

MINUTES

Long Lake Improvement Board Meeting

October 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Orleans Township Hall, 3077 Palmer Rd, Orleans, Michigan

Call to Order by Chairman Robert Rose 7:02 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Others: Rick Buteyn– Progressive Companies

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve Minutes from Meeting – May 13, 2024

Motion by Paul Knoerl, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance January 1, 2024:	\$64,977
2024 Receipts	Jan. 1 – Oct. 21, 2024
2024 Expenses	Jan. 1 – Oct. 21, 2024
Cash Balance October 21, 2024	<u>\$76,702</u> <u>\$72,590</u>

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

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Review of 2024 herbicide treatments and weed harvesting, expectations and results.

Rick Buteyn, Progressive Companies reviewed the companies “Work Journal” noting “this year has been a little rough.” The May survey showed lots of Curly-leaf pondweed and milfoil. On June 25 the lake was treated for Starry Stonewort with Flumioxazin, (the use of Copper Sulfate products is not used due to the “presence” of the Pug Nose Shinner) with the results not meeting expectations.

The plant growth in Long Lake was amazing this year with a mild winter and a hot and sunny summer limiting the effects of the mechanical harvesting. PLM, the harvesting company, sent Progressive pictures showing more plant growth was taken out of the lake than previous years with limited results.

Discuss 2025 Lake Management Treatment Plan

The 2025 Lake Management plan will continue with chemical applications and weed harvesting. An extra herbicide treatment in late July may be added for an additional cost of \$6,000. Harvesting in 2025 needs to be done completely according to the harvesting map with special attention given to the west end of the lake.

Long Lake Outlet

Michelle DeBrabander and Michael Keast met with Mrs. Conklin about her concerns about the dam on her property which controls the depth of Long Lake passing them on to Drain Commissioner Robert Rose.

Indicators of Long Lake Depth

The indicators of the depth of Long Lake used for setting the lake level and for construction of the dam are no longer visible.

Area of responsibility for Long Lake Improvement Board

The responsibility of the Long Lake Improvement Board ends at the west outlet next to the Droste property as per Ionia County Drain Commissioner’s attorney.

Public Comments

Bob Terrill said the weed harvesting pushed the Stoney Stonewort up to his dock, the operator said he would back to remove but never came. The harvesting created additional problems for residents on the west end getting their pontoons in and out of their docks.

It was asked if the DRN would accept an outside survey checking if the Pug Nose Shinner is actually in Long Lake, Rick Buteyn will check.

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Set Spring Meeting

Motion by Paul Knoerl, Support by Scott Wirtz to set the Spring Meeting on May 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle Debrabander to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Michael Keast, Secretary