

# Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2021

Colon Township Hall

1. Call to Order: Chairman Borgert called meeting to order at 10:07 AM  
Approval of agenda: Crawford/Pangle, with addition of walleye stocking in new business. all yes
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Crawford, Pangle, Tenney. Wenzel. Absent: None
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: Bell, Borgert, Camper, Charles, Crawford, Schneider, Taylor, Tenney. Absent: Costello, Dounes, LeRouge.
4. Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2021 meeting: Pangle/Bell, all yes

## 5. Financial Report.

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance										
03/31/2021	Beginning Balance			\$ 368,254.57										
04/03/2021	Approved Bills from April	\$ 5,778.70	\$ -	\$ 362,475.87										
04/29/2021	<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$362,475.87</b>										
	<b><u>BILLS SUBMITTED TO PAID</u></b>													
04/20/2021	News Letter (Jim Crawford)			\$ 363.41										
	<b>BILLS TO BE PAID:</b>			<b>\$ 363.41</b>										

A motion to approve the 4/29/21 financials was made by Panlge/Wenzel, all yes.

## 6. Old Business

- A. Expanded permit fee was paid for on Long Lake but permit was denied. PLM is working on refund but was told EGLE does not usually issue refunds for denied permits. Pangle suggested contacting our state rep. for assistance. Wenzel to contact him.
- B. Soft launch of website/facebook page in early May for board approval. Taylor expects to have both sites live by Memorial Day. [www.colontownshiplakeboard.com](http://www.colontownshiplakeboard.com) Cost is \$300.00 for 3 years. Sites will have lake board information only starting with 2021 meetings.
- C. Next meeting to be held at Colon Township fire barn. Advisory meeting at 9:00. Lake board will convene at 10:00 and then suspend to start the public hearing for the resolution to proceed with improvements to Palmer-Long Lakes. When that meeting is finished the next public hearing for the special assessment district will be started. At the conclusion of that hearing the board meeting will be resumed to finish their regular business. Borgert to publish notice of the hearings in the Sturgis journal twice per regulations. Crawford to print and mail out the notice of hearing to all parcels included in the district at least 10 days prior to hearing. Schneider to post notice of hearing at the fire barn prior to 10:00 AM on 6/11/21.  
The assessment district is slightly smaller than last time because of parcel sales and combinations. Borgert to contact Progressive AE to have the dollar amount in item #2 of special assessment roll changed to \$76,575.00.

A motion was made by Bell/Tenney to proceed with resolutions with one change to the dollar amount, all yes.

7. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee Report – Taylor reviewed lake conditions. Information shared by PLM regarding new product for E. Milfoil discussed. PLM will make recommendations after the initial survey is completed this year.
- B. Progressive AE to do initial lake survey on or near 5/28. Borgert to try to attend.
- C. 106 surveys returned so far. Borgert distributed initial results. Schnieter to compile data after the June meeting. To present data at the July meeting.
- D. Taylor received updated special assessment roll from Borgert on 5/7. Taylor to review the roll during the week and discuss with Borgert prior to public hearings.
- E. Assessment hearing and scheduling previously discussed under new business.

DNR has walleye for stocking this year but have larger than usual demand because they did not stock last year. Gunderman asked if we could buy and stock half the walleye on Palmer this year with the DNR stocking the other half. Discussion was had about the request. It was noted that we stocked Long Lake last year and feel it is worth doing again this year because it helps with gizzard shad predation. A motion was made by Crawford/Pangle to spend up to \$4,000.00 at Lagis Fish Farms for stocking the walleye with DNR approval and guidance, all yes. Cat fish to be stocked as usual.

- G. Camper noted the Long Lake public launch DNR rules sign has moved from the launch area to closer to the bathrooms.
- H. 2021 meetings scheduled for 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11. To be held at Colon Township hall at 10:00 A.M. Larger venue requirements for assessment renewal may be held at a larger venue, hopefully the fire barn.
- I. Motion for adjournment by Tenney/Wenzel, all yes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Crawford  
Colon Lake Board Secretary