

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Fall Meeting
September 1, 2018**

The fall meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 48 guests and 4 officers present.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the spring meeting from May 26, 2018 were distributed for review. Motion was made by Sam Martin and seconded by Tom Slocum to approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: The following topics were presented for discussion:

1. Lake Improvement Board
2. Natural Gas
3. Election of Officers

Treasurer's Report: The following is the report of Treasurer Helen Setter:

Balance, May 26, 2018	\$12,384.37
Deposits	<u>130.00</u>
Total Available	\$12,514.37
Expenses	None
Balance, September 1, 2018	\$12,514.37
Sewer	\$10.00
East End	1,764.77
General	<u>10,739.60</u>
	\$12,514.37

Lake Improvement Board: President Martin highlighted the report from Progressive AE stating that the water is less clear with more plants. The plant survey should be out soon. He further stated that they would continue to do what has been done. The full report will be published on the website. Sam also explained how the monitoring is done.

Anne Swartzlander expressed concern about plant density which led to a discussion on the topic. She stated that some residents pulled out weeds which could lead to a false report. President Martin said that there would be a public Lake Improvement Board meeting on September 5 at the Township Hall at which time there would be an overview of topics from Progressive AE. They will explain treatment with a goal to eradicate phragmites and possible reintroduction of boll weevils. The standing

permit applied for two years ago is still applicable. Residents were encouraged to attend the meeting.

Natural Gas: President Martin stated that there is still confusion about who has authorized easements, which is holding up Michigan Gas Utilities. He explained the current status. Vice-President Slocum thanked Ben Arlington for obtaining signatures but there was poor response from some addresses. Slocum further explained the process for easements and the need for help on the north side. There was a question about utility easements, and Sam explained that utility easements are needed. Response cards were available. There could be a possible start by spring of 2019 along county roads.

Open Topics:

1. **Contingency Fund from Dam Project:** Sam stated that he was told by the Drain Commissioner that it is not a practice to return funds. They are used for future inspections, etc. He will be getting the amount.
2. **Farm Runoff:** It was reported that dams are checked to catch runoff. Actual testing is done in drain channels a couple times a year. If interested, Sam said that water quality testing could be done on our own. He explained the process where volunteers would be needed. There is a conference in October in Traverse City where some expenses would be covered. Currently Progressive AE is testing in the spring and fall.
3. **Recycling Rules:** Sam reminded the group about the rules for recycling. There has been abuse by people leaving non-recyclables. Cameras have helped, but the township is considering elimination, gate attendant or curbside recycling. The township has dates for restricted waste.
4. **Funneling Ordinance in North Bay:** It was stated that there is a building project southwest off of Lorraine Drive subject to the funneling ordinance. Sam explained some of the restrictions.

Election of Officers: Sam stated that a President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer are needed and only current dues members are eligible. He also explained the job descriptions. Tom Slocum nominated Sam Martin for President and Joyce Merrill for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Tom Slocum made a motion to have Sam Martin and Joyce Merrill elected as President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer respectively. Motion was seconded and carried.

Sam reviewed what is available on the website and encouraged residents to sign up on the website to receive news. He also stated that the mailing list is being updated and to let Helen Setter know about changes.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Merrill, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer