

COWDEN LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES

September 24, 2020

A meeting of the Cowden Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, Stanton, Michigan on the 24th day of June 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holland at 4:38 P.M.

PRESENT: Gary Holland, Chairman
Maple Valley Township Representative

Jerry Wright, Member
Abutting Property Owners Representative

Meghann McKnight, Secretary/Treasurer
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Todd McClland Member
Maple Valley Township Representative

ABSENT: Tony Sorensen, Member
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO

PRESENT: Rick Buteyn, Progressive AE

A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Todd to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Jerry to approve the minutes from October 7, 2019 with a correction in Alternative Methods for Lake Treatment: Seventh sentence to start with "Sometimes" instead of "There have been". Motion carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Old Business

Update Weed Control Program

Rick presented a work journal for 2020. Four surveys were done and treatments for algae, wild celery and nuisance natives. New regulations only permit treating within 100 feet from the shoreline. Algae is bad but treating this time of year is not worth the cost. A spring

treatment can be done. Wild celery and eel grass are the biggest problem; harvesting is not an efficient way to get rid of them.

A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Todd to approve extending the contract with MLS for weed treatment for next season. Motion carried.

Goose Control Update

Goose roundup was not done this year as the program was canceled because of the covid pandemic. The geese were not a big problem this year.

New Business

Confirm 2020 Assessment Roll

There were no corrections for the assessment roll. Board agreed that the full amount of the budget should be spread on the 2020 tax roll.

Other Business

Gary informed the board that he is resigning his position. He will send a letter of resignation to the township and recommend that they appoint Victor Matulis to fill the vacant seat. Gary has been a great asset to the board and he will be greatly missed.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Todd and seconded by Jerry to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Motion carried.


Todd Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer

State of Michigan)
) ss:
County of Montcalm)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Cowden Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 24, 2020, and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, on the county website www.montcalm.us and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Cowden Lake Improvement Board and on the county website.


Todd Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner