

## Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Place: Portage Public Library

**Present:** Dave Savoy, Gary Hahn, Jim Pearson, Luisa Alexander, Norman Young,  
Thorsten Willmann, Barb Silverman

**Absent:** Kirk Wolf, Bill Snedeker

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Introduction of Board Members
4. Introduction of guest speakers: Tim Winslow city of Portage, Environmental Board and Dan Miller, Kalamazoo County Marine Safety Officer.
5. President's Report,
  - a. Meredith Zettlemyer will be surveying the lakeshore beginning in June, searching for rare plant species found around Austin Lake in the 1930s and 1940s and investigating which species have disappeared and why.
  - b. The Austin Lake South Basin Aeration Project was approved for another three years. Currently waiting for a permit to turn aerators back on. The assessment will be an equal amount among all residents at a cost per year of \$108.00
  - c. Lake Directory. Hoping to gather email addresses with the objective to communicate effectively with the lake residents and to move towards sending an electronic newsletter. Meeting attendees were requested to provide email addresses. This information will be kept private and will not be giving out to any other organization.
6. Treasurer's report. Treasurer Dave Savoy reported Current balance is \$6,395.67. The latest major expense was digitizing the Austin Lake and Lake Boards records that were previously maintained in several boxes.
7. Social committee report,
  - a. July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm-Austin boat lake Tie-Up
  - b. August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-Austin Lake Boat Tie-Up and Dessert Party
8. Newsletter and website report.
  - a. The newsletter is mailed to lake property owners only.
  - b. The Website: [www.AustinLakePortage.com](http://www.AustinLakePortage.com)
  - c. Norm Young Encourage going to the website to verify events, if you need to advertise or if you find things washed up in shore. Environmental issues, ideas to beautify the lake front, there is an area for the history of the lake
  - d. What you can find there:
    - i. Riparian Board and GLB Meeting Minutes
    - ii. Austin Lake Riparian Association By-Laws
    - iii. Update Information on GLB Aeration Project
    - iv. Social Event Information

- v. Board Member Contact Information
- vi. Lake Community Forum / Items for Sale

9. Lake Health.

- a. Tim Winslow, Portage Environmental Board provided an update on the Purple loosestrife control. – this year there were six releases. Each release contains 30 to 40 beetles. There is a lot of loosestrife in lakeview park and there is great population of beetles. The plan is to propose to the city to come up with an invasive species management plan. Funding is needed for the plan.
- b. Gary Hahn reported on behalf of Kirk Wolf Water discharge rates are similar to rates in 2016. Pfizer current discharge rate is between 5 million to 8 million gallons per day. For real-time lake levels: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>
- c. Aeration project information and update is available in the Austin Lake Riparian website.

10. Boater Safety. Guest Speaker Dan Miller, Kalamazoo County Marine Safety Officer, distributed Boater Safety pamphlets listing ages you need to be to operate a boat in Michigan. This pamphlet is also available online at Mich.gov/dnr. Dan pointed out there are no new laws this year, the newest law was in 2015. If you have a blue sticker on your boat, it already expired. Regarding loud speakers, there is a noise ordinance but Portage doesn't have it. Boater safety training from out of state is accepted in Michigan. R281 rule for speed ordinance. (269)383-8822 is the phone call to call for emergencies. Dnr (269) 685-6851

11. Election of Board Members: Open positions are: Three 3-year term positions (2020) and one 1-year term alternate position (2018) The alternate attends and participates in the meetings and would fill a board member position should one become vacant mid-term.

Current board nominees are:

Marcus Hamilton (9714 East Shore)  
AJ Spicer (2277 Woody Noll)  
Mike Stoddard (10003 Woodlawn)  
Len Bennett

Election results:

Marcus Hamilton, 3-year term  
AJ Spicer, 3-year term  
Mike Stoddard, 3-year term  
Len Bennett, 1-year alternate term

Motion supported to close the nominated individuals. No floor nominations.

12. Adjournment 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Luisa Alexander, Board Secretary