

Annual Meeting Minutes July 13, 2019
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 13, 2019 and welcomed all those in attendance.

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

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Ted Gladden, 2nd by Dennis Koch to approve the July 2018 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Scott Hutchins, seconded by Kirk Hallahan to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Floan announced the election of 2 board members. Incumbents, Brian Wavra & Loren Abel are running for 2 spots on the board. President B. Floan called for a motion.

It was moved by Curt Amundson, 2nd by Rob Wagner to cast a unanimous ballot for Brian Wavra & Loren Abel to be appointed to the Board. Motion carried

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

Polk County Sheriff, Jim Tadman and Chief Deputy Michael Norland reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes.

Sheriff Tadman announced that the 4th of July was busy on the lake and they made many contacts. With the sandbar on Maple Lake getting so full, Sheriff Tadman felt that some people were finding new places to gather on Union Lake. Some of the reasons for the contacts are after hours jet skiers, sitting on the edge of a moving boat, and life jackets. Children under 16 driving golf carts has been a big problem on the roads around Maple Lake and Sheriff Tadman said that he did stop a few over the 4th weekend.

Chief Deputy Norland reported that some of the reasons for stopping jet skis on the lake have been because of not staying 150 feet from shore and docks, hours of operation, not wearing life jackets and underage drivers. He also said that some boats were stopped to check for life jackets and type IV throwables that are required for boats 16 feet or larger, failure to display registration and not having observers when pulling tubers and skiers along with other things.

A resident expressed concerns about the floatplane that has been landing on the lake and Sheriff Tadman said he would look into it.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk introduced Patty Flaa, the new appraiser for the Maple Lake area and said they would be around in August – September to view property. Mr. Lansverk told the group that a state sales study showed that our valuations were 23% low and they had to bump them up. If a resident is unhappy with their valuation to please contact their office in the allotted timeframe so they can look into your concern.

Jacob Snyder, with Polk County Planning and Zoning said that shoreline zoning is regulated within 1000 feet from the shoreline and that building permits are required for just about any building project, so always check with their office if you are doing any changes to your property. He reported that they will be doing an inventory of campers that are parked on lake lots this summer, due to complaints of campers on properties.

Gerald Jacobson, County Commissioner, reported that Polk County is doing well and looking at a 3% levy increase. Jerry told the group that a project to redo the East Shore park and boat landing will be completed this summer by widening the road, putting in diagonal parking and doing some landscaping.

Kelsey Hedlund from the East Polk Soil and Water talked about ways that residents could help with preventing the phosphorus from entering the water by doing shoreline restoration and rain gardens and she notified the group that there was cost sharing available through EPSW for these projects

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District reported on water quality and let the group know that he did tests checking for algae the end of June and the test showed zero parts per billion. He also let the group know that this year testing showed that the water quality of Maple Lake has improved and meets standards for deep lakes

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township let the group know that they are holding off on paving projects this summer until other construction in the area is done. He also said that the township will be marking trees along the roadways that they will be removing

Bruce Roed from Woodside Township reported that they are working on fixing the roads around the lake as money allows.

Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 18-19:

- The aerator was installed in January and oxygen levels remained good throughout the winter.
- 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 2018 through June 2019.
- We developed a new website this year and started sending out newsletters and will continue to send out 2 newsletters per year.

Loren Abel told the group that the Labor Day Car Show/Dance (without fireworks) will be going on again this year and that donations would be appreciated for the event.

New Business:

President Brian Floan reported that the board had meetings throughout the winter with the EPSW and RLWS regarding water quality and how the board and residents can help. Some of the things discussed were residents doing shoreline restoration to help prevent runoff and working with landowners to reduce ag runoff.

It was also brought up that there might be septic systems around the lake that are not in compliance and could be causing excessive phosphorus getting in the lake. The board had discussed giving a rebate to residents that have their septic systems inspected, but there were many obstacles that were discussed that still needed to be thought through.

It was moved by Kirk Hallahan, 2nd by Bruce Roed to have the board come back to the next annual meeting with recommendations on what qualifies in a septic system inspection rebate program. Motion carried.

Ted Gladden brought up a question about the expansion of Ranch Resort campground near Sandy Beach Rd. He had received a notice about the permit submitted to the County, but he felt that the entire lake should be notified about a project like this since it could affect everyone with more lake traffic. It was decided that the secretary would post any Planning and Zoning requests that get shared with the board on the website so that all residents can see them. Others expressed concern about the campground and that there was already a permit to have 60 plus horses at the location for a "Dude Ranch".

It was moved by Linda Donally, 2nd by Ted Gladden to have the board advise the county against adding 40 more camp sites and to recommend that the permit for 60 plus horses be rescinded. Motion failed.

Janna Samuelson brought up the matter of the large boat/dock canopies that have been installed on the lake. She said they block her view and was wondering what could be done about them. The board said they have looked into it already and have found that it is up to the DNR to regulate them.

It was moved by Bruce Roed, 2nd by Ted Gladden to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treas