

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes– August 14, 2013

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Call to Order: 2:06 pm by Chairman Ed Sackley

Location: Brian Johnson's home, 2215 Woody Noll Drive, Portage, MI.
(Publically noticed by both City of Portage and Kalamazoo County)

Members present: Ed Sackley, Pat Crowley, John Zull, Brian Johnson and Jim Pearson
Guests present: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (Restorative Lake Sciences LLC, aeration project scientific consultant); John Tucci (Lake Savers, aeration project contractor); Jeff Wenzel (St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner); also in attendance were eight visitors from Fish Lake and Wolverine Lake.

Members and guests gathered by a nearby lakeside air compressor. John Tucci gave a description of the laminar flow aeration process, commented on the new cover design to reduce noise, and answered questions from members and guests.

Briefly, approved bacteria inoculation and the three compressor sites were started up in March for a full season of aeration. Last year the initial utility setup delay meant aeration did not start until July for an abbreviated season. Final measurements for the 2013 season will be made in October by Jermalowicz-Jones when the aeration season ends. Last year muck reduction was measured by the Secchi disk method. This year a more accurate method will be used and calibrated with the previous Secchi dish data. Utility costs this year so far average \$272/mo per unit of operation.

Next, the group took a pontoon tour of the south basin laminar flow aeration diffuser sites with John Tucci and Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones describing the project, giving mid-season updates and answering questions. The tour ended at 3:27 pm with all guest departing except for Tucci and Jermalowicz-Jones.

The business part of the meeting then began.

Approval of March 15, 2013 Minutes, passed 5-0.

Ed Sackley gave a review of Financial Materials. Discussion followed.

Sackley reviewed the three compressor sites and discussed sound and visual enhancement options. Discussion followed. Motion by Zull, seconded by Johnson, to approve \$3,772.50 for landscaping ("Option 1") submitted by Larry Harris Landscape Architects at the three compressor sites, and an additional \$300 for project management. Motion passed 5-0.

Sackley gave an update on Administrative activities, including insurance updates and loan agreement with Kalamazoo County. Discussion followed.

Sackley gave an update on Board governance and succession planning and wondered if there was a conflict-of-interest if a City Council member that was also an Austin Lake Riparian could serve on the ALGLB. Jim Pearson volunteered to ask the City Attorney for an opinion.

No statements by citizens

Board Members all thanked Ed Sackley for the work he has done as Chairman/Treasurer of the ALGLB from the very start of the laminar flow aeration project. Members recognized that Ed was key in getting the project started.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27PM

Jim Pearson, Secretary