

Miner Lake Property Owners Association Spring Meeting May 25, 2019

The spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at the Allegan Township Hall.

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

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes of the fall meeting from September 1, 2018, were distributed for review. Motion was made by Tom Slocum and seconded by Sam Martin to approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda: The following topics were presented for discussion:

1. Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Report
2. Open Topics

Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Report: President Martin gave an update on the water quality and plants which will be posted on the website.

Liz Walstrum stated that she had attended the Lake Improvement Board meeting last fall, where she said that Tony Graves recommended treatment of the lake. The current stance of the Lake Improvement Board is that the lake needs treatment, but it cannot be done without hearings, etc. Liz reported on her concerns regarding plants, especially starry stonewort. She had various documents with information about the water quality. President Martin stated that information was posted on the website.

After considerable discussion, Anne Schwartzlander asked about the opinions of lake residents, and when is it time to treat? Several stated their opinions and felt the process should be started. President Martin stated that starry stonewort cannot be eradicated but can be controlled. He also said that the Lake Improvement Board needs overwhelming response.

In light of the residents' concerns, motion was made by Anne Schwartzlander and seconded by Kim Shelanskey to recommend to the Lake Improvement Board that the treatment of the lake should begin.

Vote: Yes - 23 No - 2 Motion carried.

A discussion followed on the process. President Martin will call for a meeting of the Lake Improvement Board and state the concerns of the lake residents. There was a question about the cost, but that is not known at the current time.

Sanitary Sewer: The topic of the sanitary sewer came up again by President Martin, stating that it would improve the lake quality. This led to a discussion of pros and cons regarding a sewer system from soil support to increase in property value. It was suggested to send a letter to Allegan Township, Lake Improvement Board with a copy to Helen Setter expressing views on a sewer system.

Natural Gas: Jodene Smith asked about the status of the natural gas project. President Martin reported that Michigan Gas needed easements, but did not receive sufficient easements; therefore, did not have a viable project. Helen Setter stated that the natural gas project was originally on the south side of the lake. Possibly a different route could be pursued. Tom Lynch stated that with natural gas appliances last longer and there is an increase in property value.

Zoning Request, Lorraine Drive: The resident on Lorraine Drive who requested a zoning change and built a storage barn received a MDEQ Violation Notification and is seeking other options.

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

Balance, September 1, 2018	\$12,514.37
Deposits	<u>520.00</u>
Total Available	\$13,034.37
Expenses	<u>717.45</u>
Balance, May 25, 2019	\$12,316.92

Sewer Fund	\$10.00
East End	\$1,764.77
General Fund	<u>\$10,542.15</u>
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Several questions were asked about the financial report, including the general fund, expenses and reserve. Answers were given by the treasurer and president.

Volunteers: Tom Slocum asked about volunteers for water testing that was discussed at a previous meeting. Bruce Carns asked what Tony Graves is paid. President Martin did not know because that decision comes from the Lake Improvement Board. There was more discussion on water quality.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

