

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association  
Spring Meeting  
May 23, 2015**

**The Spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at the Allegan Township Hall.**

**Call to Order:** President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. There were 33 guests and 4 officers present. He stated that the topics of discussion would be:

1. Update on repairs to the dam
2. 2014 lake water quality report
3. Volunteers for Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program
4. Other

**Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Tom Slocum and seconded by Sam Martin to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2014 fall meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Helen Setter gave the following financial report: East End Fund, \$1,764.77, Sewer Fund, \$10.00, General Fund, \$9,458.75, for a total available of \$11,233.52.

**Update on Dam:** President Martin reported on the Board of Review meeting in February where a final plan and cost for a new dam was presented. The cost was approximately \$315,000 and the assessment for property owners was in the \$1200 range. Martin stated that there are two major concerns. The first is the overall cost of the dam which seems excessive. It is felt that a dam could be put in place for much less. A larger concern is that the Drain Commission does not have the proper easements for construction. They attempted to obtain easements for a new road, but could not. The project is presently in litigation and therefore on hold.

Don Schwartzlander asked about the cost and why it had increased so much. Martin stated that the Drain Commissioner Denise Medemar had no explanation when asked. Don also asked if the dam could be built on 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the jurisdiction of the township. Martin explained how the dam functions and said that the dam probably needs maintenance, but there is no assessment at this time. Leonard Dompke agreed that the dam is working and may only need some repairs. Ann Schwartzlander asked about any current costs incurred. Martin stated that the engineering costs to date are approximately \$60,000. He encouraged property owners to contact Denise Medemar with their concerns and questions.

**2014 Lake Water Quality Report:** Martin reported that the report had been incorrectly compiled and he will post the information on the website when available. He also reported that Progressive AE had come this spring and done some preliminary testing. The counts appear to be very low. They will come back and

make recommendations. The Miner Lake Improvement Board will meet to discuss any plans.

**Volunteers for Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program:** Martin stated that this program would save about \$2000 a year. Volunteers would commit to two times a year and state training is provided in the spring. It would involve taking water samples at various depths, but not around the drains. Progressive does the sampling at the drain locations. There will be more information on the website for those interested.

**East End Update:** Terry Skoglund reported that the Planning Commission had added the east end and Dumont Lake to their projects. However, financial assistance is not likely for the east end. Martin suggested talking to the Township Board about the project. He stated that there is support from lake owners but not from the greater community. Questions were raised about who would provide maintenance and security if the project were completed. That is not known, and currently there is not much movement regarding the east end.

**Doreen Landstra:** It was reported that Doreen Landstra passed away recently. She was a founding member of the association and the first secretary/treasurer. Martin stated that the association will be making a donation in her memory to the hospice organization.

**Tree Removal:** Jennifer Bryson asked about recommendations for tree removal. Several have had tree issues and need a reliable company to remove the trees. Martin will put information on the website. Terry Skoglund had 19 trees removed and was pleased with the company. He will provide the information.

**Miscellaneous:** Pat Breuker stated that her grandson found a canoe on the lake last fall.

There were various safety reminders; speed on the roads, golf carts and kids, jet skis, boating direction and knowing the location of sand bars.

Terry Skoglund would like to have some goals for the association.

Suggestion was made to write a letter to the Sheriff Department thanking them for conducting safety classes and encourage them to continue the classes.

**Adjournment:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer