

**Minutes September 12, 2019**  
**Maple Lake Improvement District**

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., Thurs, Sept. 12, 2019.

Board members present: L. Abel, R. Behm, B. Wavra, D. Kouba, B. Floan, J. Baune

Absent: M. Moore

Also present: Bonnie Abel, 6 Maple Lake residents and Kelsey Hedlund from Polk County SWCD

It was moved by D. Kouba, 2nd by R. Behm to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by L. Abel, 2nd by B. Wavra to approve the August 2019 minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by D. Kouba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Abel to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of the accounts as of August 31, 2019: General Fund - \$28,721.60. Special Events account - \$2,180.03.

**Planning and Zoning:**

No Planning and Zoning requests

**Old Business:**

The Labor Day Car Show and Dance was again a big success with quite a few cars entering the show and a good turnout for the dance.

Six residents attended the meeting to present a resolution explaining the orderly approach on how the board would proceed with the matter of the large boat canopies.

It was moved by B. Wavra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Baune to approve adopting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Maple Lake is an invaluable resource to the region providing recreation, residential, and tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to preserve and protect this valuable resource, the State of Minnesota and Polk County, develop and implement: guidelines, programs to protect water quality and recreation management goals for shorelines and water surface areas; and

WHEREAS, to further assist in these efforts and promote the public welfare, the Polk County Board of Commissioners, did at its meeting of March 23, 1987, adopt by unanimous vote, a resolution establishing the Maple Lake Improvement District (District), in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 378.42, empowering the District to undertake certain water and related land resource management programs as may be necessary to maintain the quality of the environment on lands and waters within the District and, regarding the promulgation and enforcement of ordinances regulating

water surface uses with the District, to serve as an Advisory Board to the Polk County Board of Commissioners: and

WHEREAS, a group of property owners recently brought to the attention of the Board of Directors (Board) of the District, a concern regarding the installation of what they believe to be excessively large boat/pontoon in-lake canopies/temporary like structures , which in their opinion affect the use and enjoyment of properties located adjacent and nearby, by reducing and/or eliminating lake views and possibly lowering the value and marketability of said adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, said property owners have requested the Board look into this matter further and determine, if in the Board's opinion, regulation of boat/canopies of an excessive size is warranted and if so, is said regulation legally permissible and under whose jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Maple Lake Improvement District, that the Board will examine this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that said examination will include: a review of current law and practice, factors which support the need or not, for regulation, and the legality and jurisdictional responsibility for establishing regulation if the Board determines it necessary. The Board will provide due process for interested property owners and others to participate and provide information to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board, that the Board will allocate resources as may be needed to undertake a thorough and comprehensive review of the issue, including, if found necessary by the Board, funds to finance preparation of a draft regulation.

PASSED BY THE BOARD of the District, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

The board will invite representatives from Polk County Planning and Zoning, MN DNR and Polk County Commissioner, Jerry Jacobson to the next meeting to discuss the issue and see what can be done to control the size of the canopies.

**New Business:**

Kelsey Hedlund from East Polk County SWCD was at the meeting to give an update. She reported that the SWCD board has approved funding for shoreline restoration and rain garden projects on Maple Lake. Three for shoreline restoration and one for a rain garden.

She reported that they are working on a grant for water and sediment basin funding, but that has not been approved yet, so they are putting off contacting farmers in the area about run off into the lake.

Last year the SWCD sent out a Lake Leader newsletter exclusively to Maple Lake residents, at the request of the board and they covered all expenses for this newsletter. Kelsey asked the board to assist the SWCD with the cost of the postage, in the amount of \$110, if the board were to request them to send out another one.

It was moved by R. Behm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Abel to approve assisting SWCD with the cost of postage if the board requests them to send out a newsletter to go specifically to Maple Lake residents. Motion carried.

The board discussed the subject of giving rebates to residents that have septic tank compliance tests done. They talked about the pros and cons of such a program and decided to talk to the Polk County Planning and Zoning about some regulations before they finalize such a program.

It was moved by D. Kouba, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Wavra to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Bonnie Abel  
Sec'y/Treasurer

The next meeting of the MLID will be  
Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
Mentor Community Center, Mentor, MN