

Regular Meeting of the Five Lakes Association Board of Directors
June 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the Farwell High School's Library/Media Center, 339 E. Michigan Street, Farwell, MI on June 14, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Southworth announced that Onita Oles would substitute for Rhonda Goin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken:

Board members present: President Dave Southworth, Vice-President Cory Gingery (late arrival), and Treasurer Karen Wittich, Area Representatives Dave Peterson, Bob Jeffords (late arrival), Dick Haynack, Steve Cohoon and Tim O'Neal.

Board members absent: Rhonda Goin

Association members present: Pam Cohoon, Oscar DeDeckere, Ralph Greenfield, Richard Henk, Vito Marinello, Walter Plajstek, John Zomer.

Minutes: Moved by Tim O'Neal and supported by Dick Haynak to approve the partial reading of the May 10, 2010 Minutes. With a 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Wittich distributed a printed Comparative Budget Report. The Board discussed considerations for the preparation of the 2011 budget. Karen Wittich on behalf of Committee Chair Len Wittich requested funds for the first stage of the silt project. C & C Tree Service will be removing trees in the area. Len Wittich is requesting \$3,200.00 budgeted for this phase of the project. Moved by Steve Cohoon and supported by Tim O'Neal to approve the treasurer's report and disperse \$3,200.00 for phase one of the West Bay Silt Trap Project.

Committee Reports:

Tim O'Neal (Weed Control, Landscape Maintenance and Dam Management) Tim Richman presented an insurance certificate and was awarded the maintenance contract for this year.

Election Committee: The election committee consisted of Don Dysinger and Onita Oles.

Running for office for July 2010- July 2011 are:

President Dave Southworth
Vice President Cory Gingery & Ralph Greenfield
Secretary Christie Butche
Treasurer Karen Wittich

There will be a paper ballot for elections. Association membership will be verified through the secretary and a ballot will be given to each member. Association members Onita Oles, Don Dysinger and Pam Cohoon will count the ballots.

Area Representatives' Reports:

Area S - Dave Peterson: No Report
Area 1-Tim O'Neal: No Report
Area 2-Dick Haynak: No Report
Area 3-Bob Jeffords: No Report
Area 4-Steve Cohoon: No Report

New Business: President Dave Southworth discussed the swim area dangers with boats entering next to the buoys and close by the swim area markers. Appropriate signing was discussed. An article in the newsletter was recommended. Future sign purchase is pending.

a) Garage Sales are July 15, 16 & 17 2010. Rhonda Goin will update information on the website and place ads in local newspapers. Karen Wittich will get the signs updated and make arrangements with Pam Cohoon for sign placement during the sales.

b) Annual Meeting: Board members are to arrive at the Grant Township Hall by 8:30 a.m. for room set-up. Mr. and Mrs. Plajstek will make coffee, order and bring the donuts. It was suggested that Guy Savin conduct a short presentation on lake aeration systems to the general membership. Election committee will sit with Secretary to distribute ballots.

c) Board Member's Association Dues: President David Southworth indicated he would be paying his association dues; even though the Association Constitution waives board member dues. Several board members were in agreement.

Audience Participation:

- a) No-Wake Buoy/Loons,** John Zomar discussed the placement of the buoys and his concern that personal watercraft are violating the no-wake posting. A third buoy was discussed. Area Representative Steve Cohoon will research the buoy and proper placement guidelines.
- b) Weed Concern,** Vito Marinello wanted to know when the next lake treatment was scheduled. He also indicated he was happy with his discussion with Savin Lake Services and future aeration devices for his region.
- c) Loon restriction removal,** Ralph Greenfield commented on the article about using aeration systems to dispose of the silt. He questioned if the loon area would be treated on June 21, 2010. President David Southworth read the letter Guy Savin had sent to DNRE requesting removal of the loon restriction.
- d) Riparian Rights,** Pam Cohoon inquired if property owners would relinquish rights if a grant were obtained for lake maintenance. President Southworth assured this would not be a concern.
- e) Future Budget,** In order to compare where Five Lakes Association dues are in relationship to other lakes in our area, President Southworth reported that he had a conversation with Guy Savin of Savin Lakes Services. Guy said that of the 80+ lakes that he services, Homeowners Associations dues range from \$100-\$175; dues for weed control only are in the \$85-\$100 range. Vice-President Cory Gingery is researching local lake homeowner associations. Onita Oles explained to the board the procedure for increasing association dues. The board must send notice of a dues increase 30 days before the annual meeting. The membership must vote and if approved; the new dues will not be collected until one year after the vote taken at the annual meeting. Therefore, it would be three years from today before the budget could improve. All costs have increased. It is too late to consider an increase this year.

Adjournment: Richard Haynak moved for adjournment at 7:30 p.m. Karen Wittich seconded the motion for adjournment.

Submitted by
Onita Oles
Pro-tem Secretary