

Stony Lake Improvement Board Minutes for June 30, 2015  
(subject to corrections/additions and board approval)

Chairman Dave Zoller called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Members present were Michelle Martin, Marylou Schuyler, Dave Zoller, Tom Best and Larry Byl who walked in a few minutes late. Tony Groves of Progressive AE and 16 residents were also present.

Larry Byl read the October 14, 2014 minutes and they were accepted as presented.

Larry gave a report from Oceana County Treasurer, Sheila Gowell, that the balance of Stony Lake Improvement Board account was \$50,692.03 as of June 2, 2015. There will be a little more money coming in as delinquent property taxes are paid for the tax billing of December 1, 2014.

Motion by Tom Best to compensate the two adjoining neighbors of the Stony Acres boat launch an amount equal to their annual association dues (\$70) to compensate for additional traffic, noise, etc. caused by the weed harvest operation for around 10 days. After discussion and comments from the neighbors who were in attendance, the motion failed.

Tony Groves of Progressive AE reported that there was a weed survey completed the week of June 20 – 27 with very little Eurasian Milfoil present. He suggests not treating the area with weed killer at this time before the weed harvesting the middle of July. Mike's Clearwater Harvesting will again be our weed harvesting contractor.

Tony gave an update on a procedure for continuation of another 5 years of lake management with the Lake Improvement Board. Tony has drafted a proposed 2016-2020 annual budget in the amount of \$37,500 per year. This translates to an annual assessment of \$202 per typical waterfront home. Tony explained the procedure for the renewal which will require two public hearings. One for the project scope and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to review assessment rolls. The meetings can be back to back.

We had discussion regarding our current "surplus" funds of around \$15,000 beyond our expected normal expenditures for 2015. Two options we discussed were the possible reduction in assessments for 2016 and a possible in depth watershed study to determine or evaluate upstream nutrient loading and silting issues.

An additional issue discussed was excessive dead floating weeds that come from "prop chop" and weeds that float past the weed harvester. Maybe some of the surplus money could be used for gathering those weeds.

Tony suggested the week of August 17-22 for consideration of the public hearings for consideration of continuation of another 5 year lake board management plan. Motion by Michelle to have the meeting at 7:00 on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Benona Twp. Hall. Passed 4 – 1 (Schuyler voted no due to wedding that weekend) Michelle moved to accept the

draft budget for 2016-2020 at \$37,500 per year as presented by Tony Groves. Passed 5 – 0.

Chairman Dave Zoller reported that there are some problems with the dam located just downstream of Stony Lake. Dave wonders if the dam responsibility could be incorporated into the Lake Board list of responsibilities. Tony Groves and Dave would look at the dam immediately following the meeting with Tony presenting a recommendation at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Benona Township is also looking at historical information on the dam.

Chairman Zoller adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Byl  
Stony Lake Improvement Board

# Proposed Annual Budget and Cost Information

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## STONY LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET 2011 – 2015

<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
Aquatic Plant Control Herbicide Treatments & Mechanical Harvesting	\$22,000
Aquatic Plant Control Coordination/Field Evaluations	\$7,000
Water Quality Monitoring	\$2,000
Lake and Watershed Management Guidebook	\$2,500
Administration and Contingency	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,500</b>

### PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

The Special Assessment District for the Stony Lake Improvement Program Lake is proposed to include all properties that border the lake and back lots with deeded or dedicated access to the lake. Lakefront parcels are proposed to be assessed 1.0 unit of benefit and back lot properties would be assessed 0.5 unit of benefit. Contiguous lots in common ownership would be assessed as one parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. In addition, camp and park facilities on Stony Lake are proposed to be assessed as follows: Camp Miniwanca, 4.0 units; Stony Lake Lutheran Camp, 3.0 units; Camp Ao-Wa-KiYa, 3.0 units; Oceana County Park, 3.0 units; Benona Township Park, 2.0 units

Based on these criteria, approximate annual special assessments for the five-year lake improvement program are as follows:

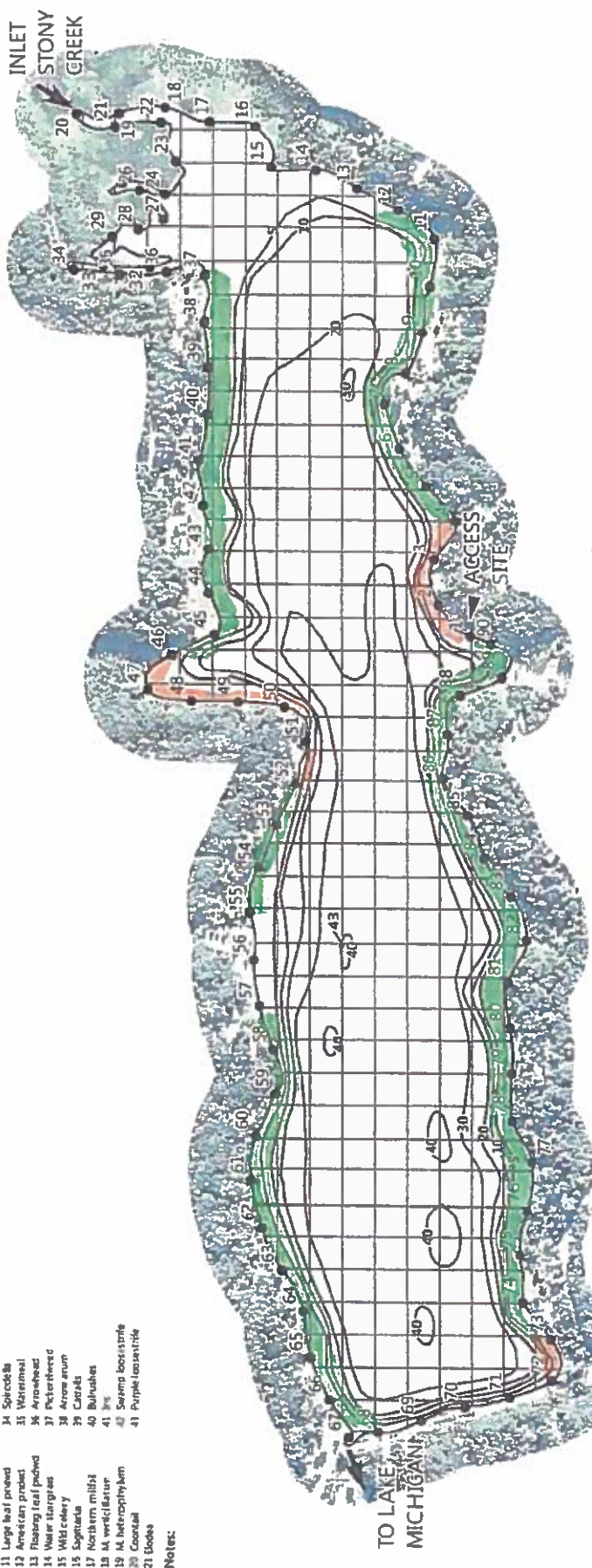
<b>Parcel Type</b>	<b>Units of Benefit</b>	<b>Approximate Annual Assessment</b>
Lakefront	1.0	\$208/year
Back Lot	0.5	\$104/year
Camp Miniwanca	4.0	\$832/year
Stony Lake Lutheran Camp	3.0	\$624/year
Camp Ao-Wa-Ki-Ya	3.0	\$624/year
Oceana County Park	3.0	\$624/year
Benona Township Park	2.0	\$416/year

☐ = 1 ACRE

**STONY LAKE**  
**OCEANA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY MAP**  
**282 ACRES**

Date: 6-25-15  
 Crew: RCB LLS  
 Weather: Sunny 75°F  
H<sub>2</sub>O = 76°F

Plant Names	Density
1 L. Vetsi	a. Round
2 Culy leaf pondw	b. Sparse
3 Chia	c. Common
4 Therist pondw	d. Dense
5 Curstem pondw	
6 Robbins pondw	
7 Variable pondw	
8 Whitestem pondw	
9 Richardson's pondw	
10 Blouse pondw	
11 Large leaf pondw	
12 American pondw	
13 Floating leaf pondw	
14 Water starwort	
15 Wild celery	
16 Sagittaria	
17 Northern milfoil	
18 M. verticillatum	
19 M. heterophyllum	
20 Coontail	
21 Spoke	



*50 ACRES*

*Orange = Paths only*

*Green = Harvest areas*



1 inch = 1,000 feet

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