



Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

Present: Gary Hahn, Thorsten Willmann, AJ Spicer, Leonard Bennett, Dave Savoy, Norm Young, Luisa Alexander, Mike Stoddard (phone)

Absent: Dani Koewers, Bill Snedeker, Marcus Hamilton, Jim Pearson

Proceedings:

- 1) Meeting call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Gary Hahn
- 2) Approval of minutes from August 2nd, 2017 General meeting. Motion to approve the minutes carried.
- 3) Treasurer's Report provided by Treasurer Dave Savoy: Current amount available in the fund is \$8,301.27. There are no outstanding bills. Motion to approve Treasurer's report carried. Trailer rental proceeds received \$1,980.00.
- 4) Newsletter/Website Report. Members of the board are encouraged to review the website on a continuous basis for accuracy of content.
- 5) Social Committee Report. Nothing to report.
- 6) Old business
 - a) Bylaw amendment update. Marcus is currently working on update.
 - b) Historic document archiving update. Size of data is almost 34 gb, the current website will not allow us to publish this large of a file unless we change the tools.
 - i) Norm suggests to place data on thumb drive, index the content on the website and residents can request a copy. This would require a new language programming.
 - ii) Place data in the archives of public library. Mike Stoddard to follow up with Portage Public Library to inquire about this possibility.
 - iii) Gary reported that Christy Klien, Portage Public Library Director said the Library historian would like to take a look at the files before a decision is made about the library retaining the paper copies.
 - c) Aeration Project – MDEQ permit was issued, aeration will not be performed until next spring, although all water testing will occur this year as a condition of the permit approval, Contractor will return 2017 fee for aeration not performed this year.
 - d) John Crago assessment appear discussed.
- 7) New Business
 - a) Herbicides research – AJ Spicer investigated with locals, scientists and applictors for weed control chemical herbicides:
 - i) Bottom line:
 - (1) \$75,000 1st year to treat 25 acres. \$40,000 years 2-5.
 - (2) Austin Lake would need an official survey but for estimating we could assume we would need 75 acres (or more).
 - (3) Problem is never fixed or solved. We will continue to have native plants.

(4) Cannot treat more than 100 feet off shore-line unless it is for invasive species only. General native weed control not allowed further than 100 feet from shore-line.

(5) During treatment---can not swim---will kill grass if lakes used for watering.

1st year (3 acres of treatment): \$225,000

2nd year onward (3 acres of treatment): \$120,000

- b) Thorsten Willmann still working on reviewing dredging data.
- c) Riparian survey draft review. Goal is to get survey ready to go out during our annual meeting. Advertise the survey in the newsletter, attach the survey in pdf format to the website, find ways to promote the survey to get good response. One survey per household. Thinks of ways to prevent someone from duplicating the answer.
- d) We will be evaluating various methods of communication with lake residents, how to most efficiently carry out member votes, and questionnaires.
- e) Lake Health Survey. Every member needs to come up with minimum of two questions for the survey.

8) Adjournment 8:50 pm

*Submitted by Luisa Alexander
Board Secretary*