

**BALDWIN LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING**

September 19, 2022

A meeting of the Baldwin Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Eureka Township Hall, 9322 SW Greenville Rd, Greenville, Michigan on the 19th day of September 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Don Gibbs at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Don Gibbs, Chairman
 Don Burns, Abutting Property Owner's Representative
 Linda Weger, Eureka Township Representative
 Todd Sattler, Secretary/Treasurer, Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Scott Painter, Board of Commissioner's Representative

ALSO

PRESENT: Jaimee DesJardines, PLM

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

A motion was made by Don Burns and seconded by Linda to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Treatment Update

Jaimee provided a treatment update to the board and advised that Sonar was completed in May to attack the Milfoil and the Curly Leaf Pond Weed. The Sonar Bump up was completed in July. She advised that the Sonar held well and didn't need a large bump up in July. Starry Stonewort had been located previously but is no longer in the lake. Jaimee provided the results for the water quality testing and advised that the phosphorus level and nitrates were higher than normal. All reasoning for high levels is external. Linda wondered if Frog bit was being introduced into the lake. Jaimee said it is unlikely, but she will keep an eye out for it. Based on the description, Jaimee said it sounds like duck weed and that is a native plant. No exotic plants were found at the end of the 2022 season. Linda mentioned that lily pads are really bad. Don Gibbs mentioned that they could not treat lily pads this year because of the Sonar treatment. Jaimee discussed her treatment plan for the 2023 season.

A motion was made by Don Gibbs and seconded by Linda for a budget of \$13,860.00 for the next year. Motion carried.

Financial Update

Don Gibbs provided a financial update to the board, including the current balance of \$25,254.13 and the expenditures of \$18,315.26.

Other Business

Manoka Lake Dam – Does not fall under the purview of the LIB but does affect the lake level. There currently is not a legal lake level set. Todd stated that he will not move forward on the legal lake level on his own as that would not really get anywhere with the board. He believes that residents need to speak up and send letters to the Drain Office, highlighting the problem in order to move the process forward. Linda asked who would pay for all of this if it were to move forward. Todd advised that the residents of the lake, who received the benefit, would be taxed to pay for the work and expenses. Todd advised that since the dam is on private property, it currently falls to the homeowner to pay for improvements. Todd advised that there will be upfront costs to establish a legal lake level. It will take longer to complete if the residents are waiting on the city to move forward with the process.

Special Assessment – Don Gibbs mentioned two changes that were needing to be changed based on some changes to the property usage. Todd advised that changes cannot be made to a tax roll during the 5-year cycle. He advised that he does not like the benefit factors as they currently are and he would like to revisit and change them before the next public hearing. Don Gibbs believes that the benefit factors are fair and should not be adjusted.

There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Don Burns and seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

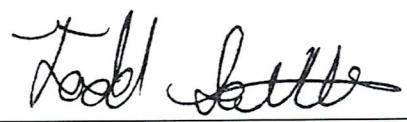


Todd Sattler, Secretary
Baldwin Lake, Lake Board

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Baldwin 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 Baldwin Lake, Lake Improvement Board.



Todd Sattler
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner

Baldwin Lake Finance Sheet 2021 - 2025 (84001)

Monday, October 17, 2022