

Bear Lake Improvement Board
July 18, 2019

Pledge:

Call to Order:The Bear Lake Improvement Board was called to order by Chairman, Bob Yates 7:00 PM

Roll call:Gregg McPherson, Village Representative, Pauline Jaquish, County Commissioner, Gary Schwaiger, County Drain Commissioner, Bob Yates, Chairman, and Bear Lake Township Representative, and Rita Brisbin, Secretary.

Absent:David Adams, Pleasanton Township Representative.

Guest:Mike Solomon, Restorative Lake Sciences, Representative, Don Raiff, and Chuck Eminger.

Minutes:A motion was made by Gary Schwaiger to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Gregg McPherson. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report:A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given was made by Gregg McPherson, seconded by Pauline Jaquish. The motion carried.

Bills:A bill for PLM, for \$31,431.75 for the treatment of Bear Lake was presented. A motion to pay PLM was made by Gregg McPherson, seconded by Pauline Jaquish. A poll vote was taken, results as follows:

Gregg McPherson-Yea

Rita Brisbin-Yea

Bob Yates-Yea

Gary Schwaiger-Yea

Pauline Jaquish-Yea

The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

1. Website: Minutes have been taken to JackPine. Rita asked if the Board members had any objections to the Treasurer's Report appearing on the Web site under Financials. No objections voiced.

2. Budget: Bob Yates stated that he will provide and updated budget at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Mike Solomon from Restorative Lake Sciences reported that 65 acres was treated for Eurasian Lake Milfoil. Since water clarity is better and other factors, it is not felt that this is cause for alarm. Bear Lake is still at 3% which is still good. We have been fortunate for several years with a lower acreage treatment number. Mike was asked how the milfoil is found, he replied that a rake is used, as well as visual, and scanners. The

scanners measure which show the bottom hardness, bio-density, and the depth.

Mike stated that Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones from Restorative Lake Sciences is preparing the Newsletter for Bear Lake.

2. Bob Yates stated that he will be sending a letter to all area Realtors regarding the lake assessment.

3. Importance of the next two meetings:

a. 2020 assessment will be set. All members are urged to attend.

b. September meeting is equally important, because the minutes from August are to be approved and taken to the County Treasurer's office so the assessment can appear on the winter taxes.

Public Comment:

Mr. Raiff stated that it might be useful to have a chart of past assessments, number of acres treated, and the cost of treatment. Also how the cost effected the balance of monies held.

Bob Yates said he would work on that.

He also stated that it be beneficial to have a short report on how the lake is surveyed. Mike Solomon said he would mention that to Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones.

Chuck Eminger suggested information be given to the board regarding invasive species that should be watched for such as plants or fish.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gregg McPherson, seconded by Gary Schwaiger. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2019, at 7:00PM at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Brisbin, Secretary