

Minutes
Hess Lake Improvement Board
September 20th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Rosen, Twing, Willett, Lipner

Board Members Absent: NONE

Also Present: Julia Chamberlain-Muskegon River Watershed, Jeff Fischer-DEQ,
Angela Brennan-USGS, Tony Groves-Progressive

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

2. Agenda:

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

3. Public Comment:

Due to all the new faces at the meeting everyone took a minute to introduce themselves.

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

Motion by Twing, Seconded by Lipner to accept Renee Finkbiner's resignation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Twing, Seconded by Willet to elect Richard Bosowski to the Hess Lake Improvement Board as recommended by Hess Lake Improvement Association. All ayes. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers:

a. Julia Chamber- Muskegon River Water Shed Assembly

Gave a brief discussion of some of the needs for protecting our waters and how Hess and Brooks were part of the Muskegon River Water Shed. She state that she was anxious to look for ways in the future that we could partner and collaborate on things that would improve the water quality.

b. Jeff Fischer- DEQ

Discussed lake issues and fielded questions about his and the departments views on what might or might not be good for the lakes and acceptable to the DEQ. He also emphasized that any final decisions would be based on specific request and conditions.

c. Angela Brennan- USGS

Gave a presentation and a discussion on what they did on Silver Lake and what they could possibly do on Hess Lake. The cost was extremely high and there was a probably match of approximately 25%. She discussed all the different things that they study of what impacts the lakes and some of the things that might be solutions. She also state that they did not and would not make recommendations and that they strictly accumulated the data and did the studies.

d. Tony Groves- Progressive

Spoke on lake issues and the need to figure out what the lake wanted and proceed to make a plan to cost effectively accumulate the data and come up with a plan that could be implemented cost effectively.

6. Financial Report

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Willet to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lipner, seconded by Twin to keep assessments at \$45,000 as it was last year. Ayes- Rosen, Twing, Lipner. Nay- Willet. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment:

A general discussion was has regarding what has went on in lake historically and what we might do in the future to improve the lake.

8. Miscellaneous

The meeting date of the 10/9/2017 meeting has changed to 10/03/2017 at 11:00 a.m. because of the office being closed on 10/9/2017 due to the holiday.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Willett, seconded by Kate to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10a.m.