

PLIB Meeting Minutes – 2/8/12

1. Meeting called to order – all present minus Arden Bawkey
2. Motion to accept January minutes into record by Elaine, seconded by Cathy – motion carried.
3. Public Comment – none
4. Correspondence
 - Elaine gave a brief report on her recent conversations with Jennifer from Lakeshore Environmental and Enviroscience in regards to planning for weevils (timeline, cost, etc...). [The quote and any information provided by Enviroscience will be available on our PLIB website]
 - Jennifer let us know of a grant opportunity from the US Fish and Wildlife Service that could help alleviate some of the cost burden from those located in the Special Assessment District. [This grant is available for lake treatments that only involve a biological approach]. She feels we have a good shot at it and will provide copies of the application when complete.
 - Jennifer also forwarded a comprehensive article on laminar flow aeration published in the Michigan Riparian.
5. Chair Report – Jim talked with a Rep from the Little Traverse Conservancy and they have agreed to take part in the SAD.
6. Appearances – Mike Solomon from Lakeshore Environmental.
 - Mike spoke about funding our lake project, the cost per parcel per years 1-5, the Township contribution and how grants could reduce the cost overall.
 - Discussion on the possibility of self-treatment of the lake and the negative impact this may have on qualifying for grants.
 - The Board discussed the fact that we would have to borrow money to get started so Jim will talk to the county about a loan.
7. Motion by Cathy to accept the proposal for the Paradise Lake assessment as presented by Lakeshore Environmental, seconded by Elaine – Roll call vote unanimous, motion carried.
8. Old Business
 - Carp Lake Township Assessment At Large will be in the amount of 40,000 for year one and 25,000 for years 2-5.
 - Public Hearing date set for March 31, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Elaine suggested we include the PLIB web address when notices are sent to parcel owners in order to direct recipients to up-to-date and accurate pertinent information. It was also suggested it is time to do a press release. This info could also be published in the Township newsletter. Jennifer will do notices and publications.
9. New Business

- Discussion on the FoPL (Friends of Paradise Lake) January letter mailed to some of the community.....Cathy spoke about some points in this letter which had been distributed with some inaccurate information. The letter stated a 2-year laminar flow project rather than the correct timeline of 5 years. It also stated that “spot treating with herbicides will likely be needed to eliminate any residual EWM at the end of the project [sic]”. Herbicides are not part of the treatment plan at any stage. Cathy stated that if anyone decides to self-treat via the FoPL, that it would skew the data associated with the Boards solution and cause more organic matter or “muck” and reiterated that we would potentially lose out on the ability to apply for and/or receive grant funding. Rosemary stated that the FoPL and/or its members are not going to definitely self-treat, they just want to see if there is any interest and if you look online, spot treating is often used under these circumstances. Elaine replied that the Board is not speaking towards a definite decision to self-treat, we are speaking towards the possibility of it and Jennifer has spoken against the use of chemicals/ herbicides on numerous occasions. Elaine also went on to say that she felt one line in their newsletter was particularly misleading. This line read “...it is likely that any decision will be appealed [laminar flow aeration] leaving the PLIB-sponsored treatment with laminar flow is very uncertain in 2012”. Elaine stated that this is completely inaccurate since our timeline is set and we are ready for our Public Hearings; everything should be on target for this summer. Rosemary stated that they only speaking about the upcoming Public Hearings and their potential outcome and that FoPL completely backs the aeration approach.
- Question from Jim to Mike Solomon – Can someone get a permit to treat their part of the lake if our project is in place? Answer (Mike) – Yes, but we can ask that the permit not be issued in the project area.

10. Financial Report – Insurance bill due. We’ll get that paid and stay with the same company for one year more.

11. Public Comment

- Bob Roll – Will money for contingency be used for the weevil survey? Answer (Mike) – No, not in 2012.
- Bill M. – When will we see surveys done on the progress? Answer (Mike) – By mid-summer
- Marilyn Smith – The PLA would like to thank the TWP Board for their contribution and the PLA stands behind the PLIB in their decision to use aeration.
- Rosemary C – I just wanted to say that our newsletter is done by many people, not just Rick Schweller.
- Bob Roll – What about the rest of the lake that is not included in the pilot area? Answer (Elaine) – For this year, when we get extra money by either economizing or through grants we will look at stocking weevils.