

Stony Lake Improvement Board Minutes for October 14, 2014
(subject to board approval)

Chairman Dave Zoller called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Members present were Tom Best, Michelle Martin, and Marylou Schulyer. Tony Groves of Progressive AE and five Stony Lake property owners were also present at Benona Township Hall.

Marylou Schulyer was introduced as the newest member of the Stony Lake Improvement Board (Board), replacing Pam Czurak. Marylou Schuler is the Benona Township Treasurer and their representative. Dave Zoller stated that Larry Byl was unable to attend the meeting and that Jeff Larmore would take the meeting minutes in his absence.

Dave Zoller reviewed the minutes of the May 29, 2014, meeting. Tom Best moved to approve the minutes. Marylou Schulyer seconded the motion. The minutes passed 4-0.

Dave Zoller presented the treasurers report. As of September 19, 2014, the Board had a balance of \$27,493.10. Dave Zoller stated that two checks had been written since the May 29th meeting. On July 11, Progressive Engineers was paid \$3,375.00. On August 5, Mike's Clearwater Harvesting Inc was paid \$18,600.45. Dave Zoller asked for Board approval for the payment of \$18,600.45 to Mike's Clearwater Harvesting Inc. Tom Best moved to approve the payment to Mike's Clearwater Harvesting Inc. Michelle Martin seconded the motion. The payment was approved 4-0. Tony Groves stated that the fee paid to Progressive Engineers is the same amount each quarter and does not have to be approved by the Board at each meeting. Dave Zoller concluded the treasurer's report by stating that on June 4th the Board received \$2,630.25 for delinquent real tax payoff. Michelle Martin moved to approve the treasurer's report. Tom Best seconded the motion. The treasurer's report passed 4-0.

Under old business, Dave Zoller stated that the Board still needed to pay Stony Acres \$300 for the use of its ramp and road during the weed harvesting. Dave Zoller also stated that Stony Acres will put the \$300 towards its road fund.

Tony Groves provided the Board a draft Stony Lake Guidebook. Tony Groves discussed the guidebook's contents: the guidebook includes physical characteristics of the lake as well as information about the watershed, aquatic plants, and water quality. It also provides guidance on actions residents can take to protect Stony Lake. Tony Groves asked the Board to review the draft and to send any comments to him by the end of October. Tony Groves stated that the guidebook will be professionally printed locally, and that he did not have a cost yet. Tony Groves stated once the content is finalized he will get pricing so the Board can decide on the number of guidebooks to print. The current plan is to mail the guidebooks in the spring to addresses on the tax roll. Tony Groves added that the Stony Lake Property Owners Association will also get a PDF version of the guidebook. Dave Zoller agreed to stay in contact with Tony Groves regarding the guidebook.

Under new business, Tony Groves provided some perspective on the past year's activities. Weed harvesting took place between July 18 and July 25. Overall the harvesting went well with a similar volume of weeds harvested in 2014 as in 2013, resulting in a lot of biomass being taken out of the lake, which is good. In 2013, sixty-three truckloads of weeds were removed. The number of truck loads removed in 2014 was reported as 55; however, there was also mention of 26 truckloads in 2014. Tony Groves said that he would confirm the actual number of truckloads removed.

Tony Groves reported that the only treatment in 2014 was for Eurasian milfoil and the only area receiving treatment was approximately a quarter acre near the county launch site. Tony Groves reported a fall survey was performed on September 22nd with treatment of the small area around boat launch on September 30th. Tony Groves reported the presence of a lot of native milfoil in the lake. Tony Groves reported that the swimming beach was not treated in 2014 and that Eurasian milfoil had not been observed there. Julie Stivers stated that Eurasian milfoil had been very thick at the swimming beach in 2013. Tony Groves said that the significant algae growth observed in 2014 was due to nutrients in the heavy rains that occurred in the spring. Dave Zoller stated that he noticed a few more zebra mussels in the lake this year compared to 2013. Tony Groves reported that in general zebra mussels are on the wane.

Tony Groves reviewed with the Board the renewal process when the Board reaches the end of the five-year plan. State law provides for renewal every five years. The renewal process includes the establishment (continuation) of the Board by the governing body of the two local townships, the preparation of a budget and timelines, and the holding of meetings on the practicality of the project, and hearings on the special assessment roll.

Michele Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Best seconded the motion. Dave Zoller adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM