

BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday 4/27/2017

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:05 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brenda Moore, Sam Janson, Kim Arter, Darrell VanFossan

Absent: John Snider

Also: Consultants from RLS Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones and Mike Solomon, Recording Secretary Veronica West

MINUTES: Sam Janson moved to accept the minutes of March 21, 2017. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

REPORTS:

- **Draft Outline of Lake Management Plan:** Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones did not have the structure of the document finalized but will send it via email to the board tomorrow. She did have 4 preliminary maps of depth contours, aquatic vegetation, soil compositions and tributary sampling sites. There was some light discussion on the maps and the data they contain. It was noted that there were two (2) tributaries sampled, but there may be more located on the Laketon Twp side coming underground from land located on the west side of Bear Lake Rd that RLS will look into. Also discussed the stormwater outfalls from the City of North Muskegon side and a map from GIS will be obtained showing these as well as the Muskegon County Road Commission road discharges. With regard to the bottom sediment map, Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones noted that this tells a story about the geology of the lake and noted there is more consolidated sediment and that harder bottoms can present more challenges when addressing internal loading.
- **Timeline:** It was noted that several versions of a timeline have been circulated. Brenda Moore noted that it would be helpful to have definitive dates established to conduct specific tasks/activities on, like a stakeholders meeting. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones said a stakeholders meeting is not unusual and could be helpful in getting public input early in the process. There was discussion of determining who the stakeholders are; and it was decided to keep it simple and define stakeholders as those that own lakefront property but all public is welcome to attend any of the Bear Lake Lake Board meetings. Discussed several dates for a stakeholders meeting and decided on June 22, 2017, which is the same as the regular June meeting date. RLS will have maps and an outline of the management plan for the public at that time. Other dates determined for the timeline were: May 25, 2017 to have the Goals & Objectives meeting in conjunction with the regular May meeting, August 24, 2017 RLS to present the feasibility study to BLLB, September 7, 2017 to hold the Public hearing of Practicability and following about 15 minutes after that to hold the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll, publication of both public hearings would take place on August 17th and August 27th, if approved resolutions would be required to be published after the hearings and there are 30 day challenge periods after the public hearings. It was also noted that assessments need to be provided to the municipality treasurers by November 1st to get them on the 2017 winter tax bills that go out on December 1st. Also, discussed the required mailings for the public hearings, having the assessment roll available at both municipalities. Discussion also covered the need for BLLB to determine the special assessment district boundaries and the number of years of the special assessment will last and variety of other options and asked RLS

to make some recommendations as they are familiar with the process. There was also a discussion of the municipally owned lake front parcels and the question came up if municipal properties can be assessed. Mike Solomon did say that he recalls a project in Cadillac where the municipality made voluntary contributions as they could not be assessed. Sam Janson noted that a formula for determining what each municipalities contribution should be. These questions will need to be asked of the BLLB attorney. Also discussed the special assessment district and how to charge – whether it by per front foot or per parcel. It was generally agreed it seems more equitable to charge the assessment per parcel as all have essentially the same benefit/use of the lake. Brenda Moore will make the changes to the timeline with the dates discussed.

COMMUNICATION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT (On Agenda Item): NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Bear Lake Homeowners Association 2017 Treatments:** Darrell VanFossan stated the current treatment company and he have been discussing dates for this year’s treatments and they have tentatively determined 05/22/2017 and 07/10/2017. Kim Arter suggested that the treatments be scheduled around holidays if at all possible – after Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Sam Janson mentioned there is a triathlon event being held Memorial Day weekend and the city is doing fireworks on June 9th and the beach will be closed, he additionally suggested week day treatments.
- **Start up funds:** Kim Arter noted that John Snider has informed her that the County has no funds available for loan from the County Revolving Fund but that she and Sam and the attorneys are working on an intergovernmental agreement for the two municipalities to loan money to the Bear Lake Lake Board to pay the bills until funds are collected via the special assessment levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Item 2017-01: Proposed Contract with Environmental Consulting Firm – RLS:** Kim Arter noted that the BLLB has already accepted the bid proposal from RLS and she is presenting the formal contract for signing. Brenda Moore moved to approve the signing of the Contract with the exception of “add-on” items. Darrell VanFossan asked if signing it that way would allow the “add-on items” at a later time. Discussion determined that if additional work is wanted or needed it would be addressed at a later date. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting in Favor of the Motion: Sam Janson, Darrel VanFossan, Brenda Moore and Kim Arter

Voting in Opposition of the Motion: None

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURN: Sam Janson moved to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Moore supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Veronica West
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on _____.

Signed: _____.