

Lake Improvement Board of Bear Lake

January 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Jack Sawka called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Introductions were made of all the board members and the four guests, Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones was also in attendance and Attorney Michelle Brya was present via conference phone.

There was no public comment.

Minutes were read and approved with two minor corrections. Mr. Solberg's name was changed to Mr. Somsel and the figures for the Village of \$100.00 was corrected to \$150.00.

Communication Plan: The website is up and running the address is www.bearlakemichigan.org. A motion was made to accept the proposal for the cost and maintenance fee for the website for our information. The Lake Improvement Board will piggyback on the Bear Lake Village website. The motion was moved by Bob Yates and supported by Alan O'Shea. The motion was unanimously carried.

Special Assessment District: ASI confirmed the accuracy of the SAD data and will go over it again to make sure.

Hearing date for the SAD will be February 28, 2008 at the Manistee County Road Commission, at 7:00PM.

A motion was made to pursue getting a large map showing all parcels that are in the SAD. This motion was moved by Ken Berentsen and supported by Alan O'Shea. The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion was held as to who is in and who is out of the SAD. A motion was made to accept methodology dated 10/25/07 as the means to assess for SAD parcels. This motion was moved by Ken Berentsen and supported by Robert Yates. The motion was unanimously carried.

Feasibility Study: ASI representative Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, discussed the changes made to the study as per the boards suggestions at the December 18, 2007, meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the issues other than non-native invasive species and how they would be addressed and who we would refer them to.

A motion was made to adopt the LIB computation of project costs with up dates agreed to by the board. This motion was moved by Alan O'Shea and supported by Ken Berentsen. The motion was unanimously approved.

The hearing date for the Feasibility Study will be held on February 21, 2008 at the Manistee County Road Commission, at 7:00PM.

Preparations for Public Hearings: Location, time, and dates are set. Public notices for local paper will be sent and individual letters to be sent to all parcels in the SAD.

Manistee County Revolving Fund Formal Application: Attorney Michelle Brya, contacted Mr. Ford, legal council for Manistee County, as to the plans and associated costs as well as SAD and estimated cost per unit.

Future Meeting Schedules: Discussion on studies, hearings, updating the SAD, cost per unit, and reports to the Township Boards and Village to be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting in April through October.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2008, 7:00PM at the Manistee County Road Commission.

Other Business: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones will send most current SAD information to the Board via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Don Brisbin.

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February 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Practicability Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jack Sawka at 7:00pm. All board members were present except for Allen O'Shea. Also in attendance were Michelle Brya, Attorney and Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones from ASI. There were 31 signed in guests.

Jack Sawka gave a brief history of how and why the LIB was formed. Also information on the steps being taken to address the Mil-foil treatment and payment.

Michelle Brya shared what the meeting is for and that public comment would be welcomed later in the meeting.

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones made a powerpoint presentation on the mil-foil, treatment possibilities and estimated cost.

Michelle Brya opened the meeting up to public comment. There were twelve guests that either had questions or comments about chemical treatment, weevil treatment, combination of both, how bids were solicited, and why only riparians were assessed. Both questions and comments and also letters were answered or addressed by the board, lawyer or biologist.

A motion was made by Carver Edwards to accept the proposal of ASI to treat the lake, seconded by Ken Berentsen. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

A motion was made by Ken Berentsen to have Aquatic Services Inc be the chemical applicator for the 24D treatment. The motion was seconded by Bob Yates, the board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The next meeting which will be a hearing on the Assessment Roll is on February 28th, 2008. It will be at 7:00pm at the Manistee County Road Commission Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfull submitted: Don Brisbin, Secretary

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February 28, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Assessment Roll Hearing

The meeting was called to order by Jack Sawka at 7:00pm. All members were present including Michelle Brya, Attorney, Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, ASI Biologist, and 28 signed in guests.

Jack Sawka gave a brief history of why and how the LIB was formed.

Michelle Brya explained why we were having the meeting on Assessments.

Jack Sawka explained the how and why of the assessment roll, who is in the SAD, what is going to be assessed, also what municipalities will be assessed.

The was discussion of the letters that were sent to the Board and other questions that were raised at the Feasibility meeting on February 21, 2008.

Michelle Brya opened the meeting up for public comment from guests regarding the Assessment Roll. Eight guests voiced either support or opposition to, or had questions about how they were being assessed.

General questions were taken from three of the guests about the possibility of grants or the state paying for the treatment or the three municipalities putting in more money toward the project.

Jack Sawka asked for volunteers to spearhead the effort to obtain more money from other sources. At thus time, there were no volunteers.

A motion to accept the low bid for chemical application in the spring was made by Don Brisbin, seconded by Bob Yates, and unanimously approved by the board. Along with motion the board asked Jennifer if they could be a part of the spreading process. Jennifer will be present during the application and any member of the board that would like to be included is invited.

The next meeting will be March 6th, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfull submitted: Don Brisbin, Secretary.

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March 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jack Sawka at 7:00pm. Members of the board present were Don Brisbin, Bob Yates, and Carver Edwards and Jack Sawka via telephone. Those of the board absent were Ken Berentsen and Allen O'Shea. There were signed in guests.

Bob Yates opened the meeting for public comment. Only one guest had comments on how his condo association was being assessed.

Minutes from February 21st and 28th were read and approved.

Comments were made about municipalities contributing more money, the assessment of condo associations and expanding the parcels assessed beyond those abut the lake or have lake access.

There was discussion about how many parcels are being assessed. Board agreed not to assess beyond riparians.

The board discussed and had no disagreement that corrections to the assessment roll should be made for assessed units to conform to the methodology. The board also had no disagreement that name and address corrections could be made for parcels when the corrections would conform to the Manistee records.

Board agreed not to change addresses or names on assessment rolls of those individuals that had notified the board of errors but the correction would not conform to the Manistee records. The board will ask those individuals to contact their township to correct their rolls.

Jack Sawka agreed to contact the attorney in regard to the assessment of the condos. Three new letters of protest or concern regarding the assessment were read. All letters were received after the hearing on the assessment roll. Jack Sawka also agreed to discuss the issues raised by these letters with the attorney.

Jack Sawka emailed a request to be put on the agenda for the next Manistee County Commission Meeting to apply for a revolving loan from Manistee County.

Once again the board supported Don Shreve, Bear Lake Township Treasurer, to handle the collecting and disbursing of funds for the LIB.

Next meeting of the LIB will be March 13th, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Don Brisbin, Secretary

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April 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack Sawka. All board members were present along with Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones. Introductions of board members and guests were made.

Minutes of the March 13th, 2008 meeting were read, there were no corrections or additions and minutes were approved as read.

Correspondence: Bob Yates, Treasurer read the letter from the Manistee County Commissioners concerning the adoption to lend the LIB the money to cover the treatment to Bear Lake. Many thanks to Tom Kaminski and other board members for their vote.

Newsletter: There was discussion about the information to be included in the newsletter that ASI is going to put together to be distributed to the riparians. To be included is the treatment method and time frame, the treatment will take place sometime in May due to the critical temperature of the water. Jennifer asked that all members read the newsletter and get any comments back to her by April 24th.

Public Comment: Mr. J. Adams asked questions concerning the contracts and vendors, other invasive species, how to control other species in the future, and why only the riparians were paying for the treatment. The board explained that five vendors submitted bids for the 2-4D treatment, of which the lowest bid was taken and that there is only one vendor for the weevils. Should other species be recognized, they would have to be dealt with at that time. The riparians were assessed because through discussion with the attorney and the board it was determined that the riparians would have the most to lose or gain.

There was discussion about having the monthly meetings May-Oct on the 3rd, Thursday of the month.

The board authorized the attorney to establish the EIN for the purpose of tax information. The board discussed how the taxes would be collected.

Bob Yates made a motion that the attorney be authorized to establish the EIN. That the treasurer be responsible for the EIN and that the address will be that of the treasurer and that it is stated the LIB was established on August 21, 2007.

The motion was seconded by Carver Edwards. Voted on and approved by the board.

The next LID meeting will be May 15th, 2008, at 7:00pm, at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Don Brisbin, Recording Secretary

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July 17th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Jack Sawka at 7:00pm. Board members present Edwards, Sawka, Yates, and Brisbin. Board members absent O'Shea and Berentson. Dave Warner from ASI along with 6 other guests.

Jack Sawka opened up meeting for public comment. Jerry Stick-2,4D dangerous as stated in article on Internet. 2,4D not used close to shore. Trichlopyr used close to shore.

Minutes of June 19, 2008 meeting were read and approved. Minutes of April and May meetings were approved.

Lake treatment: 1st treatment June 12th, 2008, 155 acres. Discussion with Board and guests about treatment. Lake treated again on July 16th, 2008 for the additional acres not treated on June 12th, 2008. Signage was discussed. Even with signage children and adults were in the lake. Jennifer does not expect to treat the lake again this year. She will do an AVAS study and grid matrix when she comes back in Late Aug. or Sept. Weevils will not be stocked this year. Also some funds were left over, we didn't use all the money that was available.

Note: Website (google), Carol Lembi, is very good for information the chemicals used to treat lakes.

Bills: 3 bills to pay

1. Prine-Newhoff-maps\$1,237.96
2. Village of Bear Lake-website....\$160.00
3. Hubbard Fox Law Firm.....\$19.57

Motion by Brisbin, 2nd by Edwards to pay bills, carried unanimously.

Boat Launch Sites: Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program discussed. Need someone to take program over and run it. Still no volunteers.

Hydrilla pamphlet was shown and discussed.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2008, 7:00pm, Manistee County Road Commission Bldg.

Other Business: Round Lake Problem with Milfoil discussed. Almost totally choked off.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted: Don Brisbin, Secretary