

# ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Amy's House

## Agenda

- Roll Call
- President Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Meeting Report – Len Bosma
- Committee Review/Reports
  - Lake Quality
    - Aeration for 2019
    - Weed treatments
    - RLS Spring Ride
  - Communication
    - Next Newsletter
  - Safety/Legal
    - No Wake Zone
    - DNR Launch
  - Area Rep/Membership
- Annual Meeting Agenda Finalized
- Round Table
- Adjournment

## Roll Call

Board Members Present: Len Bosma, Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Phil DeYoung, Ken Toy, Jim Caporale, Frank Loedeman (Also present was Tom Spettel Steve Ott, Debra Duncan)

Members Absent: Neil Harris, Kasi Casterline

## President's Report

Amy has nothing to report right now aside from the itemized agenda items.

## Treasurer's Report

Jim went over the treasurer's report and the ELTA account, SAD 1, and SAD 2 are all in a strong financial position and so far there has been very little by way of expense (except for the permit).

## County Commissioner Meeting Update by Len

The meeting went well. Christine Morse made a resolution and it was approved. Len

and Julie did a briefing of our situation. Both the briefing and the resolution were made available via email. Len believed it was well received and the commissioners were attentive, and overall felt that it was a positive meeting.

## **Lake Quality**

The committee believes we should delay before turning on the aeration due to the water concerns. Only 2 compressors would be usable at this time without significant work to move the electrical and site locations. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully we can reevaluate it once pumping begins. Amy suggested a letter be sent to each of the compressor hosts explaining to them what's going on and what to expect.

The lake survey is scheduled for first week of May. We are seeking guidance from Jennifer and PLM on the efficacy of doing bioaugmentation without the aeration. We will wait until RLS and PLM make a recommendation before discussing an access plan.

Purple Loosestrife is a nonissue this year due to the flooding.

The Goose roundup permit is in the mail. We need to capture 24 geese this year to be able to proceed with nest destruction since it is the last of 3 years.

## **Communications**

Newsletter is going to the printer tomorrow. Ken will be updating the website with a few new items. The email blasts are working well.

## **Legal/Safety**

We discussed the barricades at the DNR launch site. The DNR representative told us a month ago that they would be removing the barricades, but instead of removing them, they put additional signage up.

We discussed the issue of the legal lake level again. We talked about it being an agenda item at the annual meeting and Amy suggested that a subcommittee be created to investigate this matter further. There was a discussion by the flood task force (with township and surrounding reps) that they stay together and work towards the long-term solution. We think it would be in our best interest to also have a subcommittee on ELTA for it.

We discussed the issue of pumping into the sewer and the list that came out of those who were allegedly "guilty" of pumping. There were several houses identified that are not pumping so it is apparent that the inspection methods are less than accurate. Amy is going to talk with the County individual about the sewer situation to see if they want to come present at the annual meeting to further warn residents about the hazards of pumping into the sewer.

## **Membership**

We are at 208+ right now for membership and there was discussion on further membership drives.

## **Area Reps**

Tom expressed some ideas he has been thinking about to increase membership. We discussed some different approaches and Tom will continue to work with Jim to try some new things.

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

We generally discussed things that could be topics of discussion at the annual meeting. Amy will look to finalize the agenda in advance of the meeting. Each of the committees will make a brief presentation pertinent to their area of work.

## **Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on May 15 at the Township Hall 7:00 PM.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM**