

BEAR LAKE - LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 10, 2022
6:00pm
Laketon Township Hall

The meeting was called to order by chair VanFossan at 6:00.

Roll call: present; VanFossan, Howell, Pek, Moore. Unexcused: Brown

Approval of Agenda; motion by Pek support by Howell to accept the agenda as presented. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approval of Minutes: 5/14/22 meeting: Motion by Pek support by Howell to accept the minutes as written. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Public Comments: no public comments.

Budget: Howell reviewed the proposed budget for 2022 in the amount of \$96,690.00, which included a new line item for the treatment of Fenner's Ditch with Alum. The "Nutrient Abatement" line item was clarified as filters or other means of trapping pollutants entering the lake from storm water. Pek mentioned that the Board once had a line item for grant match, citing the Muskegon Conservation District Partnership for a potential lake management grant. All agreed this should be in the budget. The exact amount allocated needs to be found in previous minutes. Motion by Pek, support by Howell to accept the budget as presented with the addition of the line item for grant match. VanFossan, yes; Howell, yes; Pek, yes; Moore, yes.

Communications: VanFossan reported that he received an email from John Rickfelder regarding Fenner's ditch, showing photos of the severity of filamentous algae on the ditch.

Unfinished Business:

By-Laws: VanFossan reviewed citizen comments about the draft Lake Board bylaws. He reviewed several of those comments with the attorney, who indicated that many of the items mentioned by the public were already dictated by state law, like the tenure of Board members. One citizen comment noted that they would like citizens to have input on their Board representative. Another comment considered was the need for a "super majority" vote of the Board to impose an assessment of over \$20,000. VanFossan agreed to speak with the attorney about the inclusion of these two topics in the bylaws. Board members concurred that their desire was to address the bylaws at their next meeting and vote on the final draft. It was noted that bylaws could be amended if other matters came forth.

Newsletter: Board members reviewed the newsletter put together by PLM, the spraying consultant to the Board. VanFossan stated that he would like to pay the extra \$250.00 to put the newsletter in color because the picture quality is much better in full color. Other Board members agreed. Motion by Pek,

support by Howell to move forward with sending the newsletter in color. VanFossan, yes; Howell, yes; Pek, yes; Moore, yes.

PLM/GVSU-AWRI Fenner's Bayou Proposal – The treatment of Fenner's ditch with Alum was discussed as recommended by PLM. It was noted that Dr. Steinman suggested the treatments be injected into the sediment. In speaking with PLM, they were not familiar with technology that would allow that. VanFossan agreed to follow-up on the matter. Motion by Pek support by Howell to proceed with the 2 alum treatments for Fenner's Ditch in the amount of \$6,500 for summer of 2022. VanFossan, yes; Howell, yes; Pek, yes; Moore, yes.

Website Update – Pek provided an update of recent additions to the website and encouraged residents to sign up for email and text "blasts" so they could get direct communication about spraying and other items of concern to lakefront property owners. He reported that currently the texting and Nixle features needed work, but they should be on line soon.

New Business:

Investing Excess BLLB Revenues: VanFossan reported that the attorney confirmed that BLLB revenue could be invested under strict protocols. Board members agreed that if we could grow financial resources for lake management, we should. Howell will speak with the City Manager of North Muskegon on recommended options.

PLM Vegetation Survey #1/Treatment 06/09/22: VanFossan confirmed that PLM was on the lake treating milfoil and blue green algae. On the milfoil they used a "quick kill" and systemic herbicide. They also sprayed Fenner's ditch for algae. PLM reported that milfoil and curly leaf pond weed were in the celery flats. VanFossan reported that he authorized treatment of the celery ponds, stating the milfoil and pond weed would eventually get to the lake.

Public Comments:

Eric Keen, 90 Bear Lake, encouraged the Board to include a super majority provision in their new bylaws.

Joe Barcroft of 1614 Sunset Mentioned the Mona Lake alum treatment and wondered if Bear Lake could do the same.

Board Comments: Pek moved that we add the super-majority comment to the bylaws and that lakefront property owners are asked for input when the lake representative is chosen, Howell seconded, a unanimous voice vote carried the motion. These changes are contingent on the attorney saying those items are legal to include in the bylaws.

Next Meeting will be July 14, 2022 at 6 p.m. back at North Muskegon City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21.