

**Annual Meeting Minutes July 9, 2016
Maple Lake Improvement District**

President B. Wavra called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 9, 2016 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, G. Radke, D. Blackman, B. Floan, B. Wavra, M. Moore, M. Schulz

It was moved by Rob Wagner, 2nd by Robert Cameron to approve the July 2015 annual meeting minutes noting a change in the wording on page two from "will" to "may". Motion carried

It was moved by Robert Cameron, seconded by Darryl Beauchamp to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Wavra announced the election of 2 board members. Three nominees were running for 2 spots on the board. Those nominees are, Brian Floan - incumbent, Dennis Blackmun – incumbent and Roger Behm. The board members passed out ballots and the attendees were instructed to vote for two new board members.

President B. Wavra welcomed the invited guests and thanked them for coming.

Polk County Deputies, Jim Tadman and Heath Hanson reported on patrolling of Maple and area lakes. Deputy Tadman reported that there had been 75 tickets written on the lakes so far in 2016 on Maple, Union and Lake Sarah, 30 of them were written over the July 4th weekend, none of them being BWIs. He said that the campaign to distribute DQ coupons to kids that are seen wearing their life jackets has been going well. The Sheriff's Department knows that the "Sandbar" is a problem and they keep a close eye on it. They watch closely for those driving after drinking and underage drinking.

They reported that there have been very low complaints about ATVs and golf carts this year, because they feel that residents and parents are taking it upon themselves to take care of the problems. They also answered Marilyn Arness's question on whose responsibility is the security at the Pavilion during dances. The Deputies said that the Pavilion supplies security, but if there is not sufficient coverage, the Sheriff's Department supplies extra manpower.

Deputy Hanson reported that that he has been spending a lot of time on lake enforcement this summer and the July 4th weekend was extra busy this year. The jet skis seem to be behaving well this summer too.

County Assessor Rob Wagner reported that values are up slightly this year, and that is a healthy sign. There has been a lot of construction and appraisers have been busy around the lake.

Josh Holte from the Planning and Zoning and Environmental Services reported that building permits are up a bit this year. In 2015 they issued a total of 53 permits around the lake and this year, to date, they have issued 27. Building permits are needed for small to large building including storage sheds and decks and patios. An Invasive Species Task Force was started in 2015 which includes board members from area lake associations. The Task Force focuses on signage, advertising and education. They have put up billboards at Harlins and on Hwy 2 coming out of EGF. The Task Force has hired two interns to inspect boats on Maple Lake and area lakes. The interns have had training with the DNR and they track the data of how many boats they inspect and the results. Currently they have not found any issues. Josh said that they did 247 inspections on July 4th at the East Beach on Maple Lake.

County Commissioner Craig Bunes stressed that everyone needs to help keep Aquatic Invasive Species out of Maple Lake by being diligent and reporting if they see anything suspicious. He touched on the golf cart and ATV ordinance and feels that the County should have passed an ordinance instead of leaving it up to the townships to adopt separate policies. Not very many townships have adopted a policy.

Code Red is available on the County website and it is a good idea to sign up so that you can get alerts when bad weather is coming near the lake. Permits are required for rafts and slides – they are free of charge. Please secure personal property from theft, especially during the week when your property is vacant. Bunes reported that this would be his last meeting as he will be retiring from the Commission.

Tom Hutchins, DNR Conservation Officer reported that he patrols the lake a lot and reminded everyone to make sure they have all their safety equipment on board – life jackets, throw cushion and fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are required if you have an enclosed fuel tank. Kayaks and canoes that are 10 ft or less are not required to be registered, but life jackets are required when using them. Tom mentioned about all the weeds in the lake this year and said that if you are going to use a weed roller, please get a permit on the DNR website. When he is patrolling the roads around the lake, he will be checking for registration on ATVs and making sure that children under 18 are wearing helmets.

Again this year, there have been quite a few bear sightings. To keep them away from your cabin, don't leave bird feeders, grills and garbage out. If you encounter a bear, don't get too close, but get away slowly. Especially be wary of cubs, because the mother bear will be nearby and will protect her cub.

Steve Tischman from Grove Park-Tilden Township reported that they are working with the county on the golf cart issue.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township reported that there is parking for boats by the town hall in Maple Bay.

Old Business:

Wavra gave a recap of 2015-2016 reporting that the Board has been diligent with the mosquito spraying, and let everyone know that they could be on a no spray list if they desired. The Board received a grant from the DNR this year for 160 hours of AIS inspections at the boat landing at the East Beach with the DNR paying ½ and the Board paying ½. These inspections will happen in July and a calendar of the dates will be posted on the website. One aerator was installed this year and the oxygen levels remained good. Talked about the excessive weeds in the lake and the water quality testing that is ongoing.

Mike Schulz reported that on the Sunday of Labor Day, 9/4/16, there will be a car show, dance and fireworks at the Pavilion and they are looking for donations for this event. This event is put on only by donations and no money is used from the Association funds.

New Business:

The votes for the 2 Board positions were tallied.

It was moved by Mike Schulz, 2nd by Mike Moore to approve the new Board Members, Brian Floan and Roger Behm. Motion carried.

It was moved Dale Stinar, 2nd by Tony Gerardy to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Loren Abel reminded the attendees that if they have a street light out to contact a board member and the board member will report it to the utility company.

It was moved by Brian Floan, 2nd by Mike Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treasurer