

Minutes
Hess Lake Improvement Board
July 16, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Rosen, Twing, Lipner, Bosowski

Board Members Absent: Willet

Also Present: Matt Novotny- Savin Lake Services, Tony Grove-Progressive AE,
Dan Nowak, Blake Pierce, John Van Dam, Elizabeth Sochacki,
Jerry Swendrowski, Jamie Deward, Del Hirdes, John Ripstra, Kevin Houle,
David Huistra, Nancy Calvi, Bart Calvi, Betty Pennington

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rosen

2. Agenda:

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Bosowski to approve the agenda. All ayes.
Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of 5/14/2018 Meeting

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Bosowski to approve the minutes of the
5/14/2018 meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment: (2 minutes)

A major discussion happened during public comment revolving around diverting
Wheeler Drain, dredging the lake, limiting the size of boats, Brooks Township
helping with cost of dredging or some other project, the carp issue, sewers and
septic systems, seawalls, and all the other issues that contribute to the health of
the lake.

The board was thanked for having a night meeting so that people could attend.

There were also comments about wasting money on more studies. All of these
issues were addressed in a give and take of information and opinion as has
happened in the past with differing of opinions and no clear resolution.

The aerators were talked about also with differing opinions on whether they are
good or bad or of any use at all.

5. Financial Report:

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Bosowski to accept the Treasurers Report as
submitted. All ayes. Motion carried. Twing also stated he was going to check on
the electric bills to make sure they are paid in full and correctly.

6. Old Business:

Matt Novotny of Savin lake Services explained their treatment and what was allowed by the DEQ. He stated they can only treat for evasive plants and that was Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Pond Weed. He also explained why we don't treat for algae. Because of the high amount of algae in the water at Wheeler the treatment was fairly ineffective so it was discontinued.

Tony Groves discussed what he was doing to help us with developing a good overall lake management plan. He answered some questions and stated that he was using past information and new information to determine the most cost effective ways to improve the lake. Information will be shared as he proceeds with the development of the plan, however most recommendations will come after a thorough accumulation of data is in hand. He supplied the board with handouts that are included in the minutes.

7. New Business

The board discussed the finding of Zebra Mussels by Del Hirdes. It was explained that Brooks Lake has had them for at least 4 years and that the local seawall contractor says they have been in Hess for at least 3 years. Currently not much is done about them in other lakes and the conditions don't appear to be such that they would be a big problem in Hess Lake.

A letter was sent from Brooks Township Supervisor Cory Nelson from their attorney, Cliff Bloom on the ability of the township helping with a lake improvement specifically dredging. His opinion basically state they probably could. A discussion ensued about the costs and the ability to get approval from the DEQ. The board has always been open to this and will continue to keep it in mind to do as soon as we can get a proposal that can be approved and we can afford.

8. Correspondence/Bills

Motion by Twing, seconded by Lipner to approve payment of electric bill for aeration of \$215.53 and the Savin Bill of \$11,595.70 All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Twing, seconded by Lipner to accept the treatment notice and liability coverage statement from Savin. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Public Comment (2 minutes)

The general lake issues and study process were again discussed at length. Everyone wants to improve the lake, and the board welcomes any and all contributions of thought, and wishes to find as many ways to help the lake that the property owners can afford and that the DEQ will allow.

10. Miscellaneous

Next meeting is October 1st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Bosowski to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dale E. Twing, Secretary