

**BEAR LAKE LAKE BOARD**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday June 14, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Kim Arter at 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Kim Arter, John Snider, Darrell VanFossan and Steve Johnson

**Absent:** Brenda Moore

**Also:** Representative of RLS Mike Solomon, Recording Secretary Veronica West and one (1) area citizen

**MINUTES:** John Snider moved to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2018 regular meeting. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The minutes will be placed on file.

**REPORTS:**

- **Restorative Lake Sciences:** Mike Solomon reported on the treatment that took place on June 7, 2018 and presented maps of the treatment area for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) (about 3.7 acres) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)(about 20.5 acres). He added that algae treatment was added to the Fenner's Ditch area as well as the 2 small canals in the North Muskegon portion of the lake. He also noted that there was a small area of curly leaf pondweed on the creek that was not treated as it is outside the permitted area/outside of the special assessment district. He did report that private citizens on that portion of the water could always hire and pay an applicator to treat that area.  
There was discussion of the budget, with Mr. Solomon noting there is still money left and it is possible they could get back out later in the year for shoreline treatments, including algae, but he did caution that algae can only be treated with copper products and they like to minimize this treatment as copper stays in the lake forever. There was also discussion of lakefront properties still possibly using fertilizers with phosphorus. Kim Arter spoke about receiving calls from residents with concerns about weeds around docks and explaining the plan is for treating only invasive aquatic plants. Mr. Solomon noted there aren't many native plants in the lake and the ones that are there need to be protected. Darrell VanFossan commented on the native coontail plants and noted it has become a nuisance native in some areas in prior years and asked Mr. Solomon to watch for this.  
Mr. Solomon further commented on the testing; noting the first water quality samples have been taken, core samples will be taken in July, a second set of water quality samples will be taken in August. Discussion took place about the core samples with Mr. Solomon estimating there would be about 30 core samples taken this year & costing approximately \$20,000 in lab fees for testing.  
There was additional discussion about phragmites, concerns about some areas of it, the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commissions grant project for phragmites a couple of years ago and there being some property owners that did not want treatment for them on their properties. Mr. Solomon noted it is important for RLS to know if there are homeowners that do not want treatment for phragmites on their property – also noted phragmites are a fall treatment species. He went on to note that cutting phragmites makes it spread and it is illegal to treat it without a permit. He added that if the budget allows they are willing to treat it at the Board's direction. There was also discussion of watching for grant funds for phragmites treatment.

Other discussion briefly covered the following topics:

- the treatment areas and the biggest concentration of EWM being in the eastern most navigable portion of the lake
- new products that may be coming available on the market soon that could be used in future treatments
- the notification process when treatment takes place with Mr. Solomon noting that there was some confusion on the part of PLM (the applicator) about posting on metal posts instead of trees this year and Mr. Solomon expressing concern about using metal stakes as the notices tend to get blown off these stakes and concerns about posting too far in advance were also noted. Kim Arter noted the Township and the City posted signs at the public parks regarding the 24 hour no contact so that non-lakefront property owners would be aware. Also discussed the mailed notices; noting that every parcel on the special assessment list got a mailing – the Interlaken Association got one mailing – but if the association or the city can provide the names of all owners in the association – they can each be put on the mailing list.
- Concerns of the safety of using the lakewater after treatment for watering lawns and gardens with Mr. Solomon commenting that only about 2% of the lake was treated and the general rule is to wait about a week before using on lawns/gardens but that some plants such as tomatoes and squash are very sensitive to the products used in the treatment areas and it makes a big difference on how close or far from the treatment area where one is drawing out the water to use for gardens/lawns
- Providing the treatment area maps to the public by posting online was discussed and directed to take place. Mr. Solomon also noted maps could potentially also be posted by PLM at the boat launch sites after future treatments.

**COMMUNICATION:**

- **DEQ-Fenner’s Ditch Oil Seep Project:** Information flyer on the project distributed, the project is projected to start in mid June and take a few weeks to complete.
- **Treasurer’s Report/Check Register:** Chairperson Kim Arter distributed the report/register of expenses through May 2018 and noted it would be updated monthly and copies of all the bills/checks/receipts are on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (On an Agenda Item):     NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Dan Zuidema, commented he lives on the channel and is trying to catch up as he left in November for Florida and was surprised to get a bill in the mail in December and already be late. (note: bills were mailed the first week of November and could be paid by the end of the month with no interest – all payment after that were subject to interest/penalty as required by statute). He asked why all property owners are paying the same amount and commented that he doesn’t know the answers to many other questions he has. Chairperson Kim Arter offered to sit down with him and explain the history of this project and this board and how everything has taken place up to now.

**ADJOURN:** John Snider moved to adjourn the meeting. Darrell VanFossan supported the motion. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by the Bear Lake Lake Board on \_\_\_\_\_

Veronica West, Recording Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_.