

Spring Lake - Lake Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

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

Members Present: Mike Rolf, John Nash, Joe Bush, Vance Meyer, Roger Bergman and Roger Vanderstelt

Members Absent: Brenda Moore, Samantha Verplank and Dave Split

Also Present: Tony Groves and Paul Hausler, Progressive AE

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: No additions or corrections.

Draft Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed and accepted with no corrections or revisions.

Treasure's Report: Bush presented a Financial Report for the 11-18-22 through 6-9-23 timeframe that indicated a current fund balance of \$179,099.32. Fruitport Township assessments have been paid in full. Hausler presented a summary of treatments of the lake conducted in May and indicated an invoice from PLM Lake and Land Management in the amount of approximately \$24,000 is pending. Motion by Bergman seconded by Rolf to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Muskegon County Commissioner Representative: Currently, the Muskegon County Commissioner representative position on the lake board is vacant. Groves will contact the commissioner that represents the district bordering the lake to inquire about filling that vacancy.

Consultant's Report:

Draft Budget and Special Assessment Criteria: A draft budget for a new program was presented and discussed. The new program is proposed to include the same components as in previous years (i.e., aquatic plant control, plant control coordination/field evaluations, water quality monitoring, information and education, watershed management plus an alum treatment). If an alum treatment is approved, it is proposed to be financed over a 10-year period. The special assessment criteria for the project was reviewed and discussion ensued about how to assess businesses and marina facilities. After considerable discussion, a tentative apportionment for commercial businesses and marinas was devised (copy attached). Assessment apportionments will be revisited and discussed further at the July meeting.

Public Hearings and Legal Counsel: Two public hearings will need to be held to proceed with a new project. The first hearing called the hearing of practicability is to obtain public input on the necessity of the project and the second hearing is on the special assessment roll.

The hearing of practicability was scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and the hearing on the assessment roll was scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., locations pending. Nash will check on availability of school. A court recorder may be retained to keep an official record of the public hearings.

Given the costs associated with the proposed new project, Groves recommended that consideration be given to retaining legal counsel to assist with the public hearing proceedings and the bonding process. The law firm of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes was recommended to assist with the hearings and the firm of

Dickinson Wright was recommended as bond counsel. Both firms have been contacted and Groves will follow up with the firms regarding letters of engagement.

Meeting with Assessors: Groves will contact the local assessors to discuss the pending hearings for the new project and the need for an updated assessment roll.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., at the Spring Lake Township Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm.