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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Minutes

June 17, 2014

All present joined in a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Gandolfi who passed away unexpectedly.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Deamud at 7:02 pm. Chairman Deamud led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call. Members present, Jim Deamud, Brett Yardley, Tom Rose, Dave Russo, and Norm Fullmer. Absent, Sheridan Cole. Alternates present, Dick Pastula, Norm Goddard, Howard Hatherly, Keith Stiles, and Lowell Souder. Absent, Chip McCullough. Vacant, Riparian Member.

Chairman Deamud presented the agenda with a request for additions to the agenda. Mr. Fullmer requested the portable boat wash assistant and informational signing be added to the agenda. Chairman Deamud added these two items. Motion to approve amended agenda made by Mr. Fullmer supported by Mr. Rose. All voting yea. Motion carries.

Due to the untimely passing of Mr. Gandolfi, minutes for the March 18, 2014 meeting were unavailable for approval. The same holds true for the Treasures report. An article published in the Houghton Lake Resorter on 3-20-14 is the best source of information regarding the March meeting. Chairman Deamud stated he has obtained the financial information from Mr. Gandolfi's Quick Book files and will prepare a financial report for the next meeting.

Reorganization of Board: Since Mr. Gandolfi served as the Riparian member and as Secretary/Treasurer there are now three vacancies on the board. Chairman Deamud outlined the qualifications required for the Riparian member. The Riparian member of the board serves a four year term. Two members of the audience, Jack McCauley and Craig Cotterman expressed their interest in filling the Riparian seat on the board. Until such time that the board can appoint a new secretary and treasurer Chairman Deamud will serve as treasurer and Mr. Fullmer will serve as secretary.

Progressive AE Report: Tony Groves reported that approximately 50 acres of canal area had been treated on June 12 and that the lake survey had been conducted on June 16 & 17. A map was provided to board members indicating areas where milfoil had been found in past years. Although the actual treatment map had not been completed Mr. Groves indicated that the presence of milfoil was significantly less than in previous years. He also stated that only areas of dense milfoil are treated while areas of only sparse growth are not treated. A hand out discussing Issues and Management of Hybrid milfoil was distributed to the board. Mr. Groves presented a proposal from Grand Valley State University to conduct genetic testing on milfoil samples to determine how prevalent hybrid milfoil is in Houghton Lake. The proposal requested \$20,000 from the HLIB to assist in the cost of implementation.

Mr. Groves stated that he would like to start treatment in the Middle Grounds the week of June 23 with the balance of treatment to begin on or about July 7, 2014. North Bay will not be treated again this year as the GVSU study would like it as a control area.

Motion by Mr. Russo supported by Mr. Rose to approve funding not to exceed \$20,000 for GVSU study of hybrid milfoil. All members voting yea. Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Rose supported by Mr. Yardley to approve milfoil treatment not to exceed 1500 acres contingent on treatment map to be provided by Progressive AE. Yeas: Mr. Deamud, Mr. Russo, Mr. Rose, Mr. Yardley and Mr. Pastula. Nays: Mr. Fullmer. Motion carries.

Discussion to continue to retain Diane Gandolfi as assessor for the HLIB.

Mr. Fullmer distributed to board members photos of signage taken at Lake Charlevoix showing information about the watershed and invasive species. Mr. Deamud stated that similar signage had been produced at one time but the location of such is unknown. Mr. Pastula thought there may be one at Brian's Small Engines.

Mr. Fullmer presented proposal from Muskegon River Watershed Assembly requesting \$4048.00 to fund AIS Coordinator Assistant to help with portable boat wash to be used at various launch sites around the lake. Logan Nevins from MRWA outline the scope of work and proposed schedule.

Motion made by Mr. Fullmer supported by Mr. Pastula to provide an amount not to exceed \$4048.00 to the MRWA to assist with boat wash operations. All present voting yea. Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Russo supported by Mr. Yardley to pay Progressive AE current installment for services rendered. All present voting yea. Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Rose supported by Mr. Fullmer to pay Diane Gandolfi for assessing services at a rate of \$20 per hour for 30 hours for a total of \$600.00. All present voting yea. Motion carries.

Motion made by Mr. Rose supported by Mr. Russo to make a contribution of \$500 to the Rotary Foundation-Polio Plus in memory of Bob Gandolfi. All present voting yes. Motion carries.

Public comment consisted of a question and answer session of approximately fifteen minutes.

There being no further business, moved by Mr. Russo, supported by Mr. Fullmer to adjourn at 8:17 pm. All present voting yea, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Norm Fullmer