

## **Paradise Lake Improvement Board**

Minutes – July 28, 2021, in person with zoom capability for the audience

The meeting began at 7 P.M.

Present were: Paul Teike, Arden Bawkey, John Siegel, Toni Drier,

**Minutes:** Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Siegel to accept the minutes from April 4, 2021. Motion passed on unanimous vote.

**Correspondence:** Drier reported on correspondence received since the last meeting. All will be available for viewing at the end of the meeting.

### **Secretary:**

Drier turned over to Teike records needed for retention as Official Process Documents. Other records needing to be stored as Official Records were also presented. Drier submitted a request for reimbursement for printer ink to cover costs incurred. Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Siegel to pay the cost of the ink. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer:**

Alt (via video) presented a report from the last month along with a listing of bills to be paid. Bawkey remarked that we are being taken by Consumers Energy for the cost of generators which are not being used. Teike explained we already have the government rate. Alt explained that he has found out we can have the generators “turned off” for six months without any cost to restart them. However, we must make sure to restart within the time frame or there is an expensive installation fee. The Board agreed that he should do this. Drier moved, Bawkey seconded a motion to pay the bills and have Alt turn off generator sites for six months. Motion passed unanimously.

### **RLS Report:**

Jennifer Jones reported that they are on-track with State required testing. The pre-treatment testing was done June 2; end of the season testing will be the end of September. The lake had a faster response than estimated because of treating pure, not hybrid, EWM. There may be some fragmented spots next year.

Mike Solomon reported that the two treatments on the lake were June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. He was here for both treatments. There were two boats on each date. RLS provided the contractor with GPS points and received tracking maps back for each boat so correct applications could be verified. The question was asked about the warning not to use lake water for watering until October. Solomon replied that normally the possibly harmful ingredient dissipates within two weeks. We could have the lake tested but that would incur an additional \$150 charge per test. Bawkey asked if weeds in Hebron should pose a problem and what would it cost the Board to fix it. Solomon stated that it does not appear they will cause a problem and the Board cannot use SAD funds outside of Carp Lake Township.

It was asked if we would need to use the compressors next year. Jones replied that she does not think so because the weeds fell so swiftly; the detritus should be decomposed. Alt mentioned that some in Hebron could not reach the contractor to have their property treated.. Solomon said to contact RLS and they will give them direct contact information.

**“Zoom” info:**

The Board discussed the current hybrid meeting setup. All agreed that it was working well to keep residents informed and should be maintained. Alt stated that he paid \$140 for one year. Drier moved, Bawkey second reimbursing Alt for the Zoom capability. Motion passed unanimously. Sign-in info will be posted on the website the week of the meeting.

**New Business:**

The next meeting is August 25 at 7 p.m. at the Carp Lake Twp. Hall. The meeting begins with the Budget Public Hearing. Alt will follow the setup used by the previous treasurer.

The Auditor’s report was presented. Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Siegel to accept the auditor’s report as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye 4; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**Public Comment:**

- I appreciate attending by zoom as we live out on the west coast.
- Zoom is a necessity. I appreciate the current herbicide treatment. My barber in Indian River said he looked at a home on the lake last summer but the weed condition chased him away.
- Bawkey – It’s good to hear positive comments.
- I feel positive about the treatment. The paper on the treatment notices should be sturdier. We got here a couple of weeks after treatment and the notice had gotten wet in rain and was unreadable. Hebron residents should be part of the assessment district.
- Bawkey – Everyone in Hebron uses the whole lake so they should be involved in treatment.
- How much will the special assessment bring in? Teike : Somewhere around \$104,000.
- What happens if we don’t spend the entire assessment? Do we have another budget meeting? *No, the state requires a minimum 10% contingency fund.*
- Would we pay the \$240/yr. every year for 5 years? *At least for the first two years. Then the Board can adjust the assessment based on need for treatment.*
- Could we sell the suction boat? The boat is not docked at the marina. *Asked for a volunteer to coordinate use of the boat but no takers. Right now, no plans to sell it.*
- Alt – I want to make sure we collect enough to pay our bills. Teike – We will collect what we need.
- Teike – Long way since last summer in the pavilion. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard. My phone is not ringing anymore.
- Arden – Thanks.

Adjournment at 8 p.m.





