

Austin Lake Governmental Lake Board

Meeting of 10-28-09

Held at the home of Don Mordas: 10505 Woodlawn Drive, Portage MI

5:30 PM: Call to Order

Members present: Ed Sackley, John Zull, Pat Crowley & Don Mordas

Others present: 4 Austin Lake residents were present.

Member Elizabeth Campbell arrived at 5:45 PM.

Members and guests went down to the lake to look at the condition of the shoreline, view of the lake from the property and the level of the muck (while noting 2 dead swans close by).

Approval of the minutes for July 22, 2009- being no further discussion minutes were improved.

ALGLB President Sackley discussed the receipt of the City Council Resolution dated 9-22-09 in regards to the Austin Lake Improvements. The discussion occurred of how best to get started and what steps does the ALGLB want to take.

There was further discussion on the aeration project proposed by the Austin Lake Riparian Association. Noting that the Riparian Association had a vote of 6 – 1 to proceed with this project.

At 6:35 PM Elizabeth Campbell had to leave-

The following notes were submitted by ALGLB President Ed Sackley:

Discussion took place regarding the immediate “next steps” to be taken to further educate the ALGB members on the aeration plan proposed by the Austin Lake Riparian Association. Don Mordas will gather and disseminate contact information for three current/recent projects that use the proposed technology. Those sites are Willow Lake at Parkview Hills in Kalamazoo, Sherman Lake Channel near Augusta and a 400 acre lake in Mecosta County. Board members expressed their interest in making personal visits to one of more of those projects during the next month. Although no date was set, board members indicated a desire to meet again in December.

Public comments, which were accepted throughout the meeting, raised concerns over the expense of hiring professional advisors, the efficacy of the proposed aeration project, the natural state of the lake, the procedure and level for any future assessments, and the potential burden on fixed income riparians.

ALGLB President Sackley thanked Don Mordas for hosting the meeting at his home so that the board members could see, firsthand, the condition of the lake and the impact of the sediment on property owners, fish and wildlife.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

