

LITTLE BASS LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING

September 19, 2022

A meeting of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 19th day of September 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Todd at 4:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Joan Rusiecki, Belvidere Township Representative
Margaret Weaver, Abutting Property Owner's Representative
Todd Sattler, Secretary/Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Pat Carr, Board of Commissioner's Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Steve Zulinski, MLS – via phone
Anne Gaylord, Montcalm County Drain Commission
Mary Ann Zimmerman
Sandy Gomes
Carl & Kris Haywood

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

A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Margaret to approve the minutes from July 21, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Vacant Seat

Mary Ann Zimmerman introduced herself to the board. She has lived on the lake since 2004 and has been approved by the township board to become the Belvidere Township Representative. Joan would also like to volunteer herself to take over the vacant chair position left by the resignation of Steve Wickencamp.

A motion was made by Joan and seconded by Margaret to elect Mary Ann to the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board as the Belvidere Township Representative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret and seconded by Mary Ann to elect Joan Rusiecki to the position of chairperson for the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board. Motion carried.

Financial Update

Todd provided a financial update to the board, including the current balance of \$16,949.93 and the fish stocking balance of \$2,000. The board discussed lowering the assessment for the 2022 tax roll, but decided to continue to spread the full amount of \$7,835.00 to ensure they are able to cover any possible price increases.

Treatment Update

There have been no treatments completed since the last meeting as the lake looks very nice and doesn't have a ton of weeds to treat. The lily pads are an area of concern, but Steve advised that they are just about to start the lily pad treatments for the season. He plans to complete another survey in the next week, or so. Joan asked if she could ride along for the survey and Steve said she could. Anne it to get Steve's contact info to Joan and vice versa. Residents on the north side of the lake are having trouble with chara and are having difficulty getting their boats in and out of the water. Steve told the residents to contact him as soon as possible when issues like this come up so he can get out there and take care of them.

Fish Stocking

The lake is on a waiting list for fish stocking to help with the swimmer's itch. Joan asked if there were any fish other than the red ear sunfish that can help with the swimmer's itch. Steve said as far as he knows, that's the only kind of fish that helps. Steve is going to provide contact information for Stoney Creek to Joan.

Harvesting

The weed razor that Steve W bought last year was returned to the lake residents but needs a boat and someone who knows how to use it to be able to work. Joan contacted PLM regarding harvesting, and they said they did not want to proceed as that is only a temporary fix.

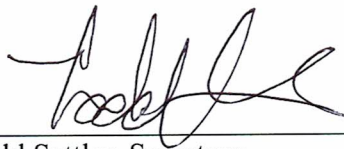
Other Business

The run-off on the lake has a lot of erosion and is causing issues. Margaret wanted to know if funds can be used to fix the run-off. Todd said we cannot assist with that as it falls under the lake level and not the weed control program. He advised that they could fund it privately or go through the steps to create a legal lake level. Margaret added that the culvert near the run-off is completely blocked. Todd advised that it is the homeowner's issue to replace the culvert under his driveway.

Public Comment

Sandy asked about the 17k balance and whether the assessment can be lowered for next year. Todd advised that they are holding more than the recommended two year's balance and could easily roll back and be okay. Joan and Margaret wanted to keep the assessment where it is.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Margaret and seconded by Joan to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.



Todd Sattler, Secretary
Little Bass Lake, Lake Board

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 Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on September 19, 2022, and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and posted on the county website at montcalm.org 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 Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board.



Todd Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Little Bass Lake Finance Sheet 2019 - 2023 (84009)

Friday, September 9, 2022

Date	Vendor	Description	Check Number	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
02/21/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Beginning Balance				\$ 1,259.30
5/31/2019	Montcalm County	2019 DEQ Permit Fee	151767	\$ 400.00		\$ 859.30
5/31/2019	Fish Stocking	2018 Tax Settlement			\$ 7,835.00	\$ 8,694.30
6/20/2019	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 8,194.30
7/3/2019	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	146435	\$ 2,475.00		\$ 5,719.30
7/11/2019	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	146794	\$ 400.00		\$ 5,319.30
7/25/2019	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Water Testing	146836	\$ 400.00		\$ 4,919.30
2/21/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	147193	\$ 480.00		\$ 4,439.30
6/28/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	EGLE Permit Fee	151767	\$ 400.00		\$ 4,039.30
5/31/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Algae Treatment	153878	\$ 1,550.00		\$ 2,489.30
5/31/2020	Montcalm County	2019 Tax Collection			\$ 7,835.00	\$ 10,324.30
7/30/2020	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 9,824.30
9/11/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Algae Treatment	154339	\$ 400.00		\$ 9,424.30
9/30/2020	Spicer Group	Accounts Support	156014	\$ 50.00		\$ 9,374.30
3/31/2021	Montcalm County	Allocations		\$ 348.36		\$ 9,025.94
4/8/2021	Little Bass Lake	Interest			\$ 16.94	\$ 9,042.88
4/30/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	2021 EGLE Permit Fee	158601	\$ 400.00		\$ 8,642.88
5/1/2021	Montcalm County	2020 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 840.93	\$ 9,483.81
5/1/2021	Montcalm County	2020 Collected Settlement			\$ 6,994.07	\$ 16,477.88
7/15/2021	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 15,977.88
8/12/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	6/30/2021 Weed Treatment	160538	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 14,777.88
9/23/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	06/15/2021 Weed Treatment	161046	\$ 1,462.50		\$ 13,315.38
5/23/2022	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Razor	161707	\$ 148.39		\$ 13,166.99
5/23/2022	Montcalm County	2021 Collected Settlement			\$ 7,036.68	\$ 20,203.67
5/23/2022	Montcalm County	2021 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 798.32	\$ 21,001.99
6/23/2022	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 20,501.99
7/5/2022	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Algae & Weed Treatment	167142	\$ 400.00		\$ 20,101.99
7/5/2022	Spicer Group	Accounts Support	164708	\$ 32.81		\$ 20,069.18
7/21/2022	Spicer Group	Accounts Support	164708	\$ 41.75		\$ 20,027.43
	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	06/16/2022 Weed & Algae Treatment	167625	\$ 3,077.50		\$ 16,949.93
		Remaining Balance				\$ 16,949.93

Little Bass Lake Finance Sheet 2019 - 2023 (84009) Fish Stocking

Monday, May 23, 2022

Date	Vendor	Description	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
		Beginning Balance			\$ -
5/31/2019	Montcalm County	2018 Tax Settlement		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5/31/2020	Montcalm County	2019 Tax Collection		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
5/1/2021	Montcalm County	2020 Collected Settlement		\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
5/23/2022	Montcalm County	2021 Collected Settlement		\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Remaining Balance					\$ 2,000.00

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September 19, 2022

4:00 PM

MONTCALM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION

211 W Main St.

Stanton, MI 48888

Agenda

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - **July 21, 2022**
- **Vacant Seat**
- **Financial Update**
- **Treatment Update**
- **Fish Stocking**
- **Harvesting**
- **Other Business**
- **Public Comments**
- **Adjourn**

If you cannot attend, please call 989-831-7322 at least two days prior to the meeting.

Board Members

Vacant, Chairperson

Margaret Weaver, Abutting Property Owners Representative

Todd Sattler, Secretary, Montcalm County Drain Commission

Patrick Carr, Board of Commissioner's Representative

Joan Rusiecki, Belvidere Township Representative

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4:00 P.M.

Drain Commissioner's Office

ATTENDANCE RECORD

	Name	phone/email address
1.	Margaret Deau	
2.	J. E. Russell	
3.	Mary Anne Zimmerman	
4.	Carl Hynard	
5.	Kris Daywood	
6.	Sandy Jones	
7.	Anne Gaylord	
8.	Todd Sattler	
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From: Jaimee Desjardins jaimeed@plmcorp.net
Subject: Little Bass Lake
Date: Aug 5, 2022 at 1:18:45 PM
To: jonibonez@sbcglobal.net

Hi Joni,

Thanks again for reaching out to our company, Jason had a great time touring the lake with you. Below is a summary of our observations/findings.

Overall Little Bass Lake is in great shape. We did not find any invasive (exotic) plants at the time of the survey. The lake also had a fair amount of native plants actively growing. One plant that we thought might be the invasive plant, Starry stonewort, was identified as being a native macroalgae *Nitella* species. Great news! Lily pads and spring algae appear to be the main issues that currently plague the lake. Lily pads can be managed through herbicide treatments or with mechanical harvesting. The state allows treatment of lily pads to 1 swim area (40' x 40') or 1 boat lane (80' x 20') per residential property. Lily pads located offshore cannot be legally treated. Mechanical harvesting is capable of cutting lily pads offshore, without permit limitations. However, harvesting lily pads is a temporary fix as the plants will grow back. Spring algae is most effectively managed using different combinations of copper based algaecides. There are some alternative algaecides on the market (peroxide based) that can provide some relief if needed. Another option is to manage the source of the algae growth by reducing nutrients through phosphorus mitigation treatments. PLM is leading the way, and has been very successful, at reducing phosphorus levels in lakes using products that bind phosphorus, in turn reducing algae growth.

PLM is a full service lake management company. Our employees hold degrees in Environmental Science, Biology, Natural Resource Management, Fisheries and Ecology. We not only conduct herbicide treatments but also have a full fleet of mechanical harvesting machines. PLM also offers several technical services including but not limited to; water quality monitoring, vegetation surveys, fish surveys, evaluation treatments, and sediment reduction. We service many lakes in close proximity to Little Bass Lake, including Indian Lake, Dickerson Lake, Lake Stanton, Nevins Lake, Indianhead, and Canadian Lakes just to name a few. We would love the opportunity to submit a formal proposal to work with your lake in the future. Please let me know if you have any questions after your meeting. I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a great weekend.

Thank you,
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