

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Fall Meeting
September 5, 2015**

The Fall meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, September 5, 2015, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 24 guests and 4 officers present. He stated that the agenda would be:

1. Approve the minutes and treasurer's report
2. Update on the dam
3. Water quality report for 2014
4. Water quality monitoring for 2016
5. Other

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Copies of the minutes of the spring meeting were available for review. Motion was made by Sam Martin and seconded by Terry Skoglund to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2015 spring meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Helen Setter gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance, May 23, 2015		\$11,233.52
Deposits	\$600.00	
Total Available		\$11,833.52
Expenses		
Spring mailing	158.99	
Spring snacks, postage	22.77	
New checks	119.41	
State filing	20.00	
Fall mailing	<u>120.48</u>	
Total expenses		<u>\$441.65</u>
Balance, September 5, 2015		\$11,391.87

Balance in Funds		
East End	\$1,764.77	
Sewer	10.00	
General	<u>9,617.10</u>	
Total		\$11,391.87

Update on Dam: President Martin stated that the project is still tied up in litigation and expects no work to be done in 2015. He will provide updates on the website as details emerge in the off season.

Several questions were asked and comments made.

Kim Shelanskey asked about the cost of the litigation. It appears that the Drain Commission feels that the cost will be passed on to the Miner Lake Property Owners Association. However the decisions of the Drain Commission led to the litigation. There is not much that the property owners can do at this point.

George Greig asked about what access the Drain Commission had prior to the current situation. There was nothing in writing, only verbal agreement. There was no court established easement.

Tom Lynch had done extensive research and gave background information on the project. He reported that the Drain Commission is trying to take Stoney Point Road and that a geological survey has been done by SME. He presented considerable information about the history of the project.

Curt DeKryger stated that the current dam structure is supporting itself and to proceed with caution.

Mel Brown commented on the condition of the dam stating that one side is lower.

Mike Morton asked if the association could hire an attorney. President Martin stated that the association is not a party to the easement litigation.

Helen Setter suggested going to the County Commission or whoever is the "boss" of the Drain Commission.

Tom Lynch stated that there are no minutes or paperwork to replace the dam, only authorization to put in and take out boards.

Bruce Carns stated that the Drain Commission says that the state is in control. He feels that the project has gone "way overboard", and the cost should be \$50,000 at most, not the \$315,000 amount that the Drain Commission has estimated.

Len Dompke was in agreement with Carns and is in favor of fortifying the existing design.

Ron Merrill asked who has the ultimate authority to stop the project. Tom Lynch stated that the Circuit Court has that authority.

Mike Morton suggested putting money into a fund to hire an attorney. It was stated that Dr. Dargis has already hired an attorney. President Martin said that the board would meet and discuss the suggestion.

Water Quality Report for 2014: President Martin showed several slides of results of reports performed by Progressive AE. He will publish the presentation and actual reports on the website. The slides included a map with sample locations and drains,

lake classification, phosphorus levels, water quality and chlorophyll, E. Coli, and historical data.

Water Quality Monitoring for 2016: President Martin reported that the contract with Progressive AE will continue. But the association will begin monitoring with Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP), which is volunteer based. Martin explained how CLMP works. Volunteers are needed and training is provided. Interested persons should contact Sam Martin. Tim Koning expressed interest in the program and stated that volunteers would help with surveillance as well as saving money.

Other: Vice-President Terry Skoglund stated that his property is for sale, and consideration should be given to a replacement for his position on the board.

George Greig asked about an update on the east end nature preserve. Sam stated that there is nothing new, and the focus seems to be on the downtown area. He also stated that parks and recreation projects should be considered by the township. Terry Skoglund reported that the township is giving moral support to the city but not monetary. He gave an update on the nature preserve but felt that it is not likely to be done. He encouraged people to attend the township board meeting, and stated that the next one is on September 8.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer