

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Fall Meeting
September 1, 2012**

The Fall Meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, September 1, 2012, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. President Martin welcomed the twenty-four guests. There were also 4 officers present.

Agenda Change: President Martin stated that there was one change to the agenda. Tony Groves of Progressive AE was scheduled to be present and give results of this season's lake assessment. However, Mr. Groves was not able to be present. President Martin stated that it may be possible to schedule Mr. Groves in October for an informational meeting to report on the water quality of Miner Lake. In the meantime, the report will be available on the website.

Miner Lake Improvement Board: It was noted that the Miner Lake Improvement Board renegotiated a one year contract with Progressive AE to monitor the lake. The Miner Lake Improvement Budget is approximately \$14,500, and there may be a fall assessment to fund the project. A public hearing will be held.

Zebra Mussels/Weeds: There was discussion about the ongoing problem with zebra mussels and weeds. Most felt that there have not been as many zebra mussels this year, but the weeds continue to be an annoyance. Investigation continues on shellcracker fish which eat zebra mussels, but according to Tony Groves, there is no known effective treatment. It was noted by Loretta Greig that zebra mussels have a life cycle where a population is created and then collapses on its own. There will be an informational meeting at the Township Hall on September 19 or 25 sponsored by the Miner Lake Improvement Board, which has the authority to do whatever may be necessary to improve the function of Miner Lake.

Dam Maintenance: A leak was discovered in early July which was repaired. However, more significant repairs will be required in 2013. The Drain Commission has begun the process, and more information will be available in the spring. There will probably be an assessment to property owners to cover the cost. If the cost exceeds \$10,000, an attorney will be needed.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Setter reported the following balances: General Fund - \$8,127.64; Sewer Fund - \$10.00; East End Fund - \$1,764.77.

Enhancements to Website: President Martin stated that there are approximately 300 visitors per week to the website, and he is interested in making improvements. He reported that about \$140 was raised with the sale of tee shirts and advertising for realtors. He is looking into classified ads and rentals for cottages.

Election of Officers: There was discussion on decreased attendance at the meetings, probably due to the lack of "hot button" issues. President Martin suggested conducting a survey to find out the thoughts of residents on what is important for the association. He stated that there are plans to revamp the mailing list from the property owners tax list. Vice-President Terry Skoglund suggested that the association needs goals and objectives as well as opportunities for fundraisers. He stated that Green Lake is thriving and has about 75% year round residents, whereas Miner Lake has approximately 50% year round residents. Andy Bishop suggested putting together a history of the lake. President Martin asked if anyone was interested in serving as an officer of the association or had suggestions of names. After no response, a motion was made by Pam Ellinger and seconded by Judy Wendt to elect the current slate of officers for the next two years. Motion carried by voice vote.

East End Preservation Update: Kirk VanOrder asked about progress on the east end preservation project. Mel Brown further inquired about the township's interest in the east end for a recreational project. Vice-President Skoglund stated that the township considered a park with the potential for camping, etc., but the township felt they did not have support for the project. It was reported that the township had offered a price at the appraisal value, but the owner was not interested. When asked about the conservancy investment possibility, it was stated that they were more interested in having the property donated. Regarding the pledges made, it was reported that no pledges had been paid, and possibly the \$1,764.77 in the east end fund could be put toward lake improvement. Jerry Young expressed his desire to partner with others to keep the property "as is".

Pontoon Parade: Loretta Greig inquired about the July 4 pontoon parade. There were very few entries this year, and interest seems to be waning, which may have been partially due to July 4 falling on a Wednesday. In 2013, July 4 falls on a Thursday. Dee _____ is not interested in organizing the parade for next year. Should the parade be continued? This question will be included in the survey. President Martin stated that Square Nail Farm has offered to make a donation.

Fair Reminder: President Martin reminded the group about the Allegan County Fair, which is September 7-15.

Other: Because there is a healthy general fund, motion was made by Mel Brown and seconded by _____ to send the officers and spouses to dinner. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Sam Martin and seconded by Terry Skoglund to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

