

Bear Lake – Lake Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
North Muskegon City Hall

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

Present: Chairman Pek, Members Howell and Panici, Commissioners Barrett and Cook

Absent: None.

Also present: None.

ROLL

Chair Pek called the roll.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the agenda. Member Howell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Member Panici moved to approve the July 8, 2025 minutes as amended. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Clyde Rinsema – thanked the Board for good communication
- Keene – treatment and website feedback
- Lynne Dudek – conditions of cutouts/fingers area of the channel
- Paul Prentice – log removal
- Sue Grevel – Facebook post on lake concern
- Tim Thiele – concerned about purple loosestrife

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chair Pek:

- There was a large treatment in July. PLM will be doing a lake survey August 13-14 to see where treatment may be needed. Treatment (including phosphorous mitigation) will occur next week weather permitting.
- Website was updated: minutes added as well as a "Report Lake Concerns" page.
- Communications: Mass emails are not working until Domain update by the City or County to establish Mailchimp. Looking into Nixell for mass notifications.

Treasurer/Vice-Chair Howell: Working with the new City Treasurer for better financial reporting.

Secretary Barrett: Nothing to report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Horton boat launch update: Laketon Township is working with EGLE for the necessary permit.
- MI Lakes & Streams Assoc Membership (Pek): will look into further later in the year.
- New Financial Report and Worksheet (Pek/Howell): Treasurer/Vice-Chair Howell is working with the City of North Muskegon Treasurer to prepare better financial statements for the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Treatment budget review: Board discussed the need for possible further treatment than had been budgeted for. Commissioner Cook moved to increase the treatment budget to \$45,000 for FY2025. Member Panici seconded the motion. Cook – yes, Panici – yes, Pek – yes, Howell – yes, Barrett – yes. Motion approved.
- Discussion on adding phosphorous mitigation to the cutout/finger are in FY2026: Board discussion ensued. Board decided to gather information from PLM on costs and wait to see if more residents requested said treatment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pek adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM at North Muskegon City Hall