

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association  
Spring Meeting  
May 27, 2017**

**The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, at the Allegan Township Hall.**

**Call to Order:** President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 42 guests and 4 officers present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of minutes of the fall meeting from September 3, 2016 were available for review. Motion was made and seconded to approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Agenda:** The following topics were presented for discussion:

1. Completion of Repairs to the Dam
2. Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Report
3. Other

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Helen Setter gave the following report:

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| Balance, September 3, 2016        |              | \$12,042.40   |
| Deposits                          | \$280.00     |               |
| Total Available                   |              | \$12,322.40   |
| Expenses                          |              |               |
| Website                           | 240.00       |               |
| Mailing                           | 122.20       |               |
| Transcript                        | 152.10       |               |
| Snacks                            | 24.03        |               |
| State of Michigan (annual report) | 20.00        |               |
| 4 over (website provider)         | <u>52.97</u> |               |
| Total Expenses                    |              | <u>611.30</u> |
| Balance, May 27, 2017             |              | \$11,711.10   |
| Fund breakdown                    |              |               |
| General                           | 9,936.33     |               |
| East End                          | 1,764.77     |               |
| Sewer                             | <u>10.00</u> |               |
| Total                             | \$11,711.10  |               |

**Completion of Repairs to the Dam:** President Martin gave an update on the dam project, stating that it has been completed. He showed several photos of the dam, including a temporary gate which has been placed at the access road by the Drain

Commission staff. President Martin has requested final project costs from the Drain Commissioner which have not yet been provided.

Several questions were asked, including how to get the Drain Commission out of the responsibility of future projects and whether the old dam was actually failing. It was stated that there was considerable cost added to the project due to the mistakes of the Drain Commissioner. The legal and engineering costs exceeded the cost of construction. It was further stated that everyone was pleased with the construction team. Sam said that the DNR and Drain Commission determined that the dam needed to be replaced. There was discussion on legal issues and costs to various residents due to the actions of the Drain Commission.

**Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Report:** President Martin reported that last fall the Miner Lake Improvement Board was updated on the presence of starry stonewort and milfoil. Neither are out of control, but it is recommended that monitoring be continued. Application was made for a permit to treat at a cost of \$800. Sam showed maps of the lake with locations of invasive plants and vegetation. There was discussion regarding phragmites, an invasive plant that spreads by root and airborne. It is contained in north bay and believed to have been treated last fall, but not confirmed. Water quality monitoring is continuing in 2017 with Progressive AE. Volunteers are needed to assist with the monitoring. There will be a training in April 2018. More detailed information will be available on the Miner Lake website.

**Other:** An update on the property east of the public access was given. There was originally serious interest from the DNR to purchase the property last October. However, it was determined that the property was not available for sale. Complete information is on the website.

Question was raised regarding a dredging project on the north end of the lake. Sam gave an update and showed a map of the property. The website has complete information on this project. Sam suggested that members sign up on the Miner Lake website to receive updates by email. Comments can also be made.

There is nothing new on sewer or natural gas. Treasurer Helen Setter stated that Ben Arlington has a petition for interest in natural gas.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

