

**Spring Lake - Lake Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Spring Lake Township Hall  
101 S. Buchanan Street  
August 28, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Joe Bush, Roger Bergman, Rick Soldo, Samantha Verplank, Dave Billingham, Michelle Hazekamp, and Brenda Moore

Members Absent: John Nash and Roger Vanderstelt

Also Present: Tony Groves and Paul Hausler, Progressive Companies and about 10 public in attendance.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Public comment listed on the agenda at the close of meeting deleted as public comment was already included earlier in the agenda. Move by Soldo seconded by Hazekamp to revise agenda. All in favor.

Review of Draft July 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Move by Soldo seconded by Bergman to accept minutes as drafted. All in favor.

Financial Report: Bush presented a financial report dated 08/28/2024 which showed a current fund balance of \$709,425.19. Motion by Bergman seconded by Soldo to accept the financial report. All in favor. Groves noted that moving forward there may be a small charge from the Water Resources Commissioner's office for administrative services performed on behalf of the lake board.

Public Comment:

Kevin Priddy submitted a freedom of information request for contact information for lake board members.

Jenifer Jones stated that in her opinion a greater emphasis needed to be placed on watershed management.

Richard Briggs indicated he has submitted an application for the at-large lake board position and that water quality in Spring Lake is currently poor and that improvements to the website should be considered.

Ann Smith questioned the lack of response from the county health department about posting health advisories related to potentially toxic algae blooms.

Jim Walters indicated he had submitted an application for the at-large lake board position, has a background in biology, and is interested in improving conditions in the lake.

Sue Halter noted that duckweed is persisting in her area of the lake and that her property was not treated last time.

Carly Schultz indicated she has a strong science background and interest in improving Spring Lake. She may be a future candidate for the Spring Lake Village representative on the lake board.

Review of Waterfront Property Representative Applications: A total of five applications for the vacant waterfront property position on the lake board were received, and two applicants were in attendance at the meeting. Motion by Bergman, seconded by Hazekamp to have Groves contact all applicants to see if they

are available to attend the next lake board meeting to discuss their interest in the vacant at-large position. All in favor.

Bond Sale Status: Groves reported that the City of Ferrysburg had adopted the full faith and credit bond resolution and the bonding process can now continue. The lake board will likely receive an invoice soon from the bond rating company of S&P in the amount of around \$15,000. The final bond sale will likely occur early next year. Since the lake board will have already collected two installments of the assessment by that time, the bond amount and term may be reduced.

Consultant's Report:

Hausler provided an overview of the scope and cost of plant control work completed on the lake to date and noted the limitations on treatments currently imposed by EGLE. Some additional treatment for invasive Phragmites may be conducted later this year.

Discussion ensued regarding the lake alum treatment and how the work was going to be monitored. Groves noted that daily logs are going to be required from the contractor that identify alum treatment areas, quantity of product applied, hours of operation, number of truck deliveries, and testing results. The contractor would be paid on a lump sum basis after all the work is satisfactorily completed and the required reports and log sheets have been submitted to Progressive. Staff from Progressive will be on site on a regular basis to evaluate the contractor's performance. Move by Soldo seconded by Bergman to have Progressive provide a detailed overview at the October meeting of how oversight of work will be conducted. All in favor. Move by Soldo seconded by Bergman to award the alum treatment contract to Solitude Lake Management. All in favor.

Further discussion ensued regarding ways to enhance communication with lake residents. This will include revisions to the website to make it easier to navigate and more user friendly, and periodic newsletters to keep lake residents informed of project activities. Enhanced communication strategies will be a topic of discussion at the next lake board meeting.

Spring Lake Informational Presentation: An informational presentation about Spring Lake Water Quality will be given by Dr. Alan Steinman at the Spring Lake District Library on Wednesday, September 11 at 6 pm. A presentation announcement will be distributed to both the City of Ferrysburg and Fruitport Charter Township and posted on the lake board website.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2024 at 4 pm at the Barber School, pending confirmation from the township that the school is available.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:45 pm