

**Annual Meeting Minutes July 14, 2018**  
**Maple Lake Improvement District**

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 14, 2018 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, G. Radke, R. Behm, B. Floan, B. Wavra, M. Moore, D. Kouba

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Gwen Cwikla, 2nd by Cindy O'Keefe to approve the July 2017 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Rob Wagner, seconded by Wayne Gregoire to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Floan announced the election of 1 board member. One nominee, Jim Baune is running for 1 spot on the board. Jim Baune introduced himself and President B. Floan called for a motion.

It was moved by Al Rebish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Wagner to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Baune to be appointed to the Board. Motion carried

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

Polk County Deputies, Jim Tadman and Scott Bixby reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes.

Deputy Tadman announced that he was pleased with happenings on Maple Lake and reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was busy on the lake but received no complaints. The speed on some of the roads behind cabins is still a problem and also loud music from boats. They will bring over the speed limit trailer to try to slow down the vehicles on Maple Inn Rd and asked the group to please call about the loud music and they will take care of it.

Deputy Bixby, Boat/Water Coordinator, was happy to report that there had been zero watercraft crashes from 2014 to date on all waterways. He contributes that to education on the water. An attendee asked if there was a rule about boats and pontoons coming too close to rafts and docks and Deputy Bixby responded that the 150-foot rule only pertains only to jet skis, but to notify them about boats and pontoons that are very close and they will contact them about it.

There was a question about the sandbar and Bixby said that they watch the sandbar very closely.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported that property values are adjusted according to recent sales and that the state requires them to have the property valuation at 90 – 105% of the current sales values.

Gerald Jacobson, County Commissioner, reported that Polk County was in good shape and is one of the stronger counties. He reported that Embridge won their case regarding the property taxes paid to the County by the pipeline and it looks like Polk County will be stuck paying back quite a substantial amount to them. However, Embridge Line 3 has been approved and that should bring in a large amount of taxes to the county.

Tom Hutchins, the DNR Conservation Officer reported fishing on Maple Lake has been good with Sunfish, Crappies and Northern. He has not had much problem with ATVs in the area and reminded the group that anyone under 18 is required to wear a helmet when riding an ATV. He reminded the group that the hours for jet skis are 9:30 a.m until 1 hour before sunset. The mornings are no problem, but he has written quite a few tickets for disobeying the evening rule.

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District reported on water quality and the algae on the lake this summer. The contributing factors for the algae are the phosphorus levels in the lake along with the late ice-out this spring and the warm water temperatures.

Sarah Meilke from the East Polk Soil and Water talked about some of the sources of phosphorus in lakes and ways to prevent the phosphorus from entering the water. Phosphorus can come from natural occurring vegetation like grass clippings, leaves, soil erosion and even from camp fires ashes along with run off and using phosphorus free fertilizer or lawn starter is one way to help. Shoreline restoration – planting native vegetation with deeper roots and rain gardens are ways to filter the run off before it enters the lake.

Stephanie Klamm, DNR Hydrologist reported that she is very familiar with Maple Lake and she works on items that involve regulations up to the high-water level on the lake. She also stated that the reason for the spring algae was because of the late ice out and how quickly the water warmed up this spring and that Maple Lake is not impaired. She also reiterated Sarah's comments that shoreline restoration with native vegetation would help with the phosphorus run off in the lake.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township let the group know that the monthly township meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 am in the Godfrey Townhall.

Board member, Loren Abel, reported that he had talked to quite a few DNR and water specialists in the past few weeks about the algae situation and they all had the same explanation as the water specialists that reported at the meeting. He said that they told him that treating the lake with chemicals would be a short-term fix and would be very costly. He also reported that the AIS Taskforce has installed cameras at the East Beach boat landing and they record all boats coming into the lake. The cameras are monitored and if they see someone in violation, they are notified. The AIS is also looking into portable decontamination units where boats would have to be cleaned off before entering the lake.

#### Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 17-18:

- An aerator was installed in January and then it failed so another one had to be installed.
- Oxygen levels are tested all winter and the tests continued to show good results.
- The water is tested 4 times per year in the summer and sent to RMB Labs for analysis.
- Mosquito spraying was done 9 times the last fiscal year from July 2017 through June 2018.

Loren Abel told the group that the Labor Day Car Show/Dance and Fireworks will be going on again this year and that donations would be appreciated for the event.

#### New Business:

It was moved by David Hulteng, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Wagner to approve the budget for 2018-2019. It was moved by Kirk Hallahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Wagner to amend the motion giving the Board latitude to spend over the budgeted amount on Lake Management and Quality to educate the property owners and incoming boaters on lake management and water quality. Motion carried.

Fern Letnes, property owner, voiced her concerns on the water quality and over building on lake lots and back lots, which involved taking down large amounts of trees along with other concerns on the Board's performance.

President Floan thanked board member Greg Radke for his 12 years of dedicated service on the Board.

It was moved by Paul Rutherford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Bonnie Abel  
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