

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Spring Meeting
May 29, 2021**

The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. There were 45 guests and 3 officers present. President Martin explained that due to a problem with the projector, all information presented would be on the Miner Lake website.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the fall meeting from August 31, 2019, were available for review. There were no meetings in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Motion was made and seconded to approve the August 31, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: President Martin presented the following topics to be discussed:

1. Water Quality Report
2. Treatment of Invasive Plants
3. Sewer Study Interest
4. Officer Positions

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Helen Setter gave the following current balances:

General Fund	\$11,147.28
East End Fund	1,764.77
Sewer Fund	10.00

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Water Quality: President Martin reminded the members that the Allegan Township Board created the Miner Lake Improvement Board several years ago which monitors the quality of the lake. To accomplish this, Progressive AE has been contracted to assess and report on the overall water quality and vegetation present in the lake. The program is funded by assessments on Miner Lake parcels. Progressive AE collects water samples, performs testing and reports their findings.

The specialists from Progressive AE visit the lake at least twice each year and perform a series of tests and observations and compile a report. The results for last year are on the website, along with questions and comments. President Martin stated that the quality is about the same except that phosphorous is higher. Those who use lawn fertilizer are encouraged to use fertilizer with low phosphorous. Progressive AE also observes plants, native and invasive, in the lake and makes a map showing the location of plants. The two main invasive plants are Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort. President Martin reported that the acreage spread of the milfoil has almost doubled in the last 4-5 years. Treatment is definitely needed of the invasive plants in the lake.

Treatment of Invasive Plants: President Martin stated that the Miner Lake Improvement Board has the authority to make decisions on treatments, as long as funds are available. A fall 2020 treatment of Starry Stonewort was approved and demonstrated good results. Treatment of Eurasian Milfoil was not done in 2020 because treatment needs to occur early in the growing season (late May-early June). This calendar year the decision was made to treat both invasive plants. President Martin reported that the company that does the treatment is PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation. PLM recently sent out a notice which stated that select areas of Miner Lake will be treated periodically throughout the 2021 summer beginning in approximately early June for the control of weeds and/or algae. The notice listed the herbicides that may be applied to the lake and associated use restrictions. It further stated that on the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas that indicate what products were used and specific water use restrictions that apply. Discussion followed on the chemicals to be used, which are copper sulfate (no water restrictions) and renovate, which can be liquid or granular, and does have some water restrictions. President Martin provided further clarification on renovate, stating that granular is preferred over liquid, but that decision is made by PLM on site. Question was raised about harvesting the milfoil, and it was noted that harvesting creates more of the plant. Jim Wendt expressed concern about putting the chemicals in the lake, especially as it relates to the fish. He said he had researched extensively the effect on fish but could find nothing specific. He is adamantly opposed to putting anything in the lake and encouraged others to do their own research. He would also like a vote from the lake property owners. President Martin reminded the group that the MLPOA does not have authority on

lake treatment. The Miner Lake Improvement Board was given that authority in 2014. Martin also stated that many lakes have used the chemicals, and studies have shown no known long term effects.

Several questions were asked and comments made. President Martin suggested that property owners take pictures and post on the website, and then take more in September to see the effectiveness of the treatment. He also encouraged owners to go to the website and look at the map posted there.

Sewer Study: President Martin gave a history of the sewer project stating that in 2007 the Allegan Township Board funded a proposed project plan which was narrowly voted down by the MLPOA. However, in recent years there is increased interest in installing sewer at Miner Lake. Given that renewed interest, the Allegan Township Board is willing to fund an updated project plan but have asked for a survey to determine if a majority are interested. That survey was sent to approximately 270-280 property owners along with a letter. About 100 have been returned. President Martin reminded the group that expressing an interest in the project plan being updated does not indicate any commitment or obligation to a final sewer project. It only requests that the property owners want the township to determine what the actual project would cost. President Martin then gave an approximate timeline and stated that additional information will be put on the website in the weeks and months ahead. Opportunity for comment will also be provided.

Officer Positions: President Martin stated that officers will be elected at the fall meeting for two or three year terms so that the terms can be staggered. Since Helen Setter has expressed a desire to retire, a treasurer will be needed. Anyone interested should let Sam Martin know. In appreciation for Helen's many years of service, President Martin presented her with a gift certificate to Schaendorf's Restaurant.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer