

Spring Lake - Lake Board
Meeting Minutes
Spring Lake Middle School
August 14, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mike Rolf at 6:30 pm.

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

Members Absent: Roger Vanderstelt, and Dave Split

Also Present:

Tony Groves and Paul Hausler, Progressive AE
Court Reporter, Margie Covie
About 50 public in attendance

Board Member Introduced.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda: No additions or corrections.

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

Public Hearing of Practicability: Project overview presented by project consultant followed by questions and answers. Detailed record to be provided by court recorder. General comments were as follows:

- Concerns about excessive algae growth and lack of treatments: Consultant explained the new 2023 EGLE permit had restrictions attributed to the presence of a threatened freshwater mussel – algae control limited to 150 acres – basically only in shoreline areas of protected bayous.
- Watershed management should include agricultural improvements in the upper watershed and stormwater improvements in the shorelands near the lake.
- Suggestion that financial reports, meeting notices, and more educational materials be posted on the lake board website.
- Question about bidding for professional services.
- A resident stated that proposed marina assessments were too low.
- It was suggested that additional education of lawn service companies and lake residents was needed regarding lake-safe fertilizers and maintaining a vegetative buffer zone.
- A question about anoxic conditions and impacts of wake boats on alum. Consultant responded that wake boat impacts should not be an issue.
- Question about consideration of mechanical harvesting in the future. Consultant noted potential spread of Eurasian milfoil.

Resolution of Practicability: Brief discussion by board members of the practicability of the project and resolution to approve project. Motion by Bergman seconded by Nash, 7 Ayes and 1 Nay. Resolution Adopted.

Letters of Engagement: Letters of Engagement from law firms read aloud by Rolf. Fahey Schultz would provide assistance with the special assessment proceedings. Motion by Moore seconded by Nash to approve engagement with Fahey Schultz law firm. Motion approved unanimously.

Dickinson Wright to act as bond counsel. Motion by Bergman seconded by Bush to approve engagement with Dickinson Wright. Motion approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Lake Middle School. This will be a public hearing to review the special assessment roll.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.