

**Paradise Lake Improvement Board
Public Hearing
March 31, 2012**

General Meeting called to order by Tamlyn at 2:07 pm.

Roll call: Paul Teike - PRESENT, Arden Bawkey - ABSENT, Jim Tamlyn, Board Chair - PRESENT, Elaine Bostwick - PRESENT, Cathy Freebairn - PRESENT .

Guests introduced by Tamlyn: Jennifer Jones, Consultant, Lakeshore Environmental and Brian Grimm, Carp Lake Township Assessor

Tamlyn explained general procedures of the meeting.

General Meeting Recessed at 2:09 pm.

Public Hearing of Practicability

Public hearing opened at 2:09

Presentation explaining the proposed program 2012-2016 by Jennifer Jones, Consultant, Lakeshore Environmental.

Questions were taken by the consultant that explained how the diffusers work, how long the system would be used for, how loud the compressors will be, how the fish habitat would be affected and many other questions raised by the audience. Some responses to questions were made by members of the board.

Written comments submitted and received by the board:

8 letters were submitted by property owners who could not be present at the meeting.

Questions and comments from the audience:

B Bishop – commented favorably on having treatment

M Rennaker - commented favorably on having the treatment. Asked if the board would be active

D VanPatten Webb - commented favorably

F Rhine - concerned that treatment is not a natural process. Asked about grant funds. Tamlyn, said that grants will continue to be researched.

M Smith – commented favorably on the project. Thanked the board for their work and dedication to the improvement of the lake and the fishery. Carp Lake Township was thanked for contributing to the cost of the project.

T Faes – Commented with mixed feelings about the project. Wants a sewer.

J Russel – commented on N. Hayes Lane does not support the project because he is located on the other side of 31.

Board Discussion – No discussion

Hearing closed at 3:17 pm

General Meeting resumed at 3:17 pm

J Mallory – commented on the fact that she did not know about the board or was aware that a special assessment was being considered. Thinks that they should have a say and a public ballot. Thinks the whole township should be assessed. Not just the people near the water.

Tamlyn explained the power of the board to create the special assessment district. That the board is created by the State of Michigan and was granted powers by the State to create the assessment.

Teike stated that 2 ½ years ago the Lake Improvement Board was created because a petition was circulated that would have given the Township Board power to fix the lake. 51% of the residents needed to sign the petition and that did not happen. The petition was circulated twice. He stated that, since its creation, the board has worked hard since this time to resolve the problem.

Teike explained that residents outside the thousand foot circle cannot be charged an assessment because a benefit cannot be proven for those people. A benefit can be proved for people within the thousand foot circle.

Resolution to proceed with proposed program 2012-2016.

Resolution read by Teike. Motion: Teike Second: Freebairn
(See attached for resolution language)

Tamlyn Y
Bostwick Y
Freebairn-Y
Teike – Y
Bawkey - Absent

General meeting recessed or public hearing on Special Assessment District: 3:38 pm

Review of Apportionment's Hearing

Public meeting opened at 3:58 pm

Presentation of how the special assessment roll was created by Jennifer Jones, Consultant, Lakeshore Environmental.

Tamlyn opens hearing up for questions and comments at 4:08 pm.

A. Hayes – informed the group that her question had been answered

T. Faes – Does not agree with the assessment and wants a sewer. Wanted to know if a township wide referendum in five years would be possible. Teike stated that if a petition came before the board that was signed by 51% of the population of the township, then the board would move in that direction.

J. Russell – not present

D. VanPatten Webb – wanted to know when the fee would be assessed. Summer!

F. Reine – Summer tax bill only?

A. Merser – Asked why the assessment was set at 1000 feet and a township wide assessment is not being considered. Tamlyn explained that a township wide assessment would not stand up in court.

A question was asked about whether the people of Hebron Township were being assessed. There is no interest from the east side of the lake to be involved in the project. Weevil damage will be monitored though. The Hebron township supervisor stated that they had one letter in favor of it and their attorney advised that they not get involved. He suggested that reaching out 1000 feet was perhaps too far.

Benefits or lack thereof to treating the lake to the people who live on the back lots were argued by two attendees.

Corrections to Special Assessment Roll - none

Board Discussion – no discussion

Review of Apportionment's Hearing closed at 4:37 pm

General meeting reopened at 4:37 pm

Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll

Resolution read by Teike Motion: Bostwick Seconded: Freebairn
(See attached for resolution language)

Discussion – Teike stated that there will be time in the future to make adjustments to the assessment roll on an individual basis.

Tamlyn:Y

Bostwick:Y

Freebairn:Y

Teike:Y

Bawkey: Absent

General Meeting Adjourned: 4:44 pm