

## PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Present were: Arden Bawkey, Toni Drier, John Siegel, Bob Smith and Paul Teike.

The minutes were approved as corrected: Correspondence from M. Boyer concerning survey was added, the word generator was changed to compressor in discussion of aeration for west basin.

**Correspondence:** Drier read following emails: M. Boyer re survey, R. Boyer's FOIA request, Spotts re sediment along Blake Dr., Knepp re minutes on website, Stevens re water going over the dam and the use of aerators.

Board discussion on FOIA request followed. The PLIB does not have a FOIA policy in place. The PLIB also does not have the information requested; all the Treasurer has is a list of property numbers in the Special Assessment District (SAD). It was decided to send this information to R. Boyer. Drier will research FOIA policies and present one for review at the next meeting.

The policy on turning off aerators if water did not go over the dam was only required for 2018. Smith will notify Stevens.

Discussion on a survey of SAD residents will be placed on the November agenda. Michelle Boyer commented that she just wanted everyone to be heard. Teike explained that at the Public Hearings on the 5 yr. plans in 2012 and 2016 the audience and correspondence showed a majority of respondents favored the plan currently in use. All SAD residents are informed by mail of these meetings and how to respond.

**Treasurer's Report:** Smith presented an amendment to the current budget: Moved by Smith, second by Siegel – Passed. Bills to be paid were presented: Moved by Bawkey, Second by Drier – Accepted. Smith presented one SAD change, a refund of \$188 to Richard Siegel because of lot combination: Moved by Bawkey, Second by Drier - Approved.

**New Business:** Drier read the resolution to accept the 2020 Budget. Teike moved to accept, Second by Bawkey. Roll Call vote – five “ayes.” – passed.

**Old Business:** North Shore harvesting has about 12A completed by end of today. Contract is for 30A. Should be completed by end of next week if weather holds.

The speed is a function of the density of weeds. Weeds in that area are quite dense but a large portion is native pond weed which can also top out like the invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

Mike Solomon, Restorative Lake Services (RLS), stated that the final survey required by EGLE this year will be next month.

The suction boat has been out a few times but there has been a lack of volunteers. Smith reminded that there has been a job opportunity on the PLIB website since May and no one applied. Therefore volunteers are needed to coordinated weed pick up from around the edge of the lake. Currently the pump needs new seals and probably won't be back in operation this season.

**Public Comment:** Diana Parsons – Board should plan meetings for when riparians are in town. It seems that meetings are only when they are not. Drier explained that the PLIB meets in May, July, September and November on the second Wednesday. This has been on the website as a notice and on the calendar all year.

Marilyn Roll – What is the cost difference between herbicides and biological treatments and how often are herbicides needed? Solomon replied that the least expensive herbicide is \$500/A. Contracts now stipulate the contractor is responsible for costs if a reapplication is needed.

Ed Boyer – This board should keep in mind that this board can go away ... with 2/3 of SAD residents petitioning. It would be better to work with consensus or without the board everyone will do their own thing.

Bob Roll – Is the harvester using GPS points? Smith answered he believes they are.

Steve Brown – What is the cost for sculpin? Solomon replied that it is a PDU (per depth unit) charge. Pay by the depth of the plant, e.g., \$1500/A in 3 ft. unit.

Solomon – Any products in use now are specific for EWM, not killing native plants and EWM.

**Adjournment:** 9 P.M.