

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Duck Lake Improvement Board was held at the Crystal Community Center 217 W. Park St, Crystal, Michigan 48818 on January 13th, 2025 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Chris Johnston, Shirley Pyle, Anna O'Rourke

ABSENT: Todd Sattler, Phil Foster

Meeting called to order by Shirley Pyle at 7:00pm.

Anna agreed to take the minutes as the Secretary was not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by: Chris Johnston Seconded by: Anna O'Rourke

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shirley noted that the minutes from October require amendment to reflect the PLM budget increase of \$5,000 for additional starry stone-wart application and harvesting that was discussed and approved by the Board at that time.

Motion by : Chris Johnston Seconded by: Shirley Pyle

Motion carried

TREASURERS REPORT:

Anna noted that the balance of the account is \$41,592.90. Anna noted that PLM did send the permit invoice and that the Township has it scheduled to pay next week. Anna noted that the PLM budget is established at \$55,000 for the 2025 season. Anna confirmed the Special Assessment was taxed appropriately by the Township treasurer and the first payment should be entered in the General Ledger this week.

CORRESPONDANCE: The MLSA sent a Save-the-date invite for the annual conference.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion was brought by Chris to retain the same officers for the next year.

Moved by: Chris Johnston Seconded by: Anna O'Rourke

Motion carried

SET MEETING SCHEDULE: Motion was brought by Chris to retain the same schedule of meetings for the next year which will be the 2nd Monday of April, July, October 2025 and January 2026 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

Moved by: Chris Johnston Seconded by: Anna O'Rourke

Motion carried

BUSINESS:

Shirley presented the results of the water quality samples analyzed by PLM in 2024. The April samples were taken from the inlet and the deep hole and proved to be slightly phosphorous enriched and moderately nitrogen enriched with nutrient abatement suggested. The August samples were taken at the deep hole only and proved to be moderately phosphorous enriched but not nitrogen enriched. PLM suggest natural buffers be promoted along the shoreline to avoid run-off of organics and fertilizers.

The Board agreed to request PLM test the Manzer drain before the Miner Road bridge in addition to the inlet to determine if high levels of nitrogen are coming from the cow pasture.

Anna provided an update on the pilon removal by the EGLE Orphan Well Grant. The Grant funding was cut for the 2025 season and the pilon removal project was pushed to 2026 due to lack of funding. Anna will continue to communicate with the EGLE rep to see if funding changes could allow this project to remain in 2025 and will keep the Board updated.

Anna informed the Board that the DNR Fisheries and Wildlife rep for the Duck Lake area will be invited to attend the meeting in April to provide short presentation on the status of the lake and actions that could be taken to maintain and improvement the biodiversity of the lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public requested that the harvesting around the outlet be considered for next season due to the growth accumulating in that area. It was agreed to include that area for consideration on the PLM harvesting map. The issue of mud and sediment accumulation was brought to the Boards attention by another member of the public and it was agreed that Shirley would request PLM to provide an estimate for dredging the inlet, the outlet and the boat launch area.

Motion to adjourn by Shirley Pyle, seconded by Anna O'Rourke. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.