

Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors Minutes of December 9, 2014

(APPROVED AT MARCH 2015 BOARD MEETING)

Location: Wightman & Associates - 9835 Portage Rd. Portage, MI

Present: Scott Gignac, Gary Hahn, Wayne Kruger, Dan Peacock, Brian Somers, Jim Pearson, Norman Young, Win Larson

Absent: Brian Johnson, Kirk Wolf

1. Board President Scott Gignac called the business meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the conference room of Wightman & Associates.

2. Minutes for September 17, 2014 approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dan Peacock reported the following balances:

General Fund \$2,001.68

Social Fund \$500

Lake Improvement Fund \$33.70

- Federal Tax Forms have been previously filed under two different Federal ID numbers. Dan and Larry Pio will investigate, sort out, submit required tax filing and report back at next board meeting.
- Delinquent AD Sale collection 2014
 - (Total of \$620.00 past due over 90 days) Treasurer will work past due's and report collection status at next board meeting.
- Michigan Riparian will be ordered for all new board members by Treasurer and confirm action at next board meeting.
- Never billed for Purple Loosestrife bugs 2014. Potential liability: \$150.
- All PNC accounts have been set up with new signers which include: Scott Gignac, Dan Peacock and Kirk Wolf.

4. Newsletter/Website Report

Norman Young has volunteered to continue as Editor and Web Site administrator. Thanks Norm!

- Norm will create a web site form for entering lake resident contact information.
- Refer to web site for details: www.AustinLakePortage.com
- Norm reported that the web site gets few hits; that there are no postings and there is no current paid advertising.

5. Social Committee Report

No report.

6. Old business

a. Lake Center Business District Meeting: Scott Gignac and Jim Pearson reported that they attended a recent meeting. They indicated that the District is planning a 5K race for 2015. They also indicated that the Riparian Board has been invited to join as a non-voting member at a cost of \$50 annually. Discussion followed: It is believed that membership would build a bond with the District. It was moved, supported and unanimously approved for expenditure of \$50 for 2015 membership to the Lake Center Business District. Treasurer will make payment to the District.

b. Previous approval of \$250 for legal consultation regarding Directors liability insurance was rescinded and is to be held in abeyance pending further discussion.

c. Discussion about an annual boat decal to indicate paid voluntary membership to Austin Lake Riparian's. Scott will further explore and may be able to provide a sample at a future meeting.

7. New Business-

a. Jim Pearson indicated that the next scheduled meeting for the Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) is scheduled for February 2015. He indicated the purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report on the 2014 results of the Austin Lake Aeration project. Jim indicated that this will be a report to look at the "3 year cumulative results of the aeration project. The contract with the aeration project firm calls for a decision at the third year to either continue the project for two more years or discontinue the project. The ALGLB when entering into the original contract called for a 2.5 feet reduction in muck over the three year period. The ALGLB will use its discretion if the reduction is 2 feet to 2.5 feet. Results so far: Year one: Reported to be 9 inches; Year two: Reported to be: 1.8 or 1.9 inches. Year three: To be reported in Feb 2015 by engineering firm.

b. Win Larson indicated that the USCG Auxiliary Power Squadron conducts courtesy inspections and will issue a safety inspection sticker to interested boaters. The USCG falls under the US Department of Homeland Security, and subsequently, so does the USCG Auxiliary. Riparian's are invited to visit the Portal: www.CGAUX.org/boatinged to review available free online boating safety courses. Our area falls under the Kalamazoo Coast Guard Auxiliary "Flotilla 33-8". See web site for links and further information.

8. Date/Time of next meeting: March 2, 2015, 7pm. See web site for meeting location.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne K Kruger, Secretary