

November 1, 2017 Stony Lake Improvement Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 at the Benona Township Hall Building by chairman Zoller. Members present also included Neuman, Byl, Martin and Best and 10 property owners from the Stony Lake area. Tony Groves from Progressive was also present. Motion by Martin and supported by Neuman to accept the minutes of the 8/31/16 meeting as presented. Passed. The Oceana County Treasurer, May Lou Phillips provided a letter indicating the account balance as of 11/1/17 was \$35,903.72.

Motion by Byl to “auto pay” the quarterly payments to Progressive (Tony Groves), the annual DNR/DEQ permit and Mike’s Clearwater harvesting after review and approval by chairman Zoller. Passed 5 – 0.

Tony Groves of Progressive gave an update for the 2017 summer season concerning weed identification and harvest results. Around 50 acres was mechanically harvested and no areas were treated or pre-treated in 2017 because there was only minimal eurasian milfoil. Only 8 or 9 truckloads of harvested weeds were removed in 2017 compared to around 24 loads in 2016. Either the cooler Spring or general reduction of weeds caused the drastic reduction of harvested weeds.

Chairman Zoller addressed a number of questions from the property owners and assured all that he is the primary “go to” person during the weed harvest process in early July. Any issues like missing an area should be brought to his attention. The cooler Spring presented challenges to the harvester. A detailed email to the property owners during the week long harvest would be beneficial to explain the harvest process which Chairman Zoller will look into. It was also suggested that the Improvement Board meet the end of August to facilitate additional property owners before they close up their cottages.

Moved by Byl and supported by Martin to have the Improvement Board pay Stony Acres Association a total of \$450 representing \$300 for use of the private launch and \$150 for payment of the two neighbor’s annual dues. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Byl, Secretary