

**Miner Lake Property Owners Association
Spring Meeting
May 28, 2016**

The Spring meeting of the Miner Lake Property Owners Association was held on Saturday, May 28, 2016, at the Allegan Township Hall.

Call to Order: President Sam Martin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 30 guests and 3 officers present. He presented the agenda as follows:

1. Approve minutes of the September 5, 2015 meeting
2. Treasurer's report
3. Update on dam repairs
4. Water quality report
5. Replacement of vice-president
6. Other

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the fall meeting were available for review. Motion was made by Helen Setter and seconded by Sam Martin to approve the minutes of the fall meeting on September 5, 2015, as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Helen Setter gave the following report:

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| Balance, September 5, 2015 | | \$11,391.87 |
| Deposits | \$170.00 | |
| Total Available | | \$11,561.87 |
| Expenses | | |
| Website maintenance | \$240.00 | |
| Balance, May 28, 2016 | | \$11,321.87 |
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| East End | \$1,764.77 | |
| Sewer | 10.00 | |
| General | <u>9,547.10</u> | |
| Total | | \$11,321.87 |

Update on Dam Repairs: President Martin gave an update on the dam project, which included the following:

1. Assessments have been approved and levied.
2. Legalities regarding the easement (only Dr. Dargis has not signed off).
3. Work will begin in 2016, but has not begun yet.
4. Drain Commission only responds through their attorney.
5. Future updates will be put on the website.

Don Swartzlander had spoken with the Drain Commissioner and gave an update on the engineering bid which was originally let before easements were secured. Don felt that the Drain Commissioner did not have much knowledge of the specifics of the project.

Helen Setter asked who is the boss of the Drain Commissioner. It was stated that there is no boss because she is an elected official. However, she is somewhat accountable to the County Commission. Sam said there is a possibility that the Drain Commission office may pursue legal action.

Jerry Young gave some background information on the project which began in 2014. He has spent a large sum on legal fees and feels that the lake association needs a united voice to inform the public about the situation. Anne Swartzlander expressed the need to keep the issue under control for future concerns. There was discussion on the best way to make the situation known. Suggestions were to put an ad in the paper or request to speak to a reporter and have the article published in the paper. It was also suggested to get on the agenda at the Allegan County Commission meeting and the Allegan Township meeting. Sam will publish the dates of the next meetings and will send out a letter with information.

Earl Bender stated that he is running for the Allegan Township Board and could be a voice for the lake association if elected.

Bruce Carns expressed his frustration as a member of the Lake Improvement Board. He stated that the County Drain Commission got the DEQ involved and is wondering how to stop this process.

Ron Merrill asked how many lake property owners are aware of the situation. It was agreed that probably a small percentage know about the concerns regarding the project.

Larry Malinowski asked about the amount of the assessment. President Martin stated that the original amount was \$1,280, but that will probably increase.

Water Quality Report: President Martin showed slides of various reports from Progressive AE and summarized the results. He will put the information on the website, which includes 2015 Miner Lake Water Quality Data, General Document of Lake Water Quality and Overviews of Eurasian Milfoil and Stonewort. Anne Swartzlander expressed concern about plant growth along the shoreline. Sam stated that there is a contract with Progressive AE, but the lake association is also working with Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. Jerry Young asked about soil samples and requested that a sample be taken at the dam. He said there is a stench from mid June to October. Sam will inquire about a sample at the dam site.

Replacement of Vice-President: President Martin reported that Terry Skoglund has moved and his position of Vice-President needs a replacement. He stated that the by-laws allow the board to recommend a replacement until the next election. The board suggests that Tom Slocum fill the position until the fall meeting. There was no dissention.

Other: There is some concern about sandbars and identifying them in some way. If buoys are placed, who is responsible for the maintenance of those? There has been discussion in the past about dredging, but the lake association board has no interest in pursuing that. No decision was made.

Anne Swartzlander asked about the possibility of a mass email list of lake property owners which could be utilized to inform owners of various issues. Helen Setter stated that she cannot get a good list because not enough owners have provided an address. Sam said that alerts are posted on the website which has had some issues but hopefully will improve.

Tink Wilcox expressed concern about rafts on the lake and reminded people that the owners are responsible for the rafts and the safety of others in the vicinity of the rafts.

Tom Lynch mentioned that some boaters are going the wrong direction and suggested that something be put in the information letter regarding that.

Sam reiterated that there would be several items placed on the website.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Merrill
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer