

## Colon Township Advisory Lake Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2020

Colon Township Hall, Colon MI

**Call to Order:** Chairman, Jim Crawford called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### Roll Call:

Advisory Committee Present: Ed Bell, Jim Borgert, Phil Camper, Jim Crawford, Stan Charles, Gerry Costello, Gib LeRoque, Don Schneitter and Tom Tenney

Absent: Edith Doenges

Board Members Present: Jim Borgert, Jim Crawford, Ed Bell, and Tom Tenney

Board Members Absent: Kathy Pangle and Jeff Wenzel

**Approval of Minutes:** J. Borgert moved to approve meeting minutes of 9/28/2019. Second G. LeRoque. Motion carried.

**Election for officers: Chairperson** - J. Crawford was nominated by S. Charles, Second – G. LeRoque. J. Borgert raised concern about J. Crawford being chairperson on the advisory board as he is on the lake board and secretary of the lake board. J. Crawford stated that he would accept the position this year, however next year he would not.

Vote: Motion carried

**Secretary:** T. Tenney volunteered to continue being secretary. Motion by G. LeRoque, Second – S. Charles. Motion carried

**Changes to Advisory Board:** Tim Taylor express interest in filling the position open on the advisory board. T. Tenney moved to accept T. Taylor as a member of the advisory board, Second – S. Charles. Motion carried

### Winter Events

1. Permits: All standards permits have been obtained. Palmer \$1,500, Long \$1500, and Lepley \$200. At the present time the lake board is still in the process of obtaining a permit for algae treatment on Long Lake.
2. Bills paid since last meeting:

10/29/19	Progressive AE	\$2,500.00
12/19/19	PLM (water monitoring & algae treatment	\$2,274.00
	Sturgis Media Group	\$24.62
1/28/20	Progressive AE	\$2,500.00
3/??/20	PLM permit fees	\$2,300.00
4/7/20	Progressive AE	\$2,500.00
Additional Bill		
	D. Schneitter buoy parts	\$23.88
3. Lake Conditions:
  - a) Water Clarity: Long NA - Palmer 2' 6" – Lepley NA.
  - b) Temperature: Surface temperature on Palmer Lake 76 degrees.
  - c) Stump Issues: No issues at this time.
  - d) Treatments: J. Borgert asked to have Lepley lake and the channel connecting it to Long lake checked for Eurasian Milfoil, and to be treated if necessary. G. LeRoque moved to have the channel and Lepley lake checked for Eurasian Milfoil and treated if necessary. Second – J. Crawford. Motion carried.

- e) Complaints/Compliments for the Lake Board: There were several concerns about areas that did not get treated in May. Also, wakeboard boats on Long Lake.
- f) Buoy Placements: D. Schneitter reported that all but two buoys are in place.
- 4. Fishing Report: Fishing has been good but slowing down. Good fishing around cribs.  
Walleye stocking for 2020: Because of COVID-19 there will not be any stocking of walleye this year in Long Lake. G. LeRouge said that the stocking of Palmer and Long Lakes by DNR was for the purpose of controlling the gizzard shad. Since the DNR has Palmer and Long Lakes on a schedule for stocking the failure to stock Long Lake in the fall of 2020 would throw the schedule off by a year. As such, the DNR suggested that the lake board purchase 1,300 walleye for the stocking of Long lake this year. Cost for the 1,300 walleyes would be \$3,510.00 plus approximately \$ 150.00 for delivery. J. Crawford spoke to T. Groves about the use of lake board funds for stocking. T. Groves said that the use of funds for stocking of walleyes for the conditions of the biological control of gizzard shad would be permissible and justifiable. G. LeRouge further stated the importance of keeping the schedule because the DNR will be doing a biomass testing in the near future. If the gizzard shad population has been reduced that could be considered as a direct result of the walleye stocking and importance of continued stocking in the future. Also, the purchase of the walleye would be a one-time shot by the lake board.  
J. Crawford asked for a motion on the stocking of walleye with the use of lake board funding. G. LeRouge moved to fund the stocking, Second – D. Schneitter.  
Comment: E. Bell stressed the importance that lake board makes sure that community members realize that the lake board and fishermen association are not combining their efforts on this. They are two separate boards and that the use of lake board funds for the stocking of Long Lake in the fall 2020 is strictly for the purpose of biological control of gizzard shad.  
An amendment to the motion made by G. LeRouge was to add that amount was not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion carried.
- 5. PLM surveys of lakes: J. Borgert reported that PLM would be on all lakes the week of June 15th to survey weed conditions and look at areas of riparian concerns.
- 6. Lake Assessment: At the Zoom meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> the lake board moved to suspend the special assessment that would have taken place this year because of COVID-19. J. Borgert stressed the need of a committee to review the current property tax rolls, businesses & residential, and the removal or addition of properties. The bulk of this work will be done in the spring of 2021.
- 7. Online presence for lake board via Facebook and/or other website: Discussion & action was tabled.
- 8. Proposed Dates for Advisory Meetings in 2020.  
Remaining meeting dates are July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, & September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by T. Tenney, Second – E. Bell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Respectively Submitted:

Tom Tenney  
Secretary