

Paradise Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes 7-12-23

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by Paul Teike

Present: Paul Teike, Mike Madden, Charles Laughbaum, Ash Alt, Arden Bawkey.

Absent: None

Guest: Mike Solomon (Restorative Lake Services)

Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes: Madden reviewed the minutes from the 5/10/23 meeting.

Teike moved & Laughbaum seconded a motion to accept the May 10, 2023, meeting minutes.

Secretary Madden had no correspondence to report.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alt presented his report to the board. Current bank balance as of July 10, 2023- \$170,764.17. Several bills were paid amounting to \$4,068.00.

Restorative Lake Services was presenting a bill for the June lake treatment in the amount of \$52,137.00. Madden moved and Bawkey seconded a motion to accept and approve the treasurers report.

Mike Solomon (Restorative Lake Services) report

Paradise lake was treated on June 14, 2023 for EWM. The amount of EWM will vary from year to year based on severity of the winter, directions of the winds, amount of rainfall and the amount of warm temperatures.

Due to possible reemergence from seeds sown in the past two decades, RLS recommends next year's budget be 1 ½ times the amount spent in the current year's treatment (\$52,137). Based on this formula they would recommend a budget of approximately \$78,000. RLS will be conducting a second survey for EWM on July 25 or 26, weather permitting.

Madden stated that there was a considerable “surface” growth in a portion of the northeast section of Paradise Lake. The area affected is a couple of acres. Madden brought several weeds he harvested in this area. Solomon identified the weeds as NOT being EWM but a native species of pond weed.

New Business

Disposition of weed suction boat. After discussion, it was moved by Madden and seconded by Bawkey that the PLIB dispose of the boat through its sale in whole or in parts. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. Madden reached out to Dr. Jones of RLS to find another lake association which might want to purchase the boat.

Record keeping was discussed at length on the need to organize and store important information for security purposes. All board members agreed to its need & importance. Alt offered his assistance in bringing back to the board a proposal of forms, storage and safe keeping of our assets, and sensitive information.

Old Business

Our next meeting will be on August 9, 2023. Meeting will begin with a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for 2024 at 7 p.m. Discussion will be conducted at this time on the amount to be assessed to property owners.

Post Office Box key: It was moved by Teike and seconded by Bawkey to approve Alt receive a key to the post box. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Bruce – as a long term Carlton Cove resident, I’m very pleased with the condition of the Lake. I want to thank you and let you know what a great job you’re doing.

John – also stated his pleasure with what is being done with the lake – “fantastic Job!”

Larry- stated he and his family have fished this lake for many years and right now the fishing is very good. Fish are very healthy & Fat!

A couple of Hebron Township lake residents were present and were very happy with the board's work and they want to participate financially in its continuance. Lengthy discussion was held on how to enlist the 56 Paradise Lake property owners residing in Hebron Township. Zoom participant Mike Byers was very helpful on what was needed to gain the financial participation of Cheboygan County (Hebron township) riparians. All agreed that RLS was a key to this process and the need to survey the entire lake, not just the portion in Carp Lake Township, for EWM & share these results with both counties' residents. There were six (6) persons on zoom.

Adjournment: 8:17 P.M.