

PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

MINUTES – July 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were: Arden Bawkey, Toni Drier, John Siegel, Bob Smith and Paul Teike.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Drier to accept the minutes: approved as written.

Correspondence: Drier listed 8 emails concerning the lake since November, 2019.

There was one letter addressing septic systems and effect on lake weeds.

Appearances: Jennifer Jones, PhD, RSL, spoke on current lake conditions, the aeration system and harvesting. The aeration does not appear to be working as well as it did previously. Aeration contract expires May, 2021. The board can expand harvesting and/or use a fungus which attacks the milfoil. These are non-herbicidal methods of EWM control.

Questions arose about other options and Jones briefly outlined what is available.

Teike explained that the current SAD program runs through 2021 and was approved for non-herbicidal methods only. Any changes would have to be made at the required public hearing for the next 5 year plan in August, 2021.

Smith, treasurer, mentioned that going to herbicides could triple the current SAD assessment.

Old Business:

The weed suction boat requires a new motor. Smith located a used 40hp Honda in excellent condition available from a riparian for \$1000. After discussion, Smith moved, Siegel seconded a motion to spend \$1000 to purchase the motor and \$300 to install it. In a roll call vote, all board members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

Smith proposed offering riparians who would man the boat and collect shoreline weeds from their own and neighboring properties a stipend of \$5/bag of weeds collected and disposed of. This would be divided among the persons on the boat. During discussion, it was stated that initially persons were anxious to help with the boat but as riparians aged or moved interest waned. Last year the board offered to pay a supervisor for the craft \$15/hr but there were no applicants for the position. Smith moved,

Bawkey seconded a motion to pay boat users \$5/bag of weeds collected and properly disposed of with a maximum spent of \$1000. In a roll call vote, all board members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

New Business:

Harvesting of 36A in the west basin is currently being done. The contract only covers costs for 30A. Moved by Smith, seconded by Siegel, to pay the \$3600 for 6A additional. In a roll call vote, all members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

Teike presented a change to the SAD for the Wayne Baker property. Baker combined two adjacent lots years ago, but for some reason, he received a SAD bill for one of the former properties. The board agreed to the correction. Teike will give a copy to the township treasurer so she can send an amended tax bill.

The proposed budget for 2021 will be presented at the August meeting. Smith asked how he should list money previously spent on aeration. It was decided to list it under the lake improvement category.

Drier brought up the FOIA policy which was discussed in November, 2019. Teike said that Carp Lake Township did have a FOIA policy. Drier moved, Bawkey seconded a motion that the Paradise Lake Improvement Board adopt the same FOIA policy adopted by Carp Lake Township. Motion passed.

Discussion of the survey first brought up last year followed. Comments from the audience included: on-line survey, committee of riparians to work on writing survey, type of questions, length. The board decided to postpone the sending of a survey until after the August meeting when Jones will give a presentation of all options. Results of the survey will be needed before the Feasibility study presentation and public hearing in August, 2021. A paper was distributed to have persons interested in being on the committee sign up.

Presentation of financial Report and Bills: Teike moved, Bawkey seconded a motion to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Public comment:

Can township use u-tube to get information out to members who can't be present?

What about zoom meetings? Drier responded that internet connection would not allow this.

Can meeting be changed from mid-week to weekends? The board replied that the public hearing in 2021 can definitely be held on a weekend but it is not possible to have weekend regular meetings. All information is on the website.

What have we gotten for all the money, approximately \$800,000, spent over the last nine years?

Maps indicate that current weed beds are worse where there is still a great deal of sediment on the lake bottom. This shows that the aeration has done a good job of decreasing sediment which is where EWM grows.

Suggest that anyone on committees not be "old guard."

How do septic systems affect the lake? Jones remarked that nutrients do reach the lake and increase weed growth. This is more pronounced in high water years. Please encourage residents not to hit golf balls into the lake as these can be a hazard.

There are many new ways to reach those in the SAD area. This was shown during the current COVID crisis. The board needs to explore these.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.