

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes Final- 3/16/15

Location: Portage City Hall Council Chamber
(Publically noticed by both City of Portage and Kalamazoo County)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Chairman Ed Sackley

Members present: Ed Sackley, Pat Crowley, Scott McGraw, Brian Johnson and Jim Pearson. Guests present: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (Restorative Lake Sciences LLC, aeration project scientific consultant) and John Tucci (Lake Savers, aeration project contractor). Eight members of the public were also in attendance.

Motion by McGraw to approve the February 9, 2015 Minutes seconded by Crowley. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Sackley updated the Board with the most current Balance Sheet & Profit and Loss Statement. Motion by Crowley to accept, seconded by Johnson. Passed 5-0.

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones gave a public presentation on the Austin Lake South Basin Bioaugmentation System. Conclusions to date: A mean loss of 16" muck in Diffuser sampling areas and a 11.6" muck loss in Control areas. The system operated between April 1st and November 30th per MDEQ restrictions. Control areas are located in between Diffuser aeration areas. Significant decreases in both sediment ammonia and nitrate/nitrite were also reported. Recommendation: Continue employing the aeration/bioaugmentation system in the Austin Lake South Basin with enzymes/bacteria/measurements/re-evaluations for the remaining two years of the 5-year Lake Savers contract. Discussion followed with Board member and citizen participation.

Chairman Sackley invited Board members to attend the annual Austin Lake Riparian Meeting that will be held on June 8, 2015, at 7pm in the Portage District Library Austin Lake Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted by Jim Pearson,
ALGLB Secretary