BEAR LAKE – LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
North Muskegon City Hall Conference Room

I. Call to Order

- **a.** Chairman Van Fossan called meeting to order at 7:09 PM

II. Roll Call

- **a.** Present: Darrell Van Fossan, Paul Pek, Craig Howell, Jessica Cook
- **b.** Absent: Brenda Moore (unexcused)

III. Approval of Agenda

- **a.** Pek motioned to approve agenda as-is. The motion was supported by Cook and carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- **a.** Pek brought up correction to April draft minutes to remove Adam Schultz from roll call, as he's not a member of the BLLB.
- **b.** Pek motioned to approve minutes as corrected. The motion was supported by Cook and carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments on Agenda Items (3 min limit, use form)

- **a.** No public comments.

VI. Correspondence

- **a.** Pek brought up his neighbor Justin Wilson asked if residents could work directly with PLM for additional treatments. Discussion was that while we can't stop residents from working with PLM, that the BLLB will not allow their permit to be used without approval and residents would have to go through entire EGLE permit process, and we should be addressing any invasive issues with our regular treatments.
- **b.** Howell brought up that Dr. Moulton questioned a treatment notice. He was informed that this was just the regular yearly noticed that everyone receives on what MIGHT be used for treatment this year.

VII. Reports of Officers and Committees

- **a.** Chair (Van Fossan) – (Key Updates – 2023 Resident Newsletter, GVSU/AWRI Contract/Timing, Roberts Rules of Order, Recording Meetings)
  - i. Newsletter was discussed and all board members agreed that it looked great. All residents should have received theirs in the mail, and it has been posted to the website.
  - ii. The corrected scope of services was sent to GVSU and we're waiting on their response.
  - iii. After some audience distractions at our last meeting, Van Fossan mentioned he will run the meetings closer to Roberts Rules of Order and will be a little stricter with distractions.

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b. Treasurer (Howell) (Final 2023 Budget/Timing, Key Expenses/Grants)
   i. 4th and final invoice for GVSU's 2023 just came in (dated 3/31/2023). Some discussions about trying to get all invoices from GVSU in the year of service to make budgeting easier.
   ii. Treasurers Report was reviewed.

c. Secretary (Moore) (Local Updates, Draft Improvement Plan Outline)
   i. Moore was not present, but Van Fossan encouraged members to give any of their comments directly to Moore on the Lake Management Plan draft.

d. Vice Chair (Pek) (Website, Social Media, Resident Survey)
   i. Regular website and Facebook page updates, including sharing Conservation District plant sale.
   ii. Since Brenda didn't generate a list of survey questions as discussed at last meeting, Pek will take on that assignment and try to compile questions from other surveys into one Survey Monkey draft survey, that the Board can pick from.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a. Phoslock Treatment – Deep Holes
   i. Van Fossan started discussion on treating all deep holes identified by PLM (4 deep holes totaling 13 acres). Dr. Steinman recommended this for the one deep hole involved in his testing. Van Fossan contacted Dr. Steinman, and he recommended treating all the deep holes identified by PLM. The proposal by PLM was reviewed.
   ii. Howell motioned to accept PLM's Phoslock proposal to treat all 4 deep holes at an expense of $7,500, including the additional $600 for water quality monitoring of these areas. Motioned supported by Cook. Roll Call Vote: Pek, Howell, Van Fossan, Cook all approved.
   iii. PLM will need to revise the permit to expand to cover these deep holes.

b. Phoslock Treatment – Fenners' Bayou
   i. Reminder that the BLLB already approved Phoslock treatment for Fenner's Ditch.

IX. New Business

a. PLM Spring Vegetation Survey/Treatment
   i. The spring AVAS survey will be May 22. Pek to get with PLM for details and will post details on website and Facebook page.

b. PLM Educational Seminar for Residents
   i. Van Fossan has had discussions with PLM about hosting an education seminar, to give residents education on invasive species, shoreline restoration and septic best practices.

X. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (3 min limit, use form)

a. No public comments.

XI. Board Comments

a. Cook asked about cleaning up the NM City Beach, as there is often a lot of debris in the sand and sharp zebra mussels. Pek indicated that the BLLB can't do anything outside of the water and may an organized cleanup event would help. He also said he would contact PLM and ask them to review the NM and Laketon park areas for any recommendations.

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b. Van Fossan discussed the oil in Fenner's Ditch and went to the resident's property from last month to check it out. He discussed the tubes where oil is directed to and sucked out when needed. He contacted Kim Arter with Laketon Township, and she indicated there is nothing more the Township can do. He also spoke with Christina Achterhoff, who was going to relay the concern to Senator Bumstead.

XII. Adjournment:

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

b. Next meeting June 8, 2023, at 6:00 at NM City Hall.

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