

Bear Lake Improvement Board  
May 20, 2021

Pledge:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bob Yates at 7:00pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Roll Call:

Rita Brisbin, Secretary, Pauline Jaquish, County Commissioner, Bob Yates, Chairman and Bear Lake Township representative, Gary Schwaiger, County Drain Commissioner, and Andrea Ware, Bear Lake Village Representative.

Guest: Mike Solomon, Restorative Lake Science Representative. Dan Morris, Representative from the Bear Lake Outing Club, and Don Raiff.

Absent: Dave Adams, Treasurer and Pleasanton Township Representative

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Gary Schwaiger, seconded by Andrea Ware. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Bob Yates distributed copies of the Manistee County Recap of the Bear Lake Improvement Board activity thru 4/30/21.

Total expenses-\$8,500.00, Total revenue-\$51,084.00, and total available as of 4/30/21 is \$177,399.86. The entire report will be in the Library and also on the website.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as give was made by Pauline Jaquish seconded by Andrea Ware. The motion carried.

Bills:

Pre-authorized bills that were paid;

1. Gabridge (audit) \$950.00
2. Restorative Lake Sciences (first quarter) \$3375.00
3. Restorative Lake Sciences ( second quarter) \$3375.00
4. PLM for permit (Egle) \$800,00

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business:

1. A copy of the Annual Financial Report which was prepared by Gabridge & Co. was distributed to each of the Board members along with a copy of the letter from Gabridge & Company, PLC stating that the Bear Lake Improvement Board accepted their findings in the audit. The letter was signed by Robert Yates Chairman and Rita Brisbin, Secretary. All will be on file at the library.

New Business:

1. Mike Solomon from Restorative Lake Sciences reported that the spring survey had been 5/19/2021 and that 3.5 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil had been found mainly along west shore, a couple of areas along the south shore and one area in Little Bay. Some of the areas may be over treated, so there will be about 10 acres treated.

Treatment date is unknown at this time, hopefully we will be given notification and it will be posted on our web page. Signage will go up as usual in the areas of treatment.

2. Dan Morris from the from the from the Bear Lake Outing Club reported on the work that has been and is going to be done to improve Little Bay. The bay has been dredged, muck pellets have been used, and ways to rid the bay of water lilies have been discussed. The water lilies are a nuisance to boats and fisherman, so they are a concern.

Mr. Morris was wondering if the BLOC would be able to fall under the Bear Lake Improvement Board permit for treatment. After discussion it was decided that the lilies do not fall under the BLIB law of treating invasive species, either plants or fish. A motion was made by Gary Schwaiger, not to proceed with allowing the Bear Lake Outing Club request of use of the Bear Lake Improvement Board permit. The motion was seconded by Pauline Jaquish. A poll vote followed; Bob Yates-yes, Rita Brisbin-yes, Pauline Jaquish-yes, Gary Schwaiger-yes, and Andrea Ware-yes. The motion carried. Note that the Bear Lake Improvement Board as a unit was unable to do anything regarding the Purple Loosestrife on Olsons Point because it was not in the water, yet private individuals from the Board did go there and dug and cut it out. Also private individuals and organizations helped with the treatment of the Phragmites near Blarney Castle.

A letter will be sent to the BLOC showing appreciation of their concern for the betterment of the lake.

3. A copy of the On Going Budget was distributed to the Board. There will be an On Going Budget at each board meeting to comply with Gabridge & Co.

A motion to accept the On Going Budget was made by Gary Schwaiger, seconded by Andrea Ware. The motion carried. A copy will be on file at the library.

Public Comment:

Don Raiff commented that the work being done by the BLOC will benefit the entire lake. Mr. Raiff also suggested that perhaps it would be a good idea for that information be in the Bear Lake Bulletin.

Board Member Comment:

Pauline Jaquish informed the Board that Tammie Puit works for Egle and lives right here in Bear Lake.

Andrea Ware suggested that the line of communications be kept open along the shore especially when the lake is going to be treated.

The next meeting will be June 17, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall  
Andrea Ware made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Gary Schwaiger.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted by  
Rita Brisbin, Secretary.