

Stony Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes  
8/28/2023

Members Present: Michelle Martin, Brandi Neuman, Steve Lawwill, Dave Zoller, Tim Beggs. Also, present Rick Buteyn from Progressive AE and approximately 6 members of the public.

Board Members introduced themselves.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 27, 2022, meeting. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Neuman supported. Voice vote: all in favor.

Martin gave the treasurer's report. Current balance of \$34,024.05. Neuman made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Lawwill supported. Voice vote: all yes.

Neuman made a motion to approve the following invoices:

Annual association ramp fee \$375

Drain Commissioner Annual Assessment roll creation \$500.

Progressive AE 2 quarterly payments \$3,375 each, \$6750 total

Savin Lake Services mechanical Harvest \$22,975

Savin Lake Services for herbicide treatment \$1,800

Lawwill Supported the motion. Voice vote: all yes

Rick Buteyn from Progressive gave an update on recent activities. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, they conducted a lake survey. June 13<sup>th</sup> PLM pondweed treatment. July 13<sup>th</sup> preharvest survey. July 27- Aug 4 PLM performed the mechanical harvest. August 8, post-harvest inspection. Rick noted that harvest quality was better than last year. August 23<sup>rd</sup> starry stonewort treatment. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, they performed the aquatic plant survey (report is inbound), starry stonewort treatment appears effective so far.

Chairman Zoller read correspondence he received from Doug and Vicki Nyenhuis-

- 1- there was an excessive amount of weeds that floated ashore and were not contained by the weed cutter
- 2- The weeds around our dock were not cut
- 3- 3 weeks after cutting the weeds the weeds grew back and are just as bad as before
- 4- The "stringer" weeds have grown to the surface, and they were not there previously.
- 5- we would appreciate not using our tax money on weed cutting, and look into other alternatives.

Chairman Zoller explained his reply, harvester procedure around docks and Rick from Progressive explained how temperature fluctuations recently contribute to fast plant growth combined with nutrient load.

During public comment there was discussion on invasives and how they are introduced via boats, human and animal carriers. Fragments introduced from other lakes can quickly take hold of the lake. Efforts to clean all recreational equipment between lakes is crucial. John Stivers also gave a report of the water quality and succi disc testing he has been doing.

Martin made a motion to adjourn. Neuman supported. Voice vote: all yes.

Respectfully submitted Tim Beggs