

Minutes Bear Lake Improvement Board Meeting
June 16, 2011

Members in Attendance: Marvin Brisbin – Chairman, Robert Yates – Secretary, Carver Edwards – Treasurer, Ken Hilliard – Board of Commissioners, Mark DiBenedetto – Drain Commissioner, and Jennifer Jermalowicz Jones – Lakeshore Environment Rep.

Minutes from May 19 read and approved as presented.

Brief discussion took place regarding status of Bryan Harris (Pleasanton Twp. Rep) – Mr. Hilliard reported Gerald Stick (?) is replacement.

Treasurer Report: N/A

Public Comment: None

Old Business: Many positive comments regarding Lakeshore Spring Newsletter

New Business: Jennifer reported results from her lake survey (June 16, 2011) it would appear roughly 10 acres (max) will require treatment however she expressed concern over EMF present – and recommended further sample treatments for Hybrid Strain. It was decided to take 5 (five) samples @ \$30.00 per sample prior to lake treatment to determine dosage levels. Treatment to take place prior to July 1, 2011.

Mr. DiBenedetto reported he had received request from Stacey Hissong – Attorney at law offering to attend next meeting and discuss working with improvement board – Stacey was our original organization attorney contact prior to changing legal firms.

Other business: None

Public Comment: Mr. Raiff reported an article in US Today regarding fish virus found in lake Harrison, Mi stimulated a great deal of discussion regarding what might be done to educate boaters and maintain clean boats.

Next Meeting July 21, 2011

Meeting adjourned.

Improvement Board Meeting
July 22, 2011

Members in Attendance: Marvin Brisbin – Chairman, Robert Yates – Secretary, Carver Edwards – Treasurer, Ken Hilliard – Board of Commissioners, Mark DiBenedetto – Drain Commissioner, Gerald Stick – Pleasanton Township Rep., Mike Solomon – Lakeshore Environmental Rep.

ALL PRESENT

Minutes: Minutes from June 16 meeting – read and approved – Ken Hilliard entered motion – second by Mark DiBenedetto.

Treasurer Report: Current Balance \$138,053.69

Public Comment: Question raised regarding full set of financials.

Old Business: Treatment by A&T Service LLC provided by Mike Solomon – reported treating 10 acres (high dosage level). Email note from J. Jones regarding genotype milfoil – not hybrid. See Attached Email.

New Business: Bill from milfoil treatment 06-29-2011 in the amount of \$4600.00 (will require 4-6 weeks to analyze out come of treatment).
Mr. Chris Riley – (US Forest Service Rep.) discussed possible grant program to educate public on inland lake maintenance under Great Lakes Restoration Initiative may be contacted at 231-723-2211 ext. 3122.

Public Comment: Letter was read which was drafted by Mr. Raiff – (President Bear Lake Property Owners Assoc.) regarding signage during lake treatment day.

Other Business: Mr. Brisbin showed pictures of Woodward Lake (M-115) and no treatment – UGLY!!

Next Meeting August 18, 2011.

Improvement Board Meeting
August 18, 2011

Members in Attendance: Marvin Brisbin – Chairman, Robert Yates – Secretary Carver Edwards – Treasurer, Mark DiBenedetto – Drain Commissioner, Gerald Stick – Pleasanton Township Rep., and Mike Solomon- Lakeshore Environmental Rep.

Ken Hilliard – Absent

Minutes: Minutes for July 22, 2011 meeting – read and approved.

Treasure Report: Current balance \$132,653.69 complete financials attached – approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Jim Eaton – reported many good weeds in Bear Lake.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ms. Stacey L Hissong (attorney) was reintroduced – (representing Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes PLC) – she was original attorney in the formulation of Bear Lake Improvement Board. Her request was to represent board again at reduced rate – (\$195.00 per hour) suggest she formalize proposal and forward next meeting for review and discussion.

Discussed next year assessment – motion by Caver – second by Mark to allow assessment – (winter 2012) remain at \$50.00 per year. Approved and all in agreement.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting Sept. 15, 2011

Improvement Board Meeting
September 15, 2011

Members in Attendance: Marvin Brisbin – Chairman, Robert Yates – Secretary, Carver Edwards – Treasurer, Mark DiBenedetto – Drain Commissioner.

Absent: Gerald Stick and Ken Hilliard

Minutes from August 18 read and approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: Current Balance (\$132,653.29) attached copy – Approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: Mr. Brisbin reviewed the fact Mr. Jim Eaton has prepared a packet for each board member regarding history of formulation of Lake Improvement Board.

New Business: Copy of Engagement letter with Stacy L Hissong (Fahoy Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC) – signed by Mr. Brisbin.

Determined that we should notify Michelle Brya (Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White and Bengston PC) former firm of our action.

Discussion took place regarding procedure to re-establish Bear Lake Improvement Board will confirm with new legal firm.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2011

Meeting adjourn.

Bear Lake Improvement Board
December 15, 2011

Members in Attendance: Marvin Brisbin – Chairman, Robert Yates – Secretary, Carver Edwards – Treasurer, Mark DiBenedetto – Drain Commissioner, Gerald Stick – Pleasanton Twp. Rep., Jennifer Jermalowicz Jones – Lakeshore Rep.

Absent: Ken Hilliard – Manistee County Rep.

Also Present: Helen Mills – representing Stacey Hissong (Attorney for Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC).

Minutes from September 15, 2011 meeting read and approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: N/A

Public Comment: Mr. Sawka thanked board members for their work efforts.

Old Business: Jennifer presented 2011 Grid Matrix Annual Report overview - included in 2008 lake had 19 native plants – 2011 lake has 26 – excellent upward trend.

Recommendation included continuous monitor process with spot treatment. Watch for hybrid milfoil. Please be advised final treatment of milfoil (2011) was 11 acres!
Next survey will be June 2012.

Letter from board to Michelle Brya was read regarding termination of her legal services.

New Business: Grid matrix books 2011 were provided to each board member and copies made available to each governmental agency.

Jennifer was instructed to seek 2012 treatment contractor – bid process/results to follow and awarded!

Hearing process for re-establishment Improvement Board – tentative – hearing process date July 19, 2012.

Election of citizen at large took place – Don Brisbin appointed.

Contract from Lakeshore Environmental (2012) presented – approved and awarded as presented (\$3250 per quarter = \$13,000).

Meeting 2012 discussed (schedule attached).

Public Comment: Question was raised regarding surplus balance – no interest!
Reminded that all record keeping, bonding and discount on audit was included with service provide by County Treasurer.

Next meeting January 19, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.