

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Fall Meeting
September 2, 2017**

The fall meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 45 guests and 4 officers present.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the spring meeting from May 27, 2017, 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. Dam project – Final costs
2. Natural gas – Representative from Michigan Gas
3. Water Quality Report
4. Member survey topics
5. Other

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

Balance, May 27, 2017		\$11,711.10
Deposits	840.00	
Total Available		\$12,551.10
Expenses		
Snacks (May meeting)	14.61	
4 Over (Website provider)	42.56	
Bank service charge	12.00	
State of Michigan (Report)	20.00	
Snacks (September meeting)	7.87	
Postage (Meeting notices)	<u>4.64</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>101.68</u>
Balance, September 2, 2017		\$12,449.42

Fund Breakdown	
General	10,674.65
East End	1,764.77
Sewer	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$12,449.42

President Martin mentioned the matter of non-paid dues and that notices may be sent to remind owners who have not paid.

Dam Project: President Martin showed a slide with the following figures for the dam project:

Total Expenses	\$382,246.25
Income	431,612.34
Fund Balance	49,366.09
Contingency Balance	Approx. 47,009.00

President Martin showed more slides detailing the expenses. Several raised questions regarding the fund balance and contingency fund. Sam stated that these questions would need to be addressed to the Drain Commission Office. There were also concerns expressed about the use of the Drain Commission's staff engineer. Information will be posted on the website.

Natural Gas Representative: The representative from Michigan Gas did not attend the meeting as expected.

Water Quality Report: President Martin stated that the information he was presenting was prepared by Progressive AE and covers calendar years 2016 and 2017. The final testing taken the last week of August 2017 is not included in the report. He then showed several slides showing sample locations, major drains, lake classifications (3 categories) and aquatic vegetation survey. There is improvement in zebra mussels. There were slides of Eurasian milfoil and starry stonewort and where they are concentrated. They are both aggressive, but the starry stonewort is not a big problem. However, the milfoil needs to be addressed. Sam stated several options to treat the problem. They are to do nothing, bring in weevils, harvesting, and treatment with herbicides. Sam elaborated stating that there is no current source for weevils and harvesting is not a good option because it would make the milfoil worse. He asked for feedback and ideas. There was a lively discussion on the possibilities. Sam stated that the Miner Lake Improvement Board has applied for and received a permit from the state to treat with herbicides, which is good for a year. The process requires two public hearings and a notice to treat and would take at least two months. The work would be done by a treatment company. Since there is considerable opposition to using herbicides, Sam asked for a show of hands to indicate whether the Miner Lake Property Owners Association would like the Improvement Board to pursue treatment with herbicides. The majority is interested in knowing more about herbicide treatment. This does not mean that the Improvement Board will definitely go forward with the treatment but will pursue more information.

The water quality report will be posted on the website.

Member Survey Topics: President Martin stated that the last MLPOA member survey was conducted in 2006 and would like to know if there is interest in an updated survey. In response several topics were suggested as follows:

1. Seawalls
2. Wakes/boat traffic/beach erosion
3. Dam concerns
4. Time restrictions for boat use
5. Activities
6. Outside users/lake capacity
7. Boat launch improvement – work with DNR – signage/lake map
8. Liability regarding sand bars – aerial photo
9. New member orientation packet
10. Current/recent topics of sewer, water quality and natural gas

Sam encouraged owners to email additional topics to him if they think of something later. He also stated that Allegan Township is a strong advocate of Miner Lake and will undoubtedly be supportive if necessary.

Other: 1. Question was raised as to whether Miner Lake could be turned into a private lake. President Martin felt that would be highly unlikely due to the DNR having to release the property where the public launch is located.
2. The possibility of neighborhood get togethers was mentioned. 3. Suggestion was made to send a thank you to the Schaendorf family for the outstanding fireworks display on July 4.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer