

**LITTLE BASS LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY & REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS
July 11, 2023**

A special meeting of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held in the Belvidere Township Hall, 107 Vesta St., Six Lakes, Michigan on the 11th day of July 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The hearing of practicability was called to order by Joan at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Joan Rusieki – Chairperson
 Mary Anne Zimmerman – Belvidere Township Representative
 Margaret Weaver – Abutting Property Owner's Representative
 Todd Sattler – Secretary/Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Phil Kohn – Board of Commissioner's Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Anne Gaylord – MCDC
 Sara McGill – MCDC
 Forrest Herzog – Belvidere Township
 See attached for resident list.

Chairman Rusieki introduces the lake board members.

A motion was made by Margaret and seconded by Todd to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023; meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Todd explained the procedures of the Hearing of Practicability and the Review of Apportionments and the necessity of both hearings.

Joan advised the residents that the Board had met with a possible new applicator and took a trip around the lake with him to discuss the problem areas. They addressed their concerns regarding the current applicator and the treatment of the lake. After the meeting with Mark from Clearwater, they are leaning towards working with him as a new applicator for next season.

The chairman opened the meeting up to the public for questions and comments.

Sandra Gomes asked how the new applicator would affect pricing and treatment costs. Joan responded that they believe the new applicator will be a lower cost and will provide better communication and treatment. Sandra asked if they could try the new applicator for one year to gauge results before signing an extended contract. Joan advised that Mark offers different contract terms for 1, 3 or 5 years. The most cost efficient is the 5-year contract but they are willing to sign a 1-year contract to see how the lake improves. Sandra asked about the fish

stocking program since they haven't stocked fish in the last five years. Joan noted that the Board has been working with a couple of hatcheries to decide what type of fish would best suit the lake with the current habitats since they are currently unable to get the Red Eared Sunfish. Todd added that hatcheries are struggling to provide the right types of fish to lakes all over Michigan. Sandra asked if they are going to continue to set aside money each year for fish stocking since they are already holding a significant balance. The Board would like to table the fish stocking funds for now until they can find the right fish for the lake. Bruce Zimmerman noted that he fishes a lot and doesn't see anything wrong with the lake. Sandra added that some of the lake is so bad with weeds that she has to cut her trolling motor and get back with an oar and also noted that the lily pads are bad. Todd explained the difference between native and invasive weeds and how the state has regulations on treatment. Sandra added that she pulls and burns the Chara. Todd added that he believes a new applicator will really help alleviate some of the concerns on the lake. Joan added again that they have already brought many of their concerns up to Mark from Clearwater.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, the Hearing of Practicability was closed by the chairperson.

The Resolution to Proceed with Improvements was offered for approval to the Lake Board.

**RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH
IMPROVEMENTS TO LITTLE BASS LAKE**

At a special meeting of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board held in the Belvidere Township Hall, 107 Vesta St, Six Lakes, Michigan on the 11th day of July 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by member Todd S. and seconded by member
· Margaret W.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the improvement program for Little Bass Lake; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board to proceed with implementation of improvements to the lake as described in the attached Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lake Board hereby determines that the proposed improvements are practical, and it confirms its intent to proceed with the improvements.
2. The Lake Board hereby approves the lake improvement plan and the estimate of costs for the improvements as shown on the attached Exhibit A.
3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montcalm County. The petition shall not, thereafter, be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.

ADOPTED: AYES: 4

 NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
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COUNTY OF MONTCALM }

I, Todd R Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer of said Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Lake Board at a meeting held on the 11th day of July 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 11th day of July 2023.



Todd R Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer
Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board

**LITTLE BASS LAKE, LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
PROPOSED BUDGET EXHIBIT A
2023 - 2027**

IMPROVEMENT	COST
Aquatic Herbicide Treatment (includes permit fee)	\$6,735.00
Fish Stocking	\$500.00
Administration and Contingency	<u>\$600.00</u>
Total Annual Cost	\$7,835.00

The amount of herbicide use in any given year will depend on the type and distribution of plants in Little Bass Lake and Department of Environmental Quality permit conditions. Plant control activities are proposed to be coordinated under the direction of the lake board's environmental consultant. The consultant would be responsible for preparing bid documents or contract extensions for the plant control program, assisting the lake board with the selection of the plant control contractors, and performing follow-up inspections to ensure work is performed in a satisfactory manner. The consultant would report to the lake board regarding the performance of the plant control contractors and would make recommendations to the lake board regarding payments to the contractors.

Project administration will include all costs related to meetings, postage, copies, mailings, notices, Drain Commission administration, and legal proceedings. In accordance with Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, a lake board may add not less than 10% or more than 15% of the total project cost for contingent expenses.

ASSESSMENT BENEFIT FACTORS

The special Assessment District for Little Bass Lake includes all properties which border the lake and back lots which have deeded or dedicated lake access. Special assessments for the project are to be apportioned in the following manner:

BENEFIT FACTORS

LAKE FRONT	Factor 1
OFF LAKE	Factor .33

The hearing for the review of apportionments was called to order by Chairman Rusieki at 6:18 p.m.

Presentation of Special Assessment Roll

Todd presented the tax roll and explained the benefit factor used to determine the amount to assess each parcel. He provided a current fund balance of \$21,723.24 and advised that it is about 3 years' worth of funds and suggested a maximum of assessment of \$7,835.00 for the 5-year cycle, but only assess out \$5,000.00 for the 2024 season.

A motion was made Todd and seconded by Mary Anne that the 2024 assessment should be set at \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Chairman Rusieki opened the hearing up for questions and comments from the public.

No public comments regarding the Special Assessment Roll.

There being no further questions or comments from the public on the Review of Apportionments, the hearing was closed by the chairperson.

The Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Roll was offered for approval by the Lake Board.

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LITTLE BASS LAKE**

At a special meeting of the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board held in the Belvidere Township Hall, 107 Vesta St, Six Lakes, Michigan on the 11th day of July, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by member Todd S. and seconded by member Margaret W.

WHEREAS, the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board, after due and legal notice, has reviewed the Special Assessment Roll prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of certain lake improvements to Little Bass Lake against benefitting properties; and

WHEREAS, the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board deems said Special Assessment Roll to be fair and equitable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Said Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$39,175.00 is hereby confirmed.
2. The assessments in said Special Assessment Roll shall be payable in 5 equal annual installments of \$7,835.00 with the first installment to be due on December 1, 2023, and payable without penalty through February 14, 2024. Subsequent installments shall be due on or before the 1st day of the same month of each year thereafter and are payable without penalty through the 14th day of the same month of each year thereafter.
3. The assessments made in said Special Assessment Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Clerk of Belvidere Township shall deliver said Special Assessment Roll to the Township Treasurer, with his/her warrant attached, commanding the treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the directions of the Lake Board, and the treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due.

ADOPTED: AYES: 4
NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I, Todd R Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer of said Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on the 11th day of July 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 11th day of July 2023.


Todd R Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION
OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LITTLE BASS LAKE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board has confirmed the Special Assessment Roll for improvements to Little Bass Lake. The Special Assessment Roll in the amount of \$39,175.00 has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of a lake improvement program consisting of herbicide treatments and mechanical harvesting for aquatic plant control and fish stocking over a 5-year period (2023 through 2027). Said Special Assessment Roll and all assessments thereon are final and conclusive unless attacked in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of this notice.

Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board
Montcalm County, Michigan

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Margaret and seconded by Mary Anne to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Todd Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer
Little Bass Lake, Lake Improvement Board

Dated: July 11, 2023

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 July 11, 2023, and that said minutes are on file in the office on the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner 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 and on the county website at [mi-montcalmcounty.civicplus.com](http://montcalmcounty.civicplus.com).



Todd Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

LITTLE BASS LAKE

PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

- Chairman calls meeting to order
- Approval of June 5, 2023, minutes
- Chairman introduces the Lake Board Members
- Todd explains the procedures of the Lake Board

PUBLIC HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY

- Presentation of Proposed Program 2024 thru 2028
- Chairman opens the hearing up for questions and comments
- Hearing of Practicability closed
- Resolution to Proceed with Improvements

REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS HEARING

- Presentation of Special Assessment Roll
- Chairman opens the hearing up for questions and comments
- Corrections to Special Assessment Roll
- Review of Apportionments Hearing closed
- Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll
- Adjourn meeting

Little Bass Lake Finance Sheet 2019 - 2023 (84009)

Monday, July 10, 2023

Little Bass Lake Finance Sheet 2019 - 2023 (84009)						
Monday, July 10, 2023						
Date	Vendor	Description	Check Number	Expenses	Revenue	Balance
		Beginning Balance				\$ 1,259.30
02/21/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	2019 DEQ Permit Fee	151767	\$ 400.00		\$ 859.30
5/31/19	Montcalm County	2018 Tax Settlement			\$ 7,835.00	\$ 8,694.30
5/31/19	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 8,194.30
6/20/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	146435	\$ 2,475.00		\$ 5,719.30
7/3/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	146794	\$ 400.00		\$ 5,319.30
7/11/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Water Testing	146836	\$ 400.00		\$ 4,919.30
7/25/19	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Weed Treatment	147193	\$ 480.00		\$ 4,439.30
2/21/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	EGLE Permit Fee	151767	\$ 400.00		\$ 4,039.30
6/28/2020	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
5/31/2020	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 9,824.30
7/30/2020	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	Algae Treatment	154339	\$ 400.00		\$ 9,424.30
9/11/2020	Spicer Group	Accounts Support	156014	\$ 50.00		\$ 9,374.30
9/30/2020	Montcalm County	Allocations		\$ 348.36		\$ 9,025.94
3/31/2021	Little Bass Lake	Interest			\$ 16.94	\$ 9,042.88
4/8/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	2021 EGLE Permit Fee	158601	\$ 400.00		\$ 8,642.88
4/30/2021	Montcalm County	2020 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 840.93	\$ 9,483.81
5/1/2021	Montcalm County	2020 Collected Settlement			\$ 6,994.07	\$ 16,477.88
5/1/2021	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 15,977.88
7/15/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	6/30/2021 Weed Treatment	160538	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 14,777.88
8/12/2021	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	06/15/2021 Weed Treatment	161046	\$ 1,482.50		\$ 13,315.38
9/23/2021	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
5/23/2022	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 20,501.99
6/23/2022	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
7/5/2022	Spicer Group	Accounts Support	164708	\$ 41.75		\$ 20,027.43
7/21/2022	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	06/16/2022 Weed & Algae Treatment	167625	\$ 3,077.50		\$ 16,949.93
10/6/2022	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	09/23/2022 Lily Pad Treatment	169192	\$ 600.00		\$ 16,349.93
1/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 39.15	\$ 16,389.08
2/28/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 62.14	\$ 16,451.22
3/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 57.76	\$ 16,508.98
3/28/2023	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	2023 Permit Fee	172819	\$ 400.00		\$ 16,108.98
5/2/2023	Montcalm County	2022 Delinquent Settlement			\$ 913.11	\$ 17,022.09
5/2/2023	Fish Stocking	Fish Stocking Ledger		\$ 500.00		\$ 16,522.09
5/8/2023	Montcalm County	2022 Collected Settlement			\$ 6,921.89	\$ 23,443.98
5/31/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 76.14	\$ 23,520.12
6/13/2023	Michigan Lakefront Solutions LLC	06/07/2023 Weed & Algae Treatment	174598	\$ 1,805.20		\$ 21,714.92
6/13/2023	Belvidere Township	Hall Rental & Deposit	174580	\$ 70.00		\$ 21,644.92
6/30/2023	Huntington Bank	Interest Income			\$ 78.32	\$ 21,723.24
		Remaining Balance				\$ 21,723.24

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

Monday, July 10, 2023

Date	Vendor	Description	Check Number	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
5/2/2023	Montcalm County	2022 Collected Settlement			\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Remaining Balance						\$ 2,500.00

LITTLE BASS LAKE

HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY & REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

July 11, 2023

Belvidere Township Hall
107 Vesta Street
Six Lakes, Michigan

ATTENDANCE RECORD

1. Todd Sattler
2. Jean Rusiecki
3. Margaret Weaver
4. Kris & Carl Haywood
5. John & Debbie Bowe
6. Mary Ann Zimmerman
7. Bruce Zimmerman
8. Janice Jones
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