

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes FINAL – 05Jun17

Location: Portage City Hall Council Chambers
(Publically noticed: City of Portage, Kalamazoo County and austinlakeportage.com)

Call to Order: 7:01 pm by Chairman Brian Johnson

Members present: Brian Johnson, Pat Crowley, Scott McGraw, and Jim Pearson.
Member absent with excuse: Nasim Ansari. Also in attendance were Austin Lake Riparian President Gary Hahn and Austin Lake riparians Norm Young and Allen Buhl. In lieu of citizen time, the three Austin Lake residents in attendance were at the conference table and participated in ALGLB discussions.

Approval of May 19, 2017 Minutes: Approved 4-0

Pat Crowley submitted a Treasurer's report stating that the ALGLB has a balance of \$82,084 as of 5/31/17. The final loan repayment of \$29,664 due to the County will be paid on or before 7/1/17. Discussion followed. Motion by McGraw, seconded by Pearson to accept the Treasurer's report. Approved 4-0.

Chairman Johnson introduced the new contract proposal with RLS for project management and year-end evaluation. New features will include tables (or graphs) showing year-to-year changes in all measurements and lake-wide mapping of new features. Chairman Johnson will add a due date in the contract for annual reports. Motion by McGraw to accept the modified contract, seconded by Pearson. Approved 4-0. Discussion followed about doing a lake-wide muck and weed scientific evaluation in a year or two to plan for activity post 2019.

Chairman Johnson presented an updated budget plan following approval of the ALGLB Resolution to assess for another three years. Assessment increases for Kalamazoo County and the City of Portage will be part of the budget plan. The ALGLB encouraged Austin Lake Riparian President Gary Hahn to engage his board to survey lakefront property owner both inside and outside the south basin for the scope of a lake improvement project post-2019. Discussion followed.

Chairman Johnson explained that the reason the aeration system has been turned off was due to the expiration of the 5-year MDEQ permit. Re-application was made approximately three weeks ago. The aeration system will be turned back on after the MDEQ approves the new application. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Submitted by Jim Pearson, ALGLB Secretary