



## **Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**August 2nd, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

**Place: Wightman & Associates, Inc. 9835 Portage Rd.**

**Present:** Gary Hahn, Thorsten Willmann, AJ Spicer, Mike Stoddard, Leonard Bennett, Bill Snedeker, Jim Pearson, Marcus Hamilton, Dave Savoy, Luisa Alexander

**Absent:** Dany Koewers, Norm Young

### **Proceedings:**

- 1) Meeting call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Gary Hahn
- 2) Introduction of Board Members: Welcome new members AJ Spicer, Marcus Hamilton, Leonard Bennett and Mike Stoddard
- 3) Approval of minutes from June 7, 2017 annual General meeting. Motion to approve the minutes carried.
- 4) Election of Officers. Gary Hahn continues as the Board President, Dave Savoy continues as Board Treasurer, Luisa Alexander continues as Board Secretary, Thorsten Willmann nominated as VP. Motion to approve nominations carried.
- 5) Treasurer's Report provided by Treasurer Dave Savoy: Current amount available in the fund is \$6176.27. There are no outstanding bills. Motion to approve Treasurer's report carried. Trailer rental proceeds pending to be reported.
- 6) Newsletter/Website Report. Members of the board are encouraged to review the website on a continuous basis for accuracy of content.
- 7) Social Committee Report. August 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Boat Tie up (Dessert) east of public launch.
- 8) Old business (None)
- 9) New Business
  - a) We will be evaluating various methods of communication with lake residents, how to most efficiently carry out member votes, and questionnaires.
  - b) Lake Health Survey. Every member needs to come up with minimum of two questions for the survey.
- 10) Historic documents – storage and access to digital and hard copies. These are large files, currently examining ways to make these files available to the public, such as uploading to the [www.austinlakeportage.com](http://www.austinlakeportage.com) website. We will reach out to the Portage Public library to see if they are interested in archiving the hard copies in their historic room.
- 11) Aeration Project – Update on MDEQ permit status & upcoming assessment public hearing. Planning ahead for end of current 3-year phase of the project. As a general note, it should be clear that the permit is coming from the MDEQ "State of Michigan". The upcoming public hearing for assessment is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the actual assessment and it will not be a meeting to discuss the assessment. Residents that wish to contest assessment must be present at the meeting to sign the sheet to protest assessment. Questions about why the aerators are not running should be directed to the Governmental Lake Board.

- 12) Brain storming session for Upcoming year(s). What do we want to accomplish as a board?
  - a) Marcus Hamilton to spearhead the amendment of the bylaws project. Marcus will transfer bylaws currently in pdf format to a word document so we can begin editing the document.
    - i) Riperian bylaws, need to consider clarification and changes. 2/3 of those in attendance at the annual meeting required to do any type of modification to the bylaws.
- 13) Gary to schedule the next meeting for September.
- 14) Adjournment 9:10 pm

*Submitted by Luisa Alexander, Board Secretary*