

DIXIE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
JULY 7, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Steve Felix
Robert Hoffman
Donna Ventimiglia
Paula Lintine-Vining

Board Members Absent:

Brian Bennett

Lake Consultants:

Paul Hausler, Senior Scientist, Progressive, AE

Public Attendees:

Laura Moreau, Springfield Township Supervisor
Mike Mulligan, President, Dixie Lake Homeowners Association
Katie King, Progressive Engineering

Donna Ventimiglia called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Treasurers Report: Paula Vining

Paula provided copies of the Treasurer's report to all board members prior to the meeting. Expenditures to date equal \$62,079.43, with an outstanding invoice of \$3,000 and the harvesting costs of approximately \$10,000 which have not yet been processed. Paula continues to balance the DLIB records with the Township Treasurer to ensure accuracy.

Robert Hoffman made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Steve Felix which was unanimously carried. The Treasurers Report will be posted on the website.

Engineering Report - Paul Hausler

Paul provided copies of the Engineering Work Journal to the Board and reviewed the details. The last lake survey was completed on July 1 and harvesting was completed on July 2. Paul noted that we are about halfway through the budget for the year which is typical for this time. There is an additional application from Aqua Weed scheduled for Thursday this week for specific areas of the lake. Notices are to be posted Wednesday. The updated Journal will be posted on the website.

Paul previously provided the Board with a video prepared by Aaron Parker of EAGL which explains the challenges faced by smaller lakes regarding weed control. The Board acknowledged the value of the video and asked Paul to post it on the website.

A general discussion was had regarding the recent harvesting. In general, the Board was pleased with the harvesting job. The new equipment was noticeably more efficient, and Oakland Harvesters arrived on time and completed the job in the timeframe stated in spite of several rain showers. It was noted by Mike Mulligan and Steve Felix that the channel near Shore Drive and the small uninhabited island could have used more harvesting. It was noted for the next harvest later in the summer. Paul also commented that the chemical application this week may help in the channel.

Lake Access Proposal: - Donna Ventimiglia

Donna Ventimiglia reviewed a timeline of events relative to the project during 2021. The Board is currently waiting for a date from the Contractor to begin the restoration. Once completed, the application for a new permit can be submitted for construction. EAGL requested notification of the restoration start date so they can have a representative present.

Laura Moreau then discussed the Township requirements for the project. In addition to keeping the Township notified of on-going progress, the following must be done:

1. Notify Township of restoration start date
2. Notify Township of construction start date which requires a pre-construction meeting. That meeting will include a Township representative and a representative from AEW (Township Engineering firm)
3. Obtain final job completion plans from Keift Engineering
4. Final inspection by Township and AEW to ensure project completed in accordance with plans.

Laura reiterated the importance of strict compliance to the project plans so as to not be in conflict with the PUD Agreement. Any deviation would require a modification to the PUD.

Paula Vining is following up with the Oakland County Road Commission to obtain the final permit for the work on the site.

The Board agreed to document the importance of adhering to the requirements of EAGL and the Township in a letter to the Contractor which will be delivered prior to any new work at the site.

Steve Felix will continue to work with the Contractor to obtain a start date for the restoration and Donna Ventimiglia will work with EAGL and the Township.

Donna Ventimiglia shared an invoice received from the Oakland County Water Resources for \$148.75 for an inspection at the launch site on June 9. Donna called the inspector, Chris LaFave, and questioned the inspection on an idle site. Chris informed Donna that while the site is "open" inspections must be done to ensure there are no

materials getting into the water system. These inspections will continue until the job is completed. When asked how often these inspections will take place, Chris stated every two weeks. The Board discussed the concern of paying \$300 per month for unexpected inspections. Robert Hoffman said he would contact WRC to inquire about the frequency of the inspections.

2021 Meeting Dates:

The Board felt it is important to meet monthly while we are working on the launch project. The meetings for 2021 are:

August 4
September 1
October 6

All meetings begin at 9:00 am at the Springfield Township Fire Station at Rattlee Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

There being no further business Donna Ventimiglia adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Steve Felix, Secretary

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