

Bear Lake Improvement Board  
September 15, 2022  
Minutes

Call to Order:

President Robert Yates called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

Pledge:

Roll Call: Robert Yates, President and Bear Lake Township representative, Pauline Jaquish, County Commissioner, David Adams, Treasurer and Pleasanton Township representative, Rita Brisbin, Secretary, Andrea Ware, Bear Lake Village representative, and Gary Schwaiger, Manistee County Drain Commissioner.

Guest: Mike Solomon, RLS representative, Don Raiff, and Chuck Eminger.

Agenda:

A motion to adopt the Agenda with corrections and additions was made by Andrea W., seconded by Pauline. Motion passed.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the August minutes as distributed was made by Dave A. seconded by Gary S. A roll call vote was taken; Andrea Ware-yes, Pauline Jaquish-yes, Dave Adams-yes, Gary Schwaiger-yes, Bob Yates-yes, and Rita Brisbin-yes. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

Dave A. Treasurer gave the financial report that was supplied to him by the Manistee County Treasurer's Office. It is as follows;

Beginning balance as of 01/01/2022	\$166,588.28
2022 Revenue	\$ 51,987.20
2022 Expenses	\$ (25,061.11)

Total Available Expenses

\$ 193,514.37

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as given was made by Gary S., seconded by Pauline J. The motion carried.

Bills:

Treasurer Dave A. Presented the board with bills from RLS (pre-approved) for \$3,375.50, Fahey (Attorney) for \$19.00, and PLM for treatment of the lake on 9-13-2022 for \$33,625.50.

At this time President Bob Y. informed the board that there would be an outstanding bill from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes for legal services. He asked that the board pre-approve up to \$5,000.00 to pay their bill before out next meeting (Dec.). A motion was made by Andrea W., seconded by Pauline J. The motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Dave A., seconded by Bob Y. The motion to pay the bills carried.

Public Comment:

Chuck Eminger suggested that perhaps pre-notification could be given to those that put in docks when the lake is going to be treated, also it was noted that some are concerned about the way in which the lake treatment notifications are displayed. Wondered if the property owner Could designate a place to put the notifications.

Old Business:

Bob Y. passed around the letter of endorsement he wrote to the Bear Lake Property Owners regarding boat washing.

New Business:

1. Each member of the board received a copy of the On Going Budget, after discussion, a motion to approve the budget was made by Dave A., seconded by Andrea W. The motion carried.  
A copy of the On Going Budget can be found at the Library or with Bob Y., or Rita B.
2. A copy of the letter that each of the Township(s) and Village Clerks will receive from the Attorney was given to each of the board members. The Attorneys office will also supply the Assessment Rolls to the County Treasurer's office.
3. Mike Solomon from RLS went over the survey that was taken on August 31, 2022.

There were 22+ acres found. PLM treated on September 13, 2022. Because of the density and depth, certain areas were over treated. Thus the final treatment was for 40 acres were treated.

Mike replied to Chuck E. question posed during the open comment section.

The board and audience was given a copy of the posting from PLM and also a note from Mike Pichla, Northwest Lake Management.

- a. Postings are conducted in accordance with EGLE regulations.
- b. Are attached to thick barked trees, posts, or other suitable areas.
- c. Homeowners who wish the signs to be posted in other areas must contact PLM providing address, location of property, and where the signs are to be posted. Pictures relay the information the best.
- d. Alternate posting info must be supplied 14 days prior to treatment. and additional fees may apply.
- e. It is up to homeowners to remove the signage.

The time that the spring survey is done is when the water temperature is at least 55 degrees or warmer, usually the lake is then treated. (Historically these take place the later part of May/early June).

A motion was made by Dave A. to have the summer survey done in the first two weeks of August, with treatment to follow a week later. Gary S. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Bob Y. will be sending out a letter to each of the three townships regarding their voluntary contribution for the treatment of the lake.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andrea W. , seconded by Gary S. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next meeting will December 1, 2022, at the Bear Lake Township Hall at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Brisbin, Secretary