

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 14, 2023
NORTH MUSKEGON CITY HALL**

Vice Chairman Paul Pek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Darrell Van Fossan, Vice Chairman Paul Pek, County Commissioner Jessica Cook, Craig Howell and Brenda Moore

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Taylor Hobby and Mayor Sabina Freeman

ROLL

City Clerk Hobby called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Howell moved to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by Ms. Moore. Chairman Van Fossan moved to amend the agenda to add a couple additional topics – under correspondence d) Oil Sediment, under unfinished business b) Educational Seminar and Surveys and under new business c) Update on Bear Lake Preservation Association. Member Cook moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was supported by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Howell and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pek reviewed communications received regarding complaints of overgrowth, a resident wishing to opt out of treatment in their area and also storm water runoff caused by heavy rains. Mr. Pek explained how the treatment process works with PLM, including how they chose which areas to treat. He also informed the board of how he assisted a resident with marking their property so that PLM would not treat the area.

The board discussed the storm water runoff that happens when there are heavy rains. Ms. Moore explained that there are ways to test the water to see what is entering in the lake during the runoff. The board would like to continue to discuss and analyze what techniques can be used to test when this event occurs.

Mr. Van Fossan had seen a Facebook post regarding oil sediment and what the board is going to do about it. Mr. Pek explained that after doing research he found that they are not necessarily

getting rid of the oil. Ms. Moore stated that there is a school of thought that if it is not moving then overtime the sediment caps the pollutants. The board is of the consensus that this is a topic that should stay on their list and start small to find ways that they may be able to clean up the issue. A lot of residents are paying attention and bringing various issues to the board – which is very helpful. Mr. Pek stated that he has mentioned this to PLM and they said they have not noticed any oil slicks while they are doing the treatments around the lake.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pek for Mr. VanFossan)

7/20 Native Plant Treatment

Mr. Pek reported that the areas voted on previously were treated by PLM and all residents seemed happy about the results.

8/18 Survey and 8/23 Treatment

Mr. Pek reported that they came out and did additional treatments for the areas they treated previously that did not have adequate die-off. Also noted was that down by the channel was treated based off of the survey they completed prior to the treatment.

Insurance Renewal

Insurance came in the same as the previous year. Chairman Van Fossan moved to approve Westchester as the insurance carrier for the next year. The motion was supported by Mr. Howell and carried unanimously.

Bulk Email Notifications

Mr. Pek explained that the bulk e-mail is now working which is used to send out treatment and other various information to residents.

TREASURER

Mr. Howell reported that budget is going as forecasted. In the budget column there was a certain amount for the GVSU contract and there was a bill that came in from last year. Essentially, there is up to \$40,000 in bills coming in before end of year. Once all bills are paid there will around \$250,000 for next year.

SECRETARY

Ms. Moore had nothing to report this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Updated Lake Management Plan

Ms. Moore said it is a work in progress. She will bring it to the board once a draft is complete.

Educational Seminars

Chairman Van Fossan says it is in the contract that PLM needs to lead a seminar or a survey twice a year. Ms. Moore recommends an annual schedule with a spring training, surveys and newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS

Van Fossan Resignation, posting, early applicants

Chairman Van Fossan is stepping down as Chair immediately, but will remain on the BLLB until his replacement is appointed. Two applicants have come in so far. The by-laws state that a mailer must be sent out to every resident paying assessment to the Bear Lake – Lake Board. Mr. Pek explained that information about the opening is already posted on the website. A mailer will be sent out with an October deadline.

Member Van Fossan moved to appoint Mr. Pek as chairman and Mr. Howell as vice chair. The motion was supported by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bear Lake Preservation Association

Mr. Van Fossan stepped down and the association has been dissolved. The association had \$9,161.88 in their account and would like to donate the funds to the Bear Lake – Lake Board. Mr. Pek will write a thank you letter to the members of the association.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Panici, 1505 Glenwood, expressed his gratitude to Darrell on his service to Bear Lake and this board.

Bonnie Slayton, 524 Lake Dr, thanked Darrell for his service to the board and all he has done over the years. She commented on the storm drain runoff from September 6th and thanked Mr. Pek for his quick attentiveness to her concern and getting in touch with the city so they could get out there and test the runoff.

Ms. Moore mentioned her involvement with the Spring Lake – Lake Board and how through their assessment they will collect \$670,000 a year for ten years for alum treatment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 2023

Taylor Hobby, City Clerk