Bear Lake – Lake Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 13
North Muskegon City Hall

Chairman Paul Pek called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Chairman Pek, Members Panici, Commissioners Barrett.

Absent: Members Cook and Howell

ROLL

Member Panici called the roll.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Barrett moved to approve the agenda. Member Panici supported the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Member Barrett moved to approve the August 11, 2026 minutes. CHairman Pek supported the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Dan Zuidema voiced opposition to the way the special assessment is being calculated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Pek indicated he has received a couple of emails relating to how the assessment will be billed and paid by residents. He explained that Member Barrett and him will be meeting with Laketon Township and North Muskegon officials to work out those details.
He reported that the final seasonal treatment of Bear Lake was done in September.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chair Pek:
Has been updating the website. He is inquiring on the possibility to get a SSL certificate for our website. He continues to work on the Facebook page. He has been diligently working on wrapping up the final details on the assessment process.

Treasurer Report:
With the absence of Member Howell Chairman Pek presented the current financial position of the assessment account. The current balance is $43,436. Outstanding items include the elevated attorney bills (because of the assessment work) and the PLM final seasonal bill. Chaiman Pek outlined the situation with the attorney billing and the interface with the North Muskegon financial system.

Secretary Barrett: Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Pek and Member Barrett gave an update on their work with Laketon Township and North Muskegon City government.
Chairman Pek provided a copy of the posting that appeared in the Muskegon Chronicle and explained to the people in attendance what the appeal process consisted of.
No action on Laketon Township and North Muskegon participating in the funding of the assessment.
Board Insurance. Still working with our insurance company on terms and costs.
Chairman Pek submitted copy of letter received from House Representative Will Snyder.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Dan Zuidema continued to express his opinion on the calculation of the proposed assessment.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Pek continued to explain the rationale for the proposed assessment calculation.
Member Barrett proposed that we discuss the 2027 meeting schedule at the next meeting.
Don't know if you want to mention the discontinuance of MINUTE TAKING at future meetings
Also we had a role call vote on something. I cannot remember what it was

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pek adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.
Next meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2026.