

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Spring Meeting
May 27, 2023**

The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 64 in attendance. President Martin reminded the audience to recognize those who sacrificed for our freedom as we celebrate Memorial Day.

Minutes of Fall Meeting: Copies of the minutes of the fall meeting on September 3, 2022, were available for review. Motion was made by Slocum and seconded by Mitchell to accept and approve the 2022 fall meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Slocum presented the following balances:

General Fund (after planned expenses)	\$11,961.57
East End Fund	1,764.77
Sewer Fund	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$13,736.34

Agenda: The following topics were discussed:

Lake Monitoring and Water Quality and Invasive Plant Treatment: President Martin provided background information and explanation of the operation of monitoring the lake and treatment of invasive plants. He stated that the Miner Lake Improvement Board continues to contract with Progressive AE to assess and report on the overall water quality and vegetation present in Miner Lake. They visit the lake at least twice each year and perform a series of tests and observations and compile a report. Actual reports performed by Progressive AE are published on the Miner Lake website. Overall water clarity in 2022 was lower than in previous years and phosphorus levels remain fairly high, especially in the July reading of last year. Even though the association continues to contract with Progressive AE, the help of volunteers has been very beneficial. Bob Flach and Frank and Kim Shelansky have been providing volunteer time to assist with the assessment of the water quality of the lake. Each volunteer gave a verbal report of their findings. The Shelanskys had attended a conference and are registered with the state. They brought along many items of information which can be taken by lake property owners.

Discussion continued on treatment of invasive plants. President Martin projected a map showing invasive plant locations and recent treatments. He said there would be more treatments this year which will be posted on the website. Miner Lake is meso-eutrophic meaning the lake exhibits phosphorus concentrations in the eutrophic range, but has moderate chlorophyll and moderate clarity.

July Fireworks: President Martin provided information regarding a large fireworks show to be held on July 3 which will be launched from rafts at the east end of the lake by a volunteer and not sponsored by the MLPOA. It will be computer generated with music. They are looking for donations of rafts and pontoons. Postcards will be mailed with additional information.

Pontoon Parade: There is a desire to revive the pontoon/boat parade. Volunteers are needed to reinstate the parade to be held around 10:00 A.M. on July 3. Contact Sam if interested.

Boating Safety Practices: Several concerns were expressed regarding boating safety. President Martin showed a map of the lake indicating the area which is legal for wakes. Michigan law requires to stay a minimum of 100 feet from the shore. Marine patrol will be asked to enforce this law. Other practices were mentioned, such as slowing down near fishermen. Also if using a paddle board, a life jacket is required to at least be available. Bottom line: Be respectful and responsible and use common sense and common courtesy. If a violation is observed, try to get the MC number and report the incident.

Question was asked about the possibility of a buoy on a sand bar. Sam stated that he has had conversations with various people and authorities and it requires a great deal of money and maintenance. As an association, it was advised to avoid doing so due to legal liability.

Sewer Update: Sam reported that since the fall meeting a plan has been completed. However, there is a snag with the township and city regarding the master service agreement. There will be a vote on the plan at the next township meeting on June 5. Sam encouraged residents to attend that meeting and the township meetings on the first Monday of each month. The best option for the sewer is a full evaluation by the USDA which offers a 40 year low interest rate. They also have the ability to offer a grant, but that is not guaranteed. Jim Connell, representing the township, explained the plan between the township and city and hookup requirements. Appreciation was expressed to Jim and the township board for encouraging the project. By the fall meeting in September there will be more details on costs, map, etc.

Other: Question was raised about a parking spot for police at the public launch which will be investigated.

Question was also asked about purchasing a Miner Lake T-shirt. Apparently the account is still active.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary