patrick Carr, Member  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO

PRESENT: Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control, Inc.,  
Dr. Doug Pullman, Aquest Corporation  
James Freed, Village of Lakeview Manager  
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

Don explained the establishment and proceedings of the Lake Improvement Board. Jim told the board is trying to get a grant to install a new pier on the lake.

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

A motion was made by Newell and seconded by London to approve the minutes from October 21, 2009 with the addition of an explanation that future invoices from Norn should include the number of acres treated. Motion carried

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board discussed having a point person to accompany Norm on lake surveys. Jeff Kurtze and Dr. London had agreed to do that. Todd was there when Norm treated on May

26<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. London would like Norm to contact him when signs are posted. The board discussed using different colors for notices so property owners can differentiate between treatment dates. If one more color was added the notices could alternate between the two colors.

Comments from the public have been favorable for the treatment this year. Jim has been making copies of the annual newsletter and making them available in his office. He offered to add the newsletter to the village's website. He suggested that the newsletters be made more reader friendly and that a long term plan for lake management could be included.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Review of 2010 Weed Control Program

Norm reported that the lake was treated seven times this year. Milfoil was found on the lake survey on May 6 and algae was a big problem this year too. Several treatments were done throughout the summer to control the algae. The lake was the best it has been in the last ten years. Dr. London would like to see less spent to treat the algae so the money could be used to apply more of the herbicides. The board feels that Norm did a good job keeping things under control this year. He should continue treating the same in 2011.

Dr. London made a motion to open up a path around the lake. Clark commented that it is already being done. Dr. London feels it was too far off shore and was a waste of time. There was discussion about the areas being treated and DNRE restrictions. The motion died for lack of support.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Renew Contract With Aquest

Dr. Pullman presented invoices for his services for 2010. He did not charge for field notes. He reported that Starry Stonewart will continue to spread but should be manageable. He also presented his contract proposal for 2011 which is a 3% increase from 2010 and includes the cost of the field notes.

A motion was made by London and seconded by Newell to accept the contract with Aquest at the 3% increase.. Motion carried.

### Review Budget/Set 2010 Tax Roll Spread

The board reviewed the finance sheet and next year's budget. A fish study should be done next year. There was some discussion concerning a lake dredge. Todd has been inquiring about the cost to dredge and was given an estimated guess at about \$30,000 per acre.

A motion was made by Cooper and seconded by London to set the amount of the tax spread for 2010 at \$80,000. Motion carried.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Norm told the board that there may be new requirements for applying chemicals to the lakes that will require a federal permit. It might be possible to get one permit to cover all the lakes in the county.

The cemetery road level was raised so that the lake doesn't flood it anymore. We should be able to leave the boards in now to maintain the lake level.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Cooper and seconded by Newell to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Tamarack 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 Tamarack Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on October 20, 2010 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 Tamarack Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner