

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, October 12, 2023  
NORTH MUSKEGON CITY HALL**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Clerk Taylor Hobby and Mayor Sabina Freeman

**ROLL**

City Clerk Hobby called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Van Fossan moved to approve the agenda with the addition under subsection a) Chair (Pek), item VII) Report of Officers and Committees of number iii) Blue Green Algae on Muskegon Lake. The motion was supported by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Pek moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting with the addition of clarification that Mr. Van Fossan will continue as a board member until a replacement is chosen. The motion was supported by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

\*Commissioner Cooke arrived

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN (Pek)**

- **Signed Bylaws**  
Chairman Pek wanted the signed bylaws so he could put them out on the website. Ms. Moore will be putting a copy with the Updated Lake Management Plan.
- **First Hydrilla Infestation Found in Michigan**  
PLM sent a press release regarding the first Hydrilla infestation found in Michigan. The document will be placed on the website so that residents are aware.
- **Blue-green Algae in Muskegon Lake**  
Chairman Pek wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the blue-green algae bloom that had happened on Muskegon Lake. Commissioner Cooke inquired about who addresses that on Muskegon Lake. Ms. Moore said it would be the state that would address it and do necessary testing.

### **TREASURER**

Mr. Howell had nothing to report this month. He mentioned that he was waiting on confirmation from Mike that the check went out for the insurance.

### **SECRETARY**

Ms. Moore shared a fun fact with the board that she was doing research to begin the draft for the updated Lake Management Plan. She wanted to research the law about what they can and cannot do and wanted to know when the original law was enacted. The first version was in 1961 and since then the language has not changed much over the years.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Van Fossan Replacement**

Interest in the vacant board position was expressed by four residents: Jim Panici, Bonnie Slayton, Jill Wiitanen and Justin Wilson. A thorough discussion about the applicants took place and it was narrowed down to Jim Panici and Bonnie Slayton as the finalists.

Mr. Van Fossan moved to elect Jim Panici to the Bear Lake-Lake Board. The motion was supported by Mr. Howell pending a discussion that Chairman Pek has with Mr. Panici regarding his commitment to be an active board member. The motion carried 3/2 with Commissioner Cooke and Ms. Moore against.

Ms. Moore suggested having a liaison, such as an education liaison, on the board who would attend meetings, give insight, just are not voting members. The board has a lot of ambitions and a position such as this would help with seeing those through.

Mr. Van Fossan will step down in November, but will still attend the meetings and sit in the audience for a couple months.

#### **Updated Lake Management Plan**

Ms. Moore has the first chapter drafted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Next meeting: November 9, 2023

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Taylor Hobby, City Clerk