

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board (ALGLB) Meeting Minutes FINAL – 19May17

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

Call to Order: 3:07 pm by Chairman Brian Johnson

Members present: Brian Johnson, Pat Crowley, Scott McGraw, Nasim Ansari and Jim Pearson. Project contractor John Tucci (Lake Savers) was present as were approximately 45 members of the public.

Approval of May 10, 2017 Minutes: Approved 5-0

Chairman John re-opened the Practicability hearing that was adjourned since May 10, 2017. Jim Pearson reviewed the additional data provided by consultant Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones (Restorative Lake Sciences).

Chairman Brian Johnson then opened the first of two opportunities for public comment. Sixteen citizens gave comments for and against project continuation. John Tucci (Lake Savers) addressed technical questions.

The ALGLB discussed the pros and cons of renewing the aeration/bioaugmentation project for a full 5 years. Muck reduction observed in 4 of 5 years, and secondary smell and invasive weed control were positives. Lack of overall, significant muck reduction over 5 years, and the aberrant 2015 muck increase year in the south basin were negatives.

Chairman Johnson stated that John Tucci previously agreed that if the project was renewed for 3 years (instead of 5 years) that the 5-year contractual renewal annual rate would be honored.

Motion by Scott McGraw: Renew the Practicability of the aeration/bioagmentation project for an additional three years (seasons 2017, 2018 and 2019). Seconded by Crowley. Passed: 5-0.

Chairman Brian Johnson then offered a second opportunity for public comment. Four citizens gave comments, mostly favoring continuation of the project.

Next, the ALGLB discussion focused on the previous differential assessment ratio between riparians in the south basin and the rest of the lake.

Motion by Crowley: Assess all lakefront property parcel owners equally. Seconded by Pearson. Passed: 5-0.

The approximately \$85,000 remaining bank balance of the ALGLB was discussed as a source of reducing the actual cost per year for riparians. A rough assessment estimate of \$108 per parcel each year for three years was discussed, subject to change when final budget details are established at the next ALGLB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm

Submitted by Jim Pearson, ALGLB Secretary