

LONG LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
Minutes May 13, 2024

Call to Order by Representative Paul Knoerl 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Present: Scott Wirtz, Michael Keast, Paul Knoerl, Michelle DeBrabander

Absent: Robert Rose (Excused)

Others: Rick Buteyn, Hailee Lamorandier, Jacob DeBoer – Progressive Companies

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support by Scott Wirtz to approve the amended agenda adding Roll Call and Election of Officers.

Motion Carried

Introduction of Lake Board

Robert Rose – Ionia County Drain Commissioner

Scott Wirtz – Ionia County Commissioner

Michael Keast – Orleans Township Representative

Michelle DeBrabander – Orleans Township Representative

Paul Knoerl – Riparian Representative

Approval Minutes from Meeting – November 27, 2024

Motion by Scott Wirtz, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the November 27, 2023 minutes.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance January 1, 2023	\$52,792
2023 Receipts	\$87,583
2023 Expenses	<u>\$75,398</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 2023	<u>\$64,977</u>

Motion by Scott Wirtz, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the Treasurer's Report noting May 13, 2024 cash balance of \$140,923.

Motion Carried

Election of Officers

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to elect Robert Rose, Chairman; Michael Keast, Secretary.

Motion Carried

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Discuss Lake Management Treatment Plan

Rick Buteyn, Progressive Companies reported the results of the May 13th weed survey noting less Eurasian Milfoil and more Curly-leaf Pondweed and native weeds than last year's initial survey. The mild winter and lack of ice have not resulted in early or increased growth of the non-native plants. The effectiveness of the systemic herbicide used last year to treat Eurasian Milfoil will allow the treatment of smaller areas with smaller amounts of herbicides in 2024. The first treatment for milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed is scheduled for the week of May 20th with an additional application in August.

Treatment using Flumioxazin (Clipper) for Starry Stonewort close to the shore and docks is scheduled for mid to late June.

Mechanical harvesting of starry stonewort and nuisance native plants is scheduled for mid-July. With the anticipated savings for the decrease in herbicide treatments, additional areas may be included in the harvest.

Public Comment

Gary Knoerl questioned what could be done to control the seagulls gathering on the lake in August, noting his concern about the amount of E. Coli.

Adjourn

Motion by Michael Keast, second by Michelle DeBrabander to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Michael Keat, Secretary