

Paradise Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes – 5/9/12

1. Meeting called to order – all present
2. Motion to approve minutes by Elaine, seconded by Cathy – Motion carried
3. Public Comment
 - a. Rosemary C. read a letter from herself and John Beeson to the Board voicing their disapproval of the potential plans for a few members of the community to treat their lake bottoms with chemicals in the area the Board had planned aeration treatment. [The actual letter can be viewed on the “news” page]
 - b. John B. – spoke in gratitude for the volunteers who helped unload the compressors, air hoses and other aeration equipment from the delivery trucks. John suggested the Board send thank you cards to all involved.
 - c. Marilyn S. – Let it be known that the compressor sheds donated by the PLA are complete and in place and offered thanks to John and Rosemary for their help with the shipping of equipment and unloading the trucks. [Shipping was done by Rosemary’s son at cost]
4. Chairman Jim offered an update on fundraising and spoke about the 5013C’s and their success on securing grants. The county is moving towards forming a 5013C.
5. Mike Soloman from Lakeshore Environmental gave a project update – A survey is to be done by the end of June which will include a general weed survey, sediment grid and a report on current weevil damage. Mike also spoke about the individuals who want to self treat their own lake bottoms with chemicals in the aeration area. There was a brief discussion on ways to communicate our position to the DEQ. Elaine handed out a draft letter regarding this potential herbicide treatment and commented on Act 451 of section 330-8. Elaine also commented that since some areas on the lake will not be treated at all this year, that the Board might want to consider permanently yanking the aeration system from any areas treated with chemicals and placing said equipment in areas of the lake where it will be put to better use as two treatments to one area and no treatments to other areas would be completely unfair to the majority of riparians and back lot owners. Arden voiced his agreement and Mike commented on the fact that any use of chemicals will completely skew the data from the aeration program. Arden spoke about the DEQ’s responsibility in regards to our lake and said we should continue to move forward. Jim voiced his agreement. Mike made this final comment – that the Board should FOIA the DEQ to get specifics on any chemical permit so that the Board can be aware of the names and addresses of the individuals involved. Cathy inquired as to whether the Board should contact other groups and/or political leaders in order to state our opposition. The Board agreed to this measure. Cathy motioned that the Board should send a letter regarding our opposition to herbicide treatments. This letter would go to the DEQ, DNR, local leaders, conservancies and political leaders. Arden seconded the motion – motion carried.

6. Old Business

- a. Cathy is working with Lake Savers to clear up some discrepancies in the contract. They are close to an agreement.
- b. Electrical update – Paul gave a report concerning the applications turned in and the accounts set up with electrical companies. He is waiting to hear back from the engineers to see if everything necessary can be accomplished at each location. There are two complications that might arise because two of the sights are located in areas that cannot support any further devices. Arden offered to speak with Consumers Energy and Great Lakes Energy to try to get a break in cost.
- c. Cathy proposed some changes to the SAD. There were 5 changes affecting 5 property owners. Each will be notified. Arden made a motion to accept the changes, Elaine seconded it. Roll call vote was unanimous.

7. New Business

- a. The Board read a reimbursement agreement with Carp Lake Township regarding borrowing money to start the lake project. CLT agreed with the contract. Paul motioned to accept the contract, seconded by Arden. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- b. Cathy showed a draft logo for the PLIB and asked for a vote to adopt the logo. Arden seconded – motion carried.

8. Financial Report given by Cathy. Motion by Arden to pay all pending bills, seconded by Elaine. Roll call vote unanimous.

9. Public Comment

- a. Bob Roll - What was the electrical bid amount that we accepted?
Answer: 3,750.00.
- b. John Tucci spoke about our savings on the shipping and that the Board is moving forward with great speed. The system will be installed May 21.

Meeting Adjourned.