

**DIXIE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Brian Bennett
Steve Felix
Robert Hoffman
Donna Ventimiglia
Paula Lintine-Vining

Lake Consultants:

Paul Hausler, Senior Scientist, Progressive, AE

Public Attendees:

Mike Mulligan, President, Dixie Lake Homeowners Association
Rob Bethke, Progressive Engineering

Donna Ventimiglia called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

August Meeting Minutes:

The August 4, 2021 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robert Hoffman, seconded by Brian Bennett. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Paula Vining

Paula provided copies of the Treasurer's report to all board members prior to the meeting. Expenditures to date equal \$80,848.14. The current balance is \$78,843.84. with upcoming expenses for harvesting and chemical applications. Paula was unable to balance the DLIB records with the Township Treasurer who is on vacation, so the approval of the report was tabled.

Engineering Report - Paul Hausler

Paul provided copies of the Engineering Work Journal to the Board and reviewed the details. Since the last Board meeting, treatments were done on August 3 and 19. Harvesting is in progress. Paul noted that a new species called Cabomba was detected in the canal on the lake. This is a very aggressive weed and was treated immediately. A lake survey is scheduled immediately following this board meeting.

The consensus of the Board was that Oakland Harvesters is doing a very good job this year with the new equipment. The renewal of the contract will be on the October meeting agenda.

Board Riparian Replacement: The Board will communicate the opening for Donna Ventimiglia's spot via its website and through the Dixie Lake Homeowners Association.

Letters from applicants must be submitted to Springfield Township by September 30 with the expectation of appointment at the Township Board Meeting on October 14.

Phragmites:

Phragmites is visible at a few locations on the lake and along the fence line on Dixie Highway. Robert Hoffman stated that the Oakland County Road Commission had a program for treating Phragmites. Donna Ventimiglia will follow up with the OCRC to get information.

Lake Access Proposal:

Donna Ventimiglia reviewed a timeline of events relative to the project since the last Board meeting. The contractor will begin work on the project the week of Labor Day. The payment for the rental of the long arm excavator is still outstanding. The Riparian reps will continue to have discussions with the contractor on that subject.

The Board will research contractors to plant native plants as requested by EGLE. Paul Hausler suggested using the Michigan National Shoreline site as a reference point. The Board will also continue to work with Mike Losey of Springfield Township regarding the plantings.

The Board discussed seeking a coordinator for administration of the keys/locks/codes/usage of the launch site. This person would be a committee member and not a Board member. Communication will go out through the Homeowners Association to seek interested candidates.

The Board also discussed adding all costs for security and maintenance for the new launch to the 3-year budget at the next Special Assessment District meeting in 2022. Further research is needed.

2021 Meeting Dates:

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, Steve Felix made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paula Vining, and approved by all. The meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Steve Felix, Secretary