

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association  
Fall Meeting  
September 3, 2022**

**The fall meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at the Allegan Township Hall.**

**Call to Order:** President Martin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. There were 56 in attendance.

**Minutes of Spring Meeting:** President Martin pointed out a correction in the May 28, 2022 spring meeting minutes on page 2 under Officers Terms. The term for Vice President Dee Mitchell should be a one year term, not two years as stated. Motion made by Dee Mitchell and seconded by Sam Martin to approve the May 28, 2022 spring meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Tom Slocum, President Martin presented the following balances:

General Fund	\$12,096.24
Sewer Fund	10.00
East End	<u>1,764.77</u>
Total	\$13,871.01

**Agenda:** President Martin announced that items on the agenda to be discussed included Pontoon Parade, Mailing List, Invasive Plant Treatment, Water Quality Report, and Update on Sewer Project.

**Pontoon Parade:** President Martin indicated that some have indicated a desire to revisit having a pontoon parade on the Fourth of July. In order to do so, volunteers are needed. Check the website for further updates and find out how to volunteer.

**Mailing List:** The current mailing list is based on a combination of the county property records and the association list. If current residents know of new neighbors, etc., please contact an officer. President Martin encouraged property owners to go to the website and put in their email address to receive alerts.

**Invasive Plant Treatment:** President Martin explained how the treatment of invasive plants is determined and funded. It is governed by a five member Miner Lake Improvement Board which oversees the funds. Progressive AE collects samples and identifies the invasive plants. Martin also gave an update on the treatment of invasive plants in Miner Lake, stating that after last year's treatment, there was a significant decrease of milfoil and starry stonewort. After surveys in March and June of this year, much smaller areas were treated in channels and Horseshoe Cove. There were two treatments in 2022 in June and July. There will be no more treatments

this year. They are waiting for results of a survey taken about 10 days ago. A question was raised about a maintenance program. Martin stated that surveys will continue, and there will only be treatments as needed.

Bob Flach asked about the June treatment when a beneficial plant was treated, specifically curly-leaf pondweed. Sam Martin will inquire about that. Mr. Flach also gave an update on his ride-along surveys and the filtration system.

**Water Quality Report:** President Martin stated that the website has water quality reports for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Sam has the 2021 report and will post on the Miner Lake website. He explained and gave examples of types of lakes, stating that Miner Lake falls in the eutrophic category. He gave other details regarding phosphates, chlorophyll and transparency and explained how the lake inverts in the spring and fall. More information can be found on the website. Bob Flach indicated his interest in volunteering to monitor the water quality.

Several questions were asked regarding water quality of the lake. One question was about Progressive AE and their reputation. It was stated that they are well established and one of very few companies to offer the services needed. They have done a good job with monitoring the water quality of Miner Lake. Another question was regarding the terms of the members on the Improvement Board. Sam stated that the Allegan Township Board determines the terms. Another question was about blue algae in the lake. Sam said that it is not lake wide, but if anyone sees any, to let him know and take photos. When a question was raised about sand on Forest Drive, Sam reported that the neighborhood association is working on the issue.

**Sewer Update:** President Martin gave some background information reminding residents of the 2007 narrowly defeated sewer project. He stated that the township and Fleis & Vandenbrink have been pursuing plans and grants. He described various types of sewer systems per Fleis & Vandenbrink. Three possible options are:

1. Treatment by Allegan City Wastewater Plant.
2. Treatment in a Local Lagoon.
3. Treatment in a Local Community Drainfield.

After further explanation Sam stated that options 2 and 3 are not viable. He further talked about the Allegan treatment plant upgrades and stated that the facility has plenty of capacity. Costs would be the same as city residents.

Currently USDA Rural Development grants are being pursued. President Martin talked about the possibility of a low interest rate 40 year loan. He also explained a low pressure system and a step system. All information will be on the sewer website.

Regarding a timeline, Sam stated that the engineering firm will come up with an anticipated route in the next 3-4 weeks. He will post that if possible. An environmental impact study is needed as well as a bonding agency. A defined district is also needed. The east end will probably not be included. The grant application is expected to be submitted mid to late

December. They have 30 days to respond. An estimated project cost is estimated by late January 2023.

Question was asked about private roads and easements. Sam stated that most private roads do not have utility easements, only transit easements, which could be a problem. There was also a question about properties outside/beyond the lake. Sam stated that the ratio is a very low percentage and the area would probably just include the lake. When asked if there would be a vote on the project, Sam said that the township has the authority to move forward with 50% in favor. When the grant application is finalized, a vote percentage will be determined.

The next step is to finalize a sewer district and submit to USDA. Property owners should go to the sewer website to find more information. A map is included there also.

**Adjournment:** On motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer