

# **ELTA Annual Meeting Minutes for Entire Association**

**May 15, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

Texas Township Hall

## **Agenda**

- Opening Welcome
- Minutes From Last Annual Meeting
- Nominations for Directors
- Election of Directors
- President's Report
- Trish Roberts - SADs
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
  - Committee Reports
    - Lake Quality
    - Safety and Legal
    - Membership
    - Communications
- New Business
  - Election Results
- Questions and Answers
- Adjournment

### **Opening Welcome – Amy Coon**

Amy gave opening remarks and everyone on the board introduced themselves.

### **2018 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Amy announced that the minutes were published in the newsletter and asked for any comment or revisions, there being none, it was moved to accept the minutes as published, it was duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

### **The Board and its Nominees**

There is one board member who is potentially stepping down, which would leave 4 vacancies and 4 candidates. Kasi self-nominated at the meeting with Frank, Amy, and Steve Ott self-nominating prior to the meeting. It was explained that participants should only vote for 3 candidates, and the candidate with the lowest number of votes would be offered the remainder of the term for the current board member if he/she steps down.

### **President's Report**

Amy gave a general state of affairs. She noted that in 8/31/2018, her yard stick measurement was at 14.75". 5/14/2019 it was 30". She noted all of the positive that

has come from this horrible situation – mostly that the public launch was closed and that everyone has been coming together to help each other throughout this process.

Amy explained the creation of the flood mitigation task force and what has transpired in the past year. It evolved and really became a collaborative effort between all levels of government, engineers, lake representatives...etc. She gave a very high-level overview of the many hurdles we hit along the way.

The permit process was daunting, but because all the pieces were in-place upfront, we ultimately got the permit. It wasn't the permit that we were hoping for, but we got the permit. Crooked Lake in Delton received a temporary permit, but because they went about theirs the wrong way, it has since been revoked and they are scrambling to follow our lead.

The permit is on the Township website. Its 8 pages long and has 28 conditions. There is a lot of monitoring that has to occur. 3 times per week there will be inspections at each of the culverts and after rain of 2" or more. Daily inspections are to take place at both lake pumps and discharge sites, among others. The wetlands must be monitored once per week. Pumping will stop if certain water elevations are reached at 8<sup>th</sup> street, the boy scout culvert, and at 12<sup>th</sup> street. There are several other measurements that will require the pump to be shut off as well. After 13 days of pumping, pumping has to stop for 2 days to minimize potential adverse conditions to aquatic wildlife. Of course the DEQ broadly required that it can shut the pump off for any adverse impact on environment.

A graph of the pumping plan was shared showing the route and flow rates.

She explained that this is going to be a very long draw down process and not to expect results over night. The best estimate currently is approximately an inch of water per week but its impossible to tell with any certainty due to weather patterns, underground hydrostatic pressure...etc.

The permit is valid until September 2020. If the target is not met, it can be extended up to a year. Eagle Lake Target (per the permit, we didn't get a say in this figure) is 899.9' which is about 3.5' lower than we currently are.

When will pumping start? We don't know yet. The filter is here, and installation of the pumps and pipe are underway. Crooked Lake will be first and we will follow shortly. Balkema was the contractor that was hired by the Township. The Township is hopeful that everything will be ready for hookup at Crooked and turned on next week. We are hopeful that Eagle Lake will be able to start pumping on or about Memorial Day.

We believe that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony next Thursday at noon in Bentwood Shores. This is still in the works so no definitely details yet.

She gave a general update on some high-level items that affect the whole Township. The waterfront property zoning district is currently on hold. There will be an updated Master Plan in the works. 6<sup>th</sup> street park – the board is awarding the contract at the

next meeting and construction will start this summer.

### The Long-Term Solution:

Now is the time to start looking into a long-term solution. We are forming a new committee and looking for volunteers to join. The purpose of the committee would be research and facilitate the legal lake level (if practical) and provide a recommendation on how Eagle Lake should proceed. Crooked Lake is also going to be working on this effort.

### **SAD's**

Trish Roberts, Township Treasurer, presented on the SAD's. SAD 3 will appear on winter tax bills this year and will be billed in 3 installments. Interest will begin to accrue on February 15 at 1%. A full assessment is currently \$3016.21 for riparian holders. Total interest would only be \$21 on that. 6 parcels on Treasure Island are ½ shares that have the "picnic lots." ¼ assessments will be for "back lots" and the non-lake areas like Vineyards and Pine Island. There are individuals protesting inclusion in the SAD. If successful at the Michigan tax tribunal, it will cause everyone's share to increase slightly. Each parcel taken out will increase a full share \$6.41.

She acknowledged and thanked everyone who cooperated with the easements. They are heroes who really helped make this happen.

The Township had pledged \$125,000 to setup the process. They have spent over \$180k. They may include the difference in the new SAD, but we are waiting on final numbers. There were contingency funds baked into the project, but we still have a lot of unknown costs at this point.

SAD 1 will be on hold for the 3 years. SAD 1 full shares were roughly \$300 so it's a net increase of approximately \$700 per year for 3 years.

An attendee asked why the funds for the 6<sup>th</sup> street park and new town hall couldn't be put towards this project. She explained that the grant application for the park was done 2 years ago. Those funds are earmarked and can't be spent on anything else. The new town hall was put on hold over 6 months ago due to the pending issues.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim addressed the reports that were published in the newsletter which detailed the fiscal 2018 financial data for SAD 1, SAD 2, and the ELTA account, as well as first quarter financials for 2019. He walked through line items and asked if there were any questions, there being none, it was moved to accept the reports, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

### **Lake Quality Committee**

Len gave a general update on aeration, including status of compressor host sites,

electric, and equipment. Throughout 2018, Len and Phil had to move each compressor multiple times to keep the electrical hookups from being underwater. At the end of 2018 we had 2 viable compressor sites left. All of our compressors were moved to storage with PLM. We are going to leave the compressors in storage and re-evaluate based on efficacy of pumping and the overall lake level. If the lake level recedes quicker than anticipated, we will hopefully install the equipment again this year. If not, the compressors will stay in storage.

The Lake survey was done last Friday by RLS. Len tagged along with them. We have a lot of pond weed as usual and a few pockets of milfoil that must be treated. He explained that we will be doing weed treatment this year to keep the lake as nice as possible for swimming and general use.

We have been doing 3 applications of bioaugmentation pellets the past couple years. We will continue with the bioaugmentation after consulting with our lake management company, the manufacturer, and others, who recommend our continued use.

This is our last of 3 years on the goose roundup. We need 25 birds to be able to get permission for nest destruction. This year presents additional challenges due to the fact the birds appear to be more spread out than usual.

Purple Loosestrife is a non-issue because its all underwater.

### **Safety and Legal**

Brett presented on the information that was in the newsletter regarding the new boat laws for drain plugs and washing down your boat/trailer. There were questions about ramifications of personal property in the water. Brett will look to do a publication that can be sent out via email and Facebook advising on the same.

### **Membership**

Tom presented on what the Membership Committee is up to. He explained the block captain concept they are trying Treasure Island area and what our current members can do to help increase our membership.

### **Communications**

Ken solicited contact information for his email list and generally discussed his modes of communication.

### **Election Results**

Full term positions: Amy, Frank, Steve Ott

If there is an opening, Kasi will take the remainder of the term.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm**