

Green Lake Improvement District
Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 26, 2014
Wyanett Township Hall
10:00 A.M. to Noon

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman, Bob Duncan

Board Members Present: Dave Dansik, Bob Duncan, Larry Lindquist, Ken Murray, Mitch Nelson, Barbara Prince

Absent: Larry Kohout, George Bergquist

Attending members asked to sign attendance sheet.

- I. Update on spring high water—Bob Duncan.
 - A. Ken Murray gave some of the lake history and reported that at times this spring, the check gate held back 3 feet of water at this spring.
 - B. Bob Duncan gave short history of the check gate.
 - C. Member asked if the lake was tested for fecal matter after the high water receded. This has not been done. It will be added to the tests, but it is harder to do when the sample has to be in the lab within 24 hours. A member volunteered to take a sample to the lab in St. Cloud for testing.
 - D. Green Lake was 4 feet lower at the high point this spring than the 100 year flood mark.
 - E. The GLID had a grant and budgeted money to treat the curly leaf pond weeds this spring, but with the high water, the treatment company wanted twice the budgeted amount. After the water receded, the water was too warm to do the treatment. The Board agreed not to treat the curly leaf pond weeds this summer. Next year the plan is to go ahead with this treatment; this amounts to about 20% of the littoral area that the DNR allow. This weed must be treated in early spring; milfoil can be treated later in the summer.
 - F. Members want the board to ask for a variance to treat more than the 20% next year.
 - G. A cost estimate of the weed control for next year is not available until October because of the increased cost of the chemicals.
 - H. A member asked why Lake Management did not treat a bigger area around an individual' dock. They were told that a homeowner can ask them to treat 100 feet; either from shore to 100 feet out or 50 feet out to 150 feet. It was also mentioned that Lake Management will not treat if the water is up on the homeowner's lawn because the treatment kills the lawn.
- II. Water testing—Jim McLaughlin reported that lake water samples had not been taken so far this year because of the high water. He also reported that

water quality has been very stable for about the last 25 years. Volume computation on incoming water is hard to do because of the variances from week to week.

- III. Best practices—on website
 - A. Don't feed the geese.
 - B. Don't burn the leaves at the shore line and don't rake the leaves into the lake.
 - C. Member asked if he could put a retaining wall in the lake; Bob said the DNR doesn't approve of this. Bob suggested that he apply to the DNR with photo proof of the erosion problem.
 - D. The DNR usually does approve of using beach ball sized rock along the shoreline.
 - E. Jamie Schurbon recommended that you contact the DNR before any projects are undertaken on your shoreline.

- IV. Guest: Jamie Schurbon, Isanti Soil & Water Conservation District, District Manager.
 - A. Completed a storm/watershed study and analysis; identified projects and target areas in our watershed.
 - B. Handed out a list of 13 proposed projects that could benefit our lake.
 - C. Phosphorus levels can be estimated before and after each proposal.
 - D. Schurbon told us of two grant opportunities coming up in the next two months
 - 1. State Clean Water Legacy Fund, about \$19,000, requires matching funds, three-year term
 - 2. Sub Watershed Study, \$4125, required match of about 25%
 - E. Schurbon will help us write the grant proposals and recommended the North Brook and Wyannett Creek projects

- V. Budget—Barbara Prince
 - A. Budget includes the money to treat weeds up to the 20% allowed.
 - B. A motion was made and seconded to purchase "No Wake" signs, \$800, for the lake in case needed in the future. Motion passed.
 - C. A motion was made and seconded that the remainder of the \$25,000, or \$8,730.60, of the encumbered lake study funds be returned to the general fund. Motion passed.
 - D. A motion was made and seconded to levy a tax of \$24,000 to have matching funds available for the grant applications. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the membership would decide on which projects to pursue. Motion for the tax levy passed.
 - E. Motion was made and seconded to accept the 2015 budget. No further discussion, motion passed.

- VI. Projects proposed for grants—motion made and seconded that the Feldspar Street project be the first project if possible. If the township can't participate and this would not be possible then and then we will pursue the lake shore projects. This would be 80% grant and 20% assessment to individual homeowners with the improved shorelines.

- VII. Bob Duncan and George Bergquist resigned from the board. Both were thanked for their service.
- VIII. James Haubenschild Casey Tompkins and Steve Hage volunteered to serve on the board. All three were accepted as another member may also be resigning.
- IX. Ginger Glen announced the Wyanett Pot Luck Picnic, part of the National Neighbors Night Out, on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Prepared by Barbara Prince