

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association  
Spring Meeting  
May 26, 2018**

**The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 26, 2018, in the parking lot at the Allegan Township Hall.**

**Call to Order:** President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 39 guests and 4 officers present. There were also two representatives present from Michigan Gas Utilities , Dave Maurer and Glenn M.

**Approval of Minutes:** Copies of the minutes of the fall meeting from September 2, 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. Overview of Natural Gas
2. Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Report
3. Sewer

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

Balance, September 2, 2017		\$12,449.42
Deposits		
Dues	170.00	
Reversal of bank fees	<u>12.00</u>	
Total deposits		<u>182.00</u>
Total Available		12,631.42
Expenses		
Joyce for copies	7.05	
Becky Martin, website	<u>240.00</u>	
Total expenses		<u>247.05</u>
Balance, May 26, 2018		\$12,384.37

**Michigan Gas Overview:** President Martin introduced the two representatives from Michigan Gas. Dave Maurer talked about the responses to the survey and the interest cards and said that more names and addresses are needed from the 21 plats. Treasurer Setter offered to check on the 21 plats at the appropriate office. Dave explained the utility easement process and directional drilling (which is 30-36 inches deep) and stated that there is a \$200 connection fee to hook up to a home up to 400 feet. Question was raised about the impact on household appliances. Dave said that some LP appliances can be converted but a licensed plumber is needed for others. Water heaters would need to be replaced.

Question was asked about sewer installation after gas installation. President Martin talked about the coordination of cross installation of gas and sewer which led to a discussion on the topic. Several other questions were raised regarding going into homes, service, contracts, private road easements and fees. Dave will email more specific information on these issues. When asked when a decision will be made by Michigan Gas, Dave that it will be at least early fall. President Martin will post further information on the website and include costs associated with the project.

**Lake Monitoring and Water Quality:** President Martin gave an update on the report from Progressive AE. He will post the report but stated that the spring measurements are completed and the summer and fall measurements will be done. There is concern about plant growth, milfoil and starry stonewort, but nothing overwhelming at this time. There is currently no project plan, but the Miner Lake Improvement Board has the authority to treat with herbicides. However, they would give two public notices and also get feedback before treatment. It was stated that it would be better to do as an association rather than individually without the association's knowledge. There is no need for systemic approach at this time but the Improvement Board continues to look at the plant count and density every year.

A lengthy discussion followed on weeds and plant growth in localized areas. It was suggested to target smaller areas, one of which is the west side across from the public landing. Pictures posted on the website would be helpful to send to the Improvement Board. There was also discussion on the benefits of sewer for water clarity and weed control.

**Sewer:** President Martin gave some background information and said he is willing to "take another run" at the sewer project. He said the current township board is favorable toward the project. He also mentioned various options to investigate. A show of hands indicated a majority in favor of pursuing the project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer