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## **Houghton Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:01 pm. Chairman Deamud led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call. Members present, Keith Stiles, David Russo, James Deamud, Brett Yardley, Jack McCauley, Norm Fullmer and Sheridan Cole. Alternates present, Norm Goddard, Gary Stefanko, Dick Pastula, Howard Hatherley, and Robin Daniels. Alternates absent, Chip McCullough.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting. There being no additions or corrections all members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. McCauley and supported by Mr. Stiles to approve the agenda as presented. With no additions all members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Public Comment**-Petitions containing 120 signatures were presented to the Board requesting Houghton Lake not be treated for milfoil this season. The plant issue in East Bay this spring was discussed at length. Several lake front owners were seeking reimbursement for the cost of plant removal. Open water areas along East Bay and Long Point this past winter was also a topic of concern. A one page document was presented with reasons not to treat the lake in 2015. The need for a permanent boat wash facility on Houghton Lake was also discussed.

**Correspondence**-Two letters received since the March meeting. One from Denton Township regarding weed accumulation in East Bay. Several letters were attached from township residence. The second from the Roscommon County Road Commission announcing a meeting scheduled for June 25, 2015 at 5pm to discuss possible weed pick up at the public road ends.

**Chairman's Report**-Chairman Deamud acknowledged the weed issue in Denton Township and encouraged attendance at the meeting scheduled June 25, at the Roscommon County Road Commission.

**Treasurers Report**-Treasurer Fullmer reported that the HLIB had received a rebate check in the amount of \$24.28 from the insurance carrier Michigan Underwriters. A question had been raised at the March meeting regarding an invoice from GVSU. A follow up call to GVSU clarified the issue and the amount paid was correct. Current account balances as of June 16, 2015 show \$8,391.62 in the checking account and \$876,510.10 in the Business Money Fund. Checks written year to date total \$27,288.85.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported Mr. McCauley to accept the Treasure's report as presented. All present voting in the affirmative yea the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Cole to remove property 008-022-009-0140 in Markey Township from the assessment roles and issue a refund for years 2012, 2013, 2014 in the amount of \$1152.00. Remove properties 011-531-021-0000 and 011-386-008-5000 in Roscommon Township with no refund due. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Logan Nevins gave a short presentation of the 2015 "Boat Wash" project for Houghton Lake and the AIS-MSU Boat wash event scheduled for July 4 & 5. Logan requested funding assistance for banners supporting boat washing efforts at local car washes.

**Motion** by Mr. Fullmer and supported by Mr. Stiles to assist with funding of banners not to exceed \$125. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Cole to pay invoice from Roscommon Township in the amount of \$500 for office rented by the HLIB in the Roscommon Township Hall. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Mr. Fullmer reported the mapping project approved at the March meeting had been completed and that each Township had received their map denoting properties in the assessment district. A special thank you to the Roscommon County Mapping department as the maps were provided at no charge.

Howard Hatherly gave a report on the Michigan Lakes and Streams conference held in Boyne Falls on May 1& 2, 2015. He encouraged all board members and alternates to addend next year if possible.

**Progressive|ae Report-**Tony Groves presented the 2015 lake survey. Canals had been treated earlier in June with a recommended second treatment later in the summer. He recommended that a total of 1032 acres be treated with 279 acres treated with 200# per acre and 753 acres treated at 240# per acre with Sculpin. When asked why an increase per acre as much as 50% he indicated that PLM would guarantee the die back of milfoil using the higher concentrations. The proposed increase in dosage is based on two studies by SePro.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo to treat Houghton Lake at the recommended levels did not receive a second and died for lack of support.

**Motion** by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Fullmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. All present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next regular meeting of the Houghton Lake Improvement Board will be August 25, 2015 at the Roscommon Township Hall at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary/Treasurer