

BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday 5/25/2017

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brenda Moore, Sam Janson, Kim Arter, John Snider and Darrell VanFossan (tardy)

Absent: None

Also: Consultant from RLS Mike Solomon, Recording Secretary Veronica West

MINUTES: Sam Janson moved to accept the minutes of April 27, 2017. Brenda Moore supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

REPORTS:

- **Potential Goals & Objectives for BLLB Consideration:** Mike Solomon of RLS noted there were 3 Goals on the handout; aquatic vegetation management, nutrient management/reduction and community involvement/citizen engagement and then several objectives or strategies to accomplish each stated goal. He did ask for copies of the resolutions from both the township and the city regarding the formation of the Bear Lake Lake Board to better understand the desires of the community with regard to managing the lake. Brenda Moore commented on possibly including the monitoring of more than aquatic vegetation and including zooplankton and macro-invertebrates in the objectives. She also commented on the community involvement goals and suggested adding language to include the Bear Creek watershed and "improve riparian practices" to the objectives. Kim Arter noted that the current Bear Lake Association group will hopefully be moving into more of an educational type of association once the Bear Lake Lake Board has adopted a full management plan.
- **Progress Report/Draft Bear Lake Management Plan – Mike Soloman (Senior Hydrologist w/RLS):** Mike Solomon provided a quick overview of the outline for the feasibility study/management plan. He stated that RLS has a licensed engineer to sign off on the final plan, as required by law. He added that much of the information has been gathered and the process of putting it all together in a final plan will be starting soon.
- **Special Assessment District (SAD):** Kim Arter commented she had been out visiting a few properties and looking at sites and feels there are four (4) that need to be added to the SAD map (parcel numbers are: 61-09-200-000-0054-00, 61-09-200-000-0055-00, 61-09-201-000-0110-00 and 61-09-201-000-0111-00) and three (3) on the Laketon Twp side that need to be removed (parcel numbers are: 61-09-012-400-0014-00, 61-09-014-200-0022-00 and 61-09-014-300-0037-00) that have no lake frontage. Discussed the two condo developments in North Muskegon, consensus was to remove the Bay Ridge Condominium development from the east end of the lake as it has no Bear Lake water frontage as well as the large County of Muskegon owned parcel next to it as it has no true Bear Lake water frontage. In addition consensus was reached to bill each parcel number in the Channel Pointe Condominium development for one assessment, just like all other properties in the SAD as they all have equal access to the lake – one parcel number one assessment. Also discussed where to draw the line at the west end of the lake where it turns into a channel with a bridge and adjoins Muskegon Lake. Brenda Moore noted that the Marina on the Bear Lake Channel has an impact on the lake and a higher potential for bringing in invasive species due to the higher level of activity in a small area. Kim Arter and Sam

Janson agreed and consensus was to include all properties on the Bear Lake Channel in this SAD. Additional discussion on how to charge these parcels took place with Mike Solomon noting they could be charged by the slip, but the group felt it is best at this time for all parcels to be treated the same, with each parcel number getting one assessment. Brenda Moore volunteered to contact the County GIS department to update the map with the parcels that need to be either deleted or added and to mark the publicly owned parcels for the township, the city and the school. The new tentative map can then be finalized at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION:

- **Email from Attorney R. Bultje: RE:: Municipalities/assessments** – it was noted that Mr. Bultje’s legal opinion is that governmental entities/municipalities cannot be assessed, but each municipality may choose to voluntarily contribute to the project. Darrell VanFossan strongly encouraged each municipality to do so.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On Agenda Item): **NONE**

OLD BUSINESS: **NONE**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Item 2017-02: Proposed Timeline:** Kim Arter noted that she is very much in favor of educating and including the public but expressed some concern that holding an additional stakeholder meeting in addition to the regular meetings and required public hearings that’s meeting and mailings may be redundant. Darrell VanFossan felt more is better to give plenty of time and notice to increase public awareness and Brenda Moore agreed, noting that the public should be introduced to the proposed plan before the public hearing on the plan. Mike Solomon informed the Board that there wouldn’t be enough time to have a draft plan document ready for a June stakeholders meeting, but July would work. The group decided to have an informal “Meet & Greet” event in place of the June 22 business meeting – the meet & greet event will be posted at the municipalities, online and a postcard mailing will go out. There will be no business conducted and no minutes taken at the meet & greet event. Discussed other meeting dates with Mike Solomon noting the draft plan would be ready for presentation by the proposed August 3rd date and Sam Janson noting a conflict with the regular August 24th meeting date that will need to be changed at some point. Sam Janson moved to update/amend the timeline as discussed and John Snider supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.
- **Item 2017-03: Proposed Bear Lake Improvement Board Funding Agreement:** Kim Arter provided a copy of the proposed funding agreement in everyone’s meeting packet and summarized the need for up front funding from the municipalities that will be repaid to the municipalities once the special assessment funds are collected. Darrell VanFossan asked about when a budget will be developed for this project. Mike Solomon stated that the feasibility study will include a spreadsheet of costs for various treatment options and the board will be able to pick and choose from that list of costs to develop a budget. Sam Janson moved to approve the funding agreement. John Snider supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken:
Voting in Favor of the Motion: Darrel VanFossan, Sam Janson, Brenda Moore, John Snider and Kim Arter.
Voting in Opposition of the Motion: None
Motion Carried.
It was suggested to now add reports to the agenda regarding bills and expenses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Brenda Moore reported the County GIS department is working on outfall maps

- Kim Arter reported on grant money available for projects on Bear Lake and getting in touch with Kathy Evans of WMSRDC with potential projects.
- Darrell VanFossan reported updates from the Bear Lake Association, noting the first treatment date with PLM is June 6th and the second treatment date of July 24th, weather permitting. He also noted the bill was reduced by \$1000.00 due in large part because of information that Jennifer of RLS shared with him. He also noted participating in this year's costs were 148 of 263 properties and the DEQ permit was \$1500.00.

ADJOURN: John Snider moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam Janson supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Veronica West
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on _____.

Signed: _____.