



## Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Place: Portage Public Library

**Present:** Win Larsen, Dave Savoy, Gary Hahn, Jim Pearson, Luisa Alexander, Bill Snedeker, Patricio Trevino

**Absent:** , Norman Young, Barb Silverman, Kirk Wolf

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. Treasurer's report. Dave Savoy Current balance is \$6,400. \$6065.87. Voluntary dues received thus far this year are 18 paid memberships, last year 22 were collected. Upcoming expenses are donation for loosestrife treatment and newsletter.
6. Social committee report,
  - a. July 9 Austin lake tie-up
  - b. August 6 Austin Lake Boat Parade (supports Pretty Lake Camp), details of the events can be found on website.
7. Newsletter and website report.
  - a. The newsletter is mailed to lake property owners only.
  - b. The Website: [www.AustinLakePortage.com](http://www.AustinLakePortage.com)  
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
8. Lake Health.
  - a. Tim Winslow, Portage Environmental Board reported on releases of purple loosestrife beetles since 2011. Purple Loosestrife – The riparian's have again sponsored two releases of beetles to combat this invasive plant. Places in Austin Lake where beetles are being released: Lakeview park, Woodlawn, Woody Noll, East Shore. The aim is maintaining the population of beetles so hopefully soon no beetle purchases will be necessary. Each

release contains 30 to 40 beetles at \$80 per release, larvae eats the roots, that's where the damage occurs.

- b. Gary Hahn reported on behalf of Kirk Wolf Water discharge rates are similar to rates in 2015. Pfizer current discharge rate is between 5 million to 8 million gallons per day. The average for May 2015 was 5 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.
9. Lake Directory. Hoping to gather email addresses with the objective to communicate effectively with the lake residents, 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.
10. Boater Safety. Guest Speaker Dan Miller, Kalamazoo County Marine Safety Officer, distributed Boater Safety pamphlets also available online at Mich.gov/dnr.
- a. Attendees requested more policing for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - b. In order to limit hours for boats speeding, 'no wake' or curfew after certain hour, it would require city council approval to become an ordinance.
  - c. Portage police should be notified for loud music since it is under the nuisance ordinance.
  - d. Consult Boater Safety Pamphlets for changes in laws.
11. Election of Board Members: 4 board members and 1 alternate position are open:  
Three 3 - year terms (2019)  
One 1 -year term (2017)  
One-year term alternate position (2017)

The current board nominees are:

- Jim Pearson (3004 East Shore Drive)
- Thorsten Willmann (10400 East Shore Drive)
- Gary Hahn (3101 Woodhams Avenue)
- Kirk Wolf (3053 Woodhams Avenue)

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

12. Adjournment 8:10 PM.

*Submitted by Luisa Alexander, Board Secretary*