

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Fall Meeting
August 31, 2019**

The fall meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, August 31, 2019, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. There were 31 guests and 4 officers present.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the spring meeting from May 25, 2019, were available for review. Motion was made by Tom Slocum and seconded by Sam Martin to approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Balance, May 25, 2019	\$12,316.92
Deposits	<u>750.00</u>
Total Available	\$13,066.92

Expenses	
Sam Martin (postcards, postage)	124.50
Snacks	<u>20.37</u>
Total Expenses	<u>144.87</u>
Balance, August 31, 2019	\$12,922.05

Sewer Fund	10.00
East End	1,764.77
General	<u>11,147.28</u>
	\$12,922.05

Agenda: The following topics were presented by President Martin for discussion:

1. Water Quality Report
2. Monitoring 2020
3. Membership topics
4. Election of officers

Water Quality Report: President Martin showed several slides of the most recent water quality report performed by Progressive AE, which covers the calendar year 2018 into 2019. He showed and explained lake classifications (three categories), sample locations and TSI values. The presentation and actual report will be published on the Miner Lake website.

Monitoring 2020: President Martin continued to show more slides and stated that there is a contract with Progressive AE which continues. Volunteer collection has been done by Tom Slocum and Jack Pogodzinski for Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP). There will be more training for volunteers to monitor the lakes. President Martin explained the training for year 1 (2020) and year 2 (2021). The details of the training and monitoring program will be on the Miner Lake website.

More information was presented on milfoil and starry stonewort locations on the lake, a graph of invasive plant monitoring from 2014-2019, and invasive plant control in 2020. President Martin stated that the Miner Lake Improvement Board has approved an application for a permit to treat invasive plants in 2020, and Progressive AE is mapping for treatment in 2020. Sam explained the options for use of herbicides. Details will be on the Miner Lake website.

Membership Topics:

1. **Boating Practices and Safety:** President Martin stated that he had received concerns about an increase in unsafe boating practices. It was suggested that a reminder about proper safety be sent to residents. Since there seemed to be less presence of the Allegan County marine patrol, it was also suggested that they be contacted and request more patrol. Sam also suggested that if unsafe boaters are observed, it would be helpful to get information regarding the boat and driver and take a picture or video if possible.
2. **Water Level:** Michael Glocheski requested discussion of this topic. He stated that since the dam project, the water level seems higher. Tom Slocum asked if the dam was adjusted with more rain. Sam said that a section may be removed but has not been requested since the new dam because of the effects downstream on Miner Creek. It was asked what the level is and when it was checked. Question was also asked about the court ordered levels. Sam believes it is 712 feet in the summer and 711 feet in the off season.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Len Dompke and seconded by Tim Koning to contact the appropriate governmental body and request measuring the level of the dam. Motion carried.

3. **Gas Project:** This topic was requested by Helen Setter. She stated that the gas project is not going through due to two people on the south side who would not give permission to Michigan Gas to cross their property. There may be a couple options which will be pursued.
4. **Seawalls and Shore Improvement:** Bob Flach stated that there are 50 seawalls around the lake and is concerned about the shoreline. It would be better to have a natural shoreline. Possibly property owners could be contacted. Sam stated that a permit is needed to alter the shoreline. Jim Wheat suggested that stone should be used instead of a seawall.
5. **Sewer:** Sam stated that there is not much change in the sewer issue. He said that volunteers would be needed to get information out if there is interest in considering the project again. If anyone would like to volunteer, let Sam know. Sam also stated that the project would qualify for Rural Development assistance, not a grant. It would be less interest with a longer payment plan.

Election of Officers: President Martin stated that two positions are up for election, the Vice-President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Those are currently held by Tom Slocum and Joyce Merrill. Both agreed to continue. Since there were no nominations presented, a motion was made by Sam Martin and seconded by Helen Setter to elect Tom Slocum as Vice-President and Joyce Merrill as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to serve until fall of 2021. Motion carried.

Tim Koning expressed thanks to the officers for serving.

Helen Setter requested if property is sold, let her know.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Merrill, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

