

**Spring Lake - Lake Board**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
Spring Lake Township Hall  
101 S. Buchanan Street  
October 23, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Rolf at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Mike Rolf, John Nash, Joe Bush, Roger Bergman, Dave Billingham, Brenda Moore, Michelle Hazecamp

Members Absent: Samantha Verplank and Roger Vanderstelt

Also Present: Tony Groves, Progressive AE

Public Present: Mike Weavers

Lake Board Members Introduced.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Discussion of Financial Report added to agenda. Motion by Bergman and seconded by Moore to approve amended agenda. All in favor.

Draft Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2023, meeting minutes reviewed and accepted with no corrections or revisions. Court transcripts of the August and September public hearings will be posted on the Spring Lake – Lake Board website.

Financial Report: Bush presented a financial report for the 11/18/2022 through 10/16/2023 timeframe that showed a current fund balance of \$94,011.69. Bush noted that there is a pending invoice in the amount of \$25,533.89 that needs to be paid and the current fund balance would be reduced accordingly. Motion by Moore and seconded by Bergman to approve financial report. Report approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Fruitport Charter Township Board Vacancy: Due to the passing of lake board member Dave Split, Fruitport Charter Township will need to take action to appoint a replacement. Muskegon County Board of Commissioners representative Hazecamp volunteered to contact township treasurer Rose Dillon to discuss filling the vacancy.

Consultant's Report:

Groves provided an overview of the permitting process required by EGLE to have an alum treatment of Spring Lake approved and provided a draft of the Rule 97 Certification of Approval Request which will soon be submitted to EGLE to begin the review process.

Groves also presented a professional services agreement and explained Progressive AE's scope of services related to each component of the project. Motion by Bergman and seconded by Nash to approve the new agreement. The agreement was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Groves noted that as the bonding process moves forward, a financial advisor will need to be retained to market the bonds. Bobby Bendzinski was recommended as having considerable experience providing financial services and having worked with many local municipalities around the state. Motion by Moore and seconded by Bergman to retain a financial advisor for a cost not to exceed \$17,000. Rolf to sign as chairman on behalf of the Lake Board. Roll call vote and all in favor.

Public Comment:

Lake property owner Mike Weavers suggested that lake board meeting agendas and notices be posted on the website along with lake board financial reports and suggested that the website be reformatted to make it less difficult to navigate and to find information. He further suggested that bulleting items may be an effective way to communicate.

Nash noted that the lake treatment schedule should be clearly stated so residents know when to expect treatments.

Rolf had visited several stores in the area to check on availability of phosphorus-free fertilizers and reported that all appeared to have phosphorus-free fertilizers in stock. A general discussion ensued about how best to inform lake residents of lake board activities and what property owners can do to protect the lake. Several suggestions were made on how to best inform residents of pending treatments including possible email or text notifications and/or a mailing. Various alternatives to be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Date to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 pm.