

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board  
Meeting 3-9-11

Called to order: 3:10 pm

Members Present: Ed Sackley, Patricia Crowley, John Zull, Don Mordas, Elizabeth Campbell

Additional Guests: 6 guests in attendance

Approval of Minutes from 10-15-10: approved by Zull Seconded by Mordas, motion passed 5 – 0.

The Board went through the contract approval process and what provisions have been put in place by the Kalamazoo County Government to establish a line of credit with them.

Jennifer J. Jones then presented her feasibility study report on Austin Lake to the Board. After reviewing the report and having questions answered we were told that any additional questions or clarifications need to be sent to Jennifer by 3-18-11.

There were some questions asked by citizens at this time.

Next Steps:

1. There was a discussion of whether we should reserve a permit with the MDEQ for this project to be done. It takes 90 days for a permit to be issued at a cost of \$500. Mordas moved to have a permit filed with the MDEQ and Crowley Seconded. The vote passed with a 3 – 2 result. Those voting in favor: Mordas, Crowley, Sackley and those voting against: Campbell, Zull. The reason for voting for the motion was so that a muck reduction system, if approved, could be installed in a timely manner given the 90 day MDEQ waiting period. Without beginning the process now, the project (if approved) would be delayed until 2012. The reason for voting against the motion was that at this point we have not even agreed if we are moving forward with the project so to ask for the permit to be prepared gives the appearance that we are proceeding with the project before we have had the public hearings.

2. At this point we need to identify and retain an attorney to allow us to proceed through the next steps in regards to the public hearing. The Board set up a subcommittee (vote of 5 – 0 motioned by Mordas and seconded by Zull) to proceed with the task of identifying and retaining an attorney. The subcommittee members are: Ed Sackley and Patricia Crowley. At this time we do not have a proposed public hearing date.

There were a few comments asked during the public comments section.

Adjourned at 5:40 PM

