

10Feb2014 Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes -Final

Location: Portage City Hall Conference Room #1
(Publically noticed by both City of Portage and Kalamazoo County)

Call to Order: 3:00 pm by Chairman Ed Sackley

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) and John Tucci (Lake Savers, aeration project contractor).

Approval of August 14, 2013 Minutes. Motion by Johnson seconded by Crowley.
Passed 5-0.

Chairman Sackley discussed the ALGLB financial statements. Special assessment income January –December 2013 was \$112,548.70 and Expenses were \$72,902.47. Expenses were reduced by a full refund of \$9,576 for engineering costs charged by Consumer’s Energy at the start of the project last year. It turns out that recovery of engineering costs are available after a certain period of time with targeted and paid utility usage. The Board congratulated Chairman Sackley for having the foresight to apply for the rebate at the time of ordering the engineering work. Ed’s business acumen saved Austin Lake Riparians \$9,576!

Chairman Sackley prepared and presented full accounting materials from project inception to 5-year loan issuance that the County paid and were added to our QuickBooks system so all expenses and receipts were combined. The materials distributed reflect all activity from day one through the Feb 10, 2014 board meeting. Discussion followed. The board thanked Chairman Sackley for his efforts.

Ed Sackley stated that work was completed on all three compressor cabinets, including a sound suppression upgrade modification at one location. Ed pointed out that landscape plantings installed before winter at the three compressor sites are covered by a one-year warranty. John Tucci described the new cover design to reduce noise. Discussion followed.

Chairman Sackley reported that the MMRMA Insurance policy was issued and took effect on September 1, 2013. Discussion followed.

Motion to accept the financial report made by Zull seconded by Crowley. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Sackley recommended that the one-year \$10,000 contract with Restorative Lake Sciences LLC for aeration project scientific consulting be renewed. The proposed cost was the same as last year. Discussion followed. Motion to accept the new contract offered by Johnson seconded by Zull. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Sackley asked Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (project consulting scientist) to present her report on the laminar flow aeration project progress for the most recent project period October 2012 to October 2013. John Tucci (project contractor) also answered technical engineering questions. Control sites were located mid-point between diffuser sites. Measurements were taken ~5ft from edge of depression cone. Discussion followed.

Project Results:

See AustinLake 2013Annual Report. Takeaway: 1.9 inches muck reduction in Control and Diffuser sites for Oct 2012 to Oct 2013 season versus 9 inches Aug 2011-Oct 2012 season. Non-muck reduction quality improvements are also detailed in the report.

4:17 pm John Zull had to leave the meeting.

No statements by citizens

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by Jim Pearson,
ALGLB Secretary