

ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2018

7:00 PM

Amy's House

Agenda

- Roll Call
- President Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Recap from meeting w/ Township and hydraulic engineer
- Legal Lake Level Discussion
- Committee Review/Reports
- Area Rep Report
- Round Table
- Adjournment

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Len Bosma, Brett Cummings, Jim Caporale, Amy Coon, Frank Loedeman, Ken Toy, Kasi Casterline (Also present were a couple of the area representatives)

Board Members Absent: Neil Harris, Phil DeYoung

President's Report

Amy discussed the successful meeting we had last week (special meeting) and how civil things remained.

Treasurer's Report

Jim just received the SAD reports this morning and he has been working on them to ensure they balanced. He will send out the Treasurer's report in the near future. We are in good shape in all 3 accounts (ELTA, SAD 1 and SAD 2). We are at about 249 for membership for this year (target is always 250). Len mentioned there is about \$35,000 in outstanding bills that will be in coming soon. Jim will do the meter reading before he leaves for vacation and then will issue checks to the compressor hosts.

Recap from meeting at Township today

The Township invited Eagle and Crooked Lakes to meet with a civil engineer specializing in hydraulics (Tom Smith) to discuss matters. The engineer was a bit surprised to hear about how bad the flooding was in the area. The engineer thought we could apply for a FEMA grant. We would need to show that the benefit of the project outweighs the cost of the project. The grant money would cover up to 75% of the cost. The grant would need to be submitted by sometime in January. The difference between

this plan and what was proposed by the deputy drain commissioner last week is the cost sharing (85% on us with drain commissioner proposal vs 25% on us with FEMA grant) and the Township would control things with FEMA project vs drain commissioner in control with county proposal). In general the board was of the opinion that FEMA brings a level of expertise to the issue that would not be present with the local drain commission.

The engineer was also going to look into whether it was helpful or not to establish a legal lake level. We are hopeful that he will get back to us or Crooked Lake in the next week or two with that answer.

A few of us met with Jennifer (RLS) after the meeting. Jennifer seemed to favor establishing the legal lake level to bring attention to the issue with the County.

Discussion on ELTA involvement

There were few to no reasons presented for not pursuing the FEMA project. That said, there seems to be some apprehension on setting a concrete figure for where to put the drain or what is the high level. The question came up whether we can try to proceed with both options (getting FEMA money and legal level with County), and the general response is yes we should try to pursue both at once, but we need to get a little more information for both plans first. The Township appears to be taking notice and listening to our problems. Jim indicated that the engineer that was brought in by the Township was the same engineer who has studied the high-water mark on Eagle Lake previously.

There was discussion on paying for the engineer out of Eagle Lake money (privately) and getting a recommendation and cost estimates before looking to do the legal lake level. That would allow us to figure out what the plan before just signing over rights to the County. This way we would know what the potential answers are without marching down a path we can't back out of.

The folks that attended the meeting thought that the Township Board was likely to take action to proceed.

There was discussion about doing a survey of the lake to find out what damage has taken place and to how many homes. We discussed the fact that it's not just the lakes, it is Vineyards, Barrington Shores, Mystic Estates, Pine Island...etc.

Len recommended that we publicize the Township meeting in 2 weeks and try to pack the house with people to support. We might be on the agenda, but if not, then we can flood the public comment.

There was discussion on how we tackle the two potential options. The majority believed it would be best to explain to everyone via all communication channels possible that a new potential solution came to light today and we want a week or so to explore it before moving forward with the petition to establish a legal lake level.

Lake Quality Committee Report

RLS did a survey and found a few pockets of milfoil. PLM came out and did some spot treatments. Native pond weeds were dense but 3-4 feet below water level, so they were not treated. The 2nd bioaugmentation was done. We have one more in 3-4 weeks. We are at 100% operational levels for aeration compressors. Len mentioned that a new electrician was interviewed. Ron from Ron's electric. His hourly rate is less than what Kerwin is charging so he will be considered for future compressor work.

Meter Reading

N/A

Communications

The newsletter is in progress – Ken was out of the country. We are anticipating around Labor Day for newsletter delivery.

Legal/Safety

Debra mentioned that there are folks making wakes and it appears to be getting worse. The DNR and DEQ told her that if the Township passed an ordinance declaring a temporary no-wake zone, then it could be enforced by the DNR or maybe the Sheriff. She mentioned that there were people trying to surf last weekend. Debra will check with the Township to see if the information she received from the DNR was accurate. She will see what the procedure is (if any) for establishing an ordinance if possible. We acknowledged that next year there will likely be issues between lake residents as to whether we have a no-wake zone or not.

Membership

Membership noted how difficult of a crowd it was at the non-membership table for the special meeting. The membership brochures were printed and handed out at the meeting.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be September 17th at Amy's at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm