

Annual Meeting Minutes August 15, 2020
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, August 15, 2020 and welcomed all those in attendance.

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

Absent: M Moore

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Steve Swanson, 2nd by Wayne Gregoire to approve the July 2019 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Paul Rutherford, seconded by Curt Amundson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Floan announced the election of 2 board members. Brian Floan, Roger Behm and Michael Tyler are running for 2 spots on the board. The nominees introduced themselves.

It was moved by Darryl Beauchamp, 2nd by Donna Christianson to close the nominations and proceed with the vote. Motion carried

Ballots were turned in and it was moved by Steve Swanson, 2nd by Ray St. Mitchell to close the voting. Motion carried

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

Polk County Sheriff Dept., Chief Deputy Norland and Deputy Hanson reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes.

Deputy Norland reported that there have been 66 written contacts this summer on Maple and surrounding lakes. One DWI arrest has been made. There have been two minor property accidents this summer but for 4 consecutive years we had 0 accidents. The Sheriff Dept tries to educate boaters and want them to have a good time, but to be safe.

A resident asked if there was a number to call if there were late night golf carts and ATVs running on - the roads and the Deputy gave us the number: 218-281-0431. It was reported that Woodside Township is the only township surrounding the lake that requires golf cart permits and they can be obtained by calling Bruce Roed.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported that the 2020 assessments will probably have no change because the values are right on after the 2019 increases. The 2021 usual sales study shows that seasonal recreational properties were a little high as of June 1st, so he did not anticipate any increases in 2021.

Mark reported that the assessors are not going inside properties to do assessments because of COVID until such a time when the restrictions are released.

Jacob Snyder, with Polk County Planning and Zoning was not able to attend the meeting.

Gerald Jacobson, County Commissioner, reported that Polk County is doing well and the spring tax collection was on target. The Government Center is now open to the public and the County Commission is having their meetings at the Transfer Center in a larger room. Jerry reported that he and the MLID Board and some residents spent a lot of time working on the oversized canopy issue over the winter and eventually a resolution was sent to the County Commission from the MLID Board. The County Attorney decided that as a county they could not regulate these canopies. Jerry talked to the DNR and they are the regulating authorities of the canopies and they said that the only thing in their regulations is that the side canopy can only be 4 ft from the top.

Jerry also talked about the East Beach improvements and that the plan was for cars to back in the spots and that wasn't really being followed, but the Deputy noted that it was getting better and that it would just take awhile to get them used to it. There are electronic signs on the road slowing traffic down to 40 mph and it seemed to be working as drivers were slowing down.

Jerry was asked about the Planning and Zoning request to have food truck in the Polk County Park and on the East Beach. The resident was concerned that a fee would be charged to enter the Polk County Park just to go to get food from the food truck. Jerry said he would look into it. Otherwise, the group did not have a problem with the food truck request.

East Polk Soil and Water did not have a representative at the meeting.

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District did not attend the meeting.

Tom Hutchins with the DNR reported that watercraft usage has been pretty busy this summer but there didn't seem to be any issues and it looks like everyone is having a good time. He has made a few stops checking for safety equipment.

He said that they have been a little lax on checking registrations, because they know because of COVID there has been a backlog with the DMV in getting the registrations requested.

Tom reported that the fishing has been good this summer and reported that the reason for the sunfish and crappies that were found on the shoreline is because of a bacterial infection called Columnaris.

He reported that when using an ATV anyone born after 7/87 a safety certification is required and if riding on the roadway, a driver's license is required if you want to contact Tom with a concern, his number is: 218-407-1635. Deputy Hanson added that the requirements for driving a golf cart is you must have a driver license. If they find someone driving a golf cart that doesn't have a license, they will ask them to park the cart and walk home and the deputies go and visit with their parents.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township reported that paving project were completed last year and yield signs were installed on Maple Lake Dr SE as requested.

No representatives were present from Gove Park or Woodside townships.

The results from the vote were reported and the 2 board members will be Roger Behm and Brian Floan.

Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 19-20:

- The Board spent a lot of time working on the canopy issue for about 6-8 months and eventually a resolution was handed over the county.
- The aerator was installed in January and oxygen levels remained good throughout the winter.
- Loren, Jim and Roger have been sampling the water in the summer and sending the samples to RMB Labs for analysis.
- Brian Wavra is in charge of mosquito spraying and it was reported that we did extra sprays in July as the board felt it was needed.
- Last year a motion was made by a resident to look into a septic tank rebate and Brian reported that the board decided that the county regulations on septic compliance are adequate and a septic rebate program was not necessary.
- We will continue to work with the Soil and Water on the runoff that flows into the lake from.
- The board had a couple of Zoom meetings during the COVID restrictions
- Let the group know that if they have any concerns that there is a spot on the website to send the board those concerns.
- Reported that Planning and Zoning had notified property owners about campers with a couple of letters.
 - Loren Abel let the group know that the main reason that they try to limit the number of campers is because septic tanks are sized for the number of bedrooms in a cabin and each camper adds bedrooms to the property and the septic systems aren't sized for the extra bedroom capacity.

New Business

It was moved by Wayne Gregoire, 2nd by Al Rebbish to approve the budget for 2020-2021. Motion carried.

Michael Tyler asked about the mosquito spraying and the schedule and if other ways of spraying have ever been looked into, like air spraying or purchasing our own equipment and doing the spraying ourselves. Brian Wavra let him know that we have looked into other options and that having Clarke do the spraying was the best option.

Jim Baune responded to a property owners concern on the seepage from the garbage truck on the road. Jim contacted Alternative Sanitation and they said that it is from the liquids that are put in the garbage and from water in garbage cans from rain. Jim asked the group to watch what they put in their garbage and to cover their cans. He also said that the company said they had sealed their trucks.

It was moved by Lanna Piker, 2nd by Chris Salveson to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treas