

Minutes July 11, 2015 Annual Meeting

Maple Lake Improvement District

Present were board members D. Beauchamp, D. Blackmun, B. Floan, M. Moore, G. Radke, B. Wavra, and sec/treasure D. Rosenberg. Absent was board member M. Schulz. Vice President Wavra called the meeting to order at 9 AM on July 11, 2015. Wavra thanked all in attendance for coming. Rob Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda with Barbara Doster seconding. The motion carried. Bob Sorenson made a motion to approve the July 2014 minutes and the treasurer's report. Kent Gunderson seconded the motion and it carried. Loren Abel and Brian Wavra were running for the 2 open board seats. They will both serve for the next 4 years. Wavra welcomed the guests in attendance and thanked them for coming. Sheriff Erdmann encouraged lake residents to register all structures in the water with the Sheriff's department. The paper work for doing this can be obtained at the sheriff's office. This helps greatly in locating your property in an emergency. They are trying to have boats on the water more often and at different times. Complaints on golf carts and 4 wheelers seem to be down. She did remind everyone that they need a permit to operate these on a public road. Permits are available in the townships you will be using them. She was not sure if Grove Park-Tilden had an ordinance in place addressing this, but Godfrey and Woodside do. Someone asked if boating regulations were posted at the public beaches. They are not, but the MLID board will work with the DNR and the Sheriff to see if this can be done. Rob Wagner Polk County Assessor stated that lake property sales seem to have slowed down some, but the market remains steady. If there are any questions about your evaluations please contact his office. Polk County Commissioner Craig Bunes thanked the MLID board for their cooperation and being easy to work with. He stated there is a huge concern regarding mil-foil and invasive species getting into Maple Lake. The county has completed road work around the lake. If there are roads in need of repair contact your township. The county is working on improving the picnic shelters in the public parks. Tom Hutchins with the DNR passed out pamphlets with the boating rules and regulations. Anyone seeing someone breaking these rules are encouraged to call. He was asked about the bears being seen in back yards. Hutchins said the bear population is up, but they do not shoot them just for going through your yard. He encouraged people to remove temptation like garbage cans, bird feeders and dog food for a period of time. Jonah Olson with East Polk County Soil and water remind everyone if they are planning on doing work on their shorelines a permit is needed. Contact his office before starting work on shorelines and they will help you. He was asked about water quality. But stated they have no control over that. The MLID board tests the water regularly and the results can be found on the MLID website. Click on the link to RMB labs. Steve Tishman with Grove Park-Tilden Township said that he will check with the clerk to make sure they have adopted the ordinance that Woodside has. He will also make sure a copy is sent to the Sheriff's department. Anyone with problems in Grove Park-Tilden Township is encouraged to contact him or another township board member.

Wavra gave a brief recap of what has been done in 2014-2015. He stated the new aerators are working great and are very efficient. New directories have been published and delivered to residents on or before Memorial Day weekend. Anyone who did not get one should contact a board member. A few new LED street lights have been added. Fireworks is once again planned for Labor Day weekend.

Donations are being accepted for this. Cost of the fireworks, dance and anything else does not cost the board anything. It is all paid for with donations.

In new business Marilyn Arness asked to address the board and those attending. She expressed her disappointment with the results of her property being surveyed and that she will be losing property containing several large trees that have been in her family for over 100 years. Linda Donnelly also expressed the same concern about her property. They made a motion for the board to ban all new surveying by the use of GID and GPS. The board addressed this issue stating MLID does not require any surveying and they are not in the position to stop surveying required around the lake. Commissioner Craig Bunes and Polk County Assessor Rob Wagner agreed with the board's decision and they also stated that the County does not require surveying of private property. Commissioner Bunes and Assessor Wagner stated that the individuals involved in the dispute should attempt to work the issue out themselves privately and if needed seek legal assistance. Barbara Doster addressed those attending regarding her grandmother (Evelyn Levins) having saved the lake. There is a copy of this history on display at the Inn on Maple Crossing. Al Rebsch made a motion that the board includes this with the material at the next annual meeting. Arness seconded the motion and it carried. Cindy Hutchins said she would help put this together. Once all the information is put together the board will be happy to include it with the material for the next annual meeting and they will also put it on the website. The 2015-2016 budget was up for approval. After several questions had been asked and answered Greg Thrall made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget with Loren Abel seconding. The motion carried. Lorie Betting thanked the board and Rosenberg for all their hard work and great job they were doing. Jonah Olson made a motion to adjourn with Loren Abel seconding. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Diane Rosenberg

Sec/treasure