

BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday August 4, 2021, 6:00PM
N. Muskegon Community Center
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:02PM

ROLL CALL:

- **Present:** Kim Arter, Darrell Van Fossan, Brenda Moore, Craig Howell and Doug Brown
- **Absent:** None
- **Also:** Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones and Mike Soloman of RLS, and Tracy DeMarse (NM City Treasurer)

MINUTES: Brenda Moore made the motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2021. Doug Brown supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

MINUTES: Brenda Moore made the motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2021. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

REPORTS:

- **Restorative Lake Sciences** – Mike Soloman of RLS reported that a survey of the Lake, via GPS is done to make a map of growth and then sent to the applicator. RLS is always on the boat, as well as a Board Member. If they see additional areas that need to be sprayed, instead of waiting for the next survey, they can attack that area. Renovate was the treatment done. Signs are placed at treatment site plus 100' on each side. The water can be used on established grass. The Board member that rides along never makes the decisions or forces their opinion.

- **Dr. Jones of RLS** – Native vegetation has been allowed to grow to help with the Algae. They are waiting on EGLE permit decision. The permit for Herbicide treatment is submitted in December/January. State of Michigan allows 10 or 12 treatments. PLM does the mailing and address's come from the tax role. Federal (EPA) doesn't require a 24-hour swim restriction. Darrell Van Fossan added that treatments were done on May 24, June, where 3 attempts were made due to bad weather, then they were back in July. Pictures were presented from Fenner's Ditch that couldn't be treated with algaecide, needed some other form of treatment. Consultant fees were 22,000 for the year. The numbers were run on the history of spending on treatments. Higher than in former years.

- **Treasurer** – Darrell Van Fossan updated the second quarter of the budget. 14% of the budget has been spent.

Tresurer's Report: Doug Brown made the motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Craig Howell supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The Treasurers Report will be put on file.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Brenda Moore made a motion to Re-appoint Darrell Van Fossan to the BLLB Board. Craig Howell supported the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes-Arter, Howell, Moore, Van Fossan, Brown
No-None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Russ Nagel(110 Moulton Ave.)Had question regarding 1st suggestion from original report of charcoal filters at Lake inlets.

Paul Pek(52 N. Bear Lake Rd.)Petition against aeration. Open Meetings Act violations. Has 120 signatures. Look for Grants. Time for a change. FOIA request.

Ronda Pek(52 N. Bear Lake Rd.)Against aeration. Petition-120 signatures. Stop project and just spray for algae.

Eric Keen(90 N. Bear Lake Rd.)Non-compliance with Michigan Lake Board Law. Michigan open meetings act and Riparian Law. Disregard for Public Safety and science based concerns.

Julia Keen(90 N. Bear Lake Rd.)Transparency of BLLB and compliance. Concerns with aeration proposal. Ability to listen.

Dave & Deb Shields(154 N. Bear Lake Rd.)heartened by number of residents participating. Felt they weren't being heard. Celery field makes it better. Number of septic systems on Lake. Maybe help for cost of hook-up is available.

BOARD COMMENT:

Darrell Van Fossan commented that the past Budget for spraying was \$20,000 and have spent 12,000 this year. Will review 5 year plan and look at reducing the dollars. Muskegon Lake and Bear Lake are in the Area of Concern(AOC). The money came from EPA(Environmental Protection Agency) for Fenner's Ditch oil leak and celery flats. This grant is done and the AOC will be delisted soon. Grants will no longer be available thru this funding source. Brenda Moore commented on the work that was done upstream. The Ribe Drain, 4.5 miles at 3.2million assessment over 20 years. WMSRDC(West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission)received smaller grant for a flow thru marsh upstream. Dr. Jones is always looking for grants. Will check and see if Mileage is feasible. Dr. Jones commented that no one was aware until feasibility study of the levels of oil on bottom of lake. Levels are not alarming. Vegetation allowed to grow and out compete with algae. Brenda Moore commented that we have had lots of public hearings. The Bear Lake Association walked away from managing Lake.

ADJOURN: Brenda Moore made the motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, Craig Howell supported the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:
Tracy DeMarse
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on _____

Signed:_____