

Spring Lake - Lake Board Meeting Minutes

Barber School
102 W. Exchange Street
October 2, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Joe Bush, Roger Bergman, Samantha Verplank, Roger Vanderstelt, Dave Billingham, Rick Soldo (by phone – non-voting participation) and Brenda Moore

Members Absent: John Nash, Michelle Hazecamp

Also Present: Tony Groves and Paul Hausler, Progressive Companies and about 15 public.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Move by Moore seconded by Bergman to accept agenda as presented. All in favor.

Review of Draft August 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Move by Bergman seconded by Verplank to accept minutes as drafted. All in favor.

Financial Report: Bush presented a financial report dated 10/1/2024 which showed a current fund balance of \$706,607.89. Motion by Bergman seconded by Moore to accept the financial report. All in favor.

Public Comment:

Ann Smith noted that she spoke with a representative of the Muskegon County Health Department and they received grant money to fund monitoring of harmful algal blooms. She also indicated that the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership has received several large grants for various projects. Moore noted that many of the grants were available because the water bodies in questions were designated Areas of Concern and were thus eligible for funding. Spring Lake is not a designated Area of Concern which limits grant eligibility.

Ken Willison noted that the residents of Crockery Lake had approached Ottawa County requesting funding for a lake improvement project and that maybe Spring Lake should consider approaching the county as well. Bush noted that the residents of Crockery Lake had considered establishing a lake board but there was not support to do so.

Ryan Wilson inquired about who is responsible for the placement of navigation buoys in Spring Lake. The board indicated he should approach Spring Lake Township or DNR with questions about buoys.

Selection of Waterfront Property Representative: All five applicants for the vacant waterfront property position were invited to attend this meeting to discuss their desire and qualifications to fill the position. Four applicants were in attendance (Tim Daudelin, Kimberly Martin, Richard Briggs, and Jim Walters). Each gave a brief presentation of their qualifications and rationale for wanting to join the board. A ballot was then circulated to board members and Jim Walters received the most votes. Motion by Bergman seconded by Verplank to appoint Jim Walters as the waterfront property owner representative on the lake board. All in favor.

Bond Sale Status: Groves distributed a revised bond schedule prepared by Bendzinski & Company that indicated the bond closing in mid-April, prior to the alum treatment. Since the lake board will have already collected two installments of the assessment by that time, the bond amount and term will be reduced.

Consultant's Report:

Hausler presented reports that summarized 2024 water quality sampling results and plant control activities. Both reports, with minor revisions, will be posted on the lake board website.

Groves noted that Solitude Lake Management has received the Notice of Award for the alum treatment and is in the process of obtaining the required bonds and insurance required to proceed with the treatment. Under the terms of the contract for the alum treatment work, the contractor will be required to submit daily reports to Progressive on the location of treatments, acreage treated, hours of operation, quantity of product applied, pH measurements, and number of truck deliveries.

A draft of a newsletter for mailing next spring was reviewed. The newsletter provides detailed information about the lake board website and the pending alum treatment. The newsletter would be mailed to all lake residents shortly before the alum treatment begins.

Legal Opinion: The discussion regarding the Legal Opinion was tabled as the board lacked the requisite number of members present to move to a closed session.

Meeting Schedule: A tentative meeting schedule was set as follows: December 3, March 26, April 23, June 25, August 27, September 24, and November 25. The meetings will be held at 4:00 pm at the Barber School (pending availability of the school on those dates).

Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 pm