

# ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2020

6:30 PM

Zebs (Township forgot to unlock the door for us)

## Roll Call

Board Members Present: Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Jim Caporale, Frank Loedeman, Len Bosma

Members Absent:, Steve Ott, Kasi (Casterline) Barrow, Ken Toy, Phil DeYoung

Other: Tom and Debra as area representatives; RLS (Veronica and Jennifer) and PLM (Andy) representatives were present

## RLS/PLM

Introduction to Veronica Towne – new regional manager for this area. She will now be largely handling our lake for RLS, but with oversight by Jennifer. Jennifer noted that the water was less clear this year, but we did pretty well with milfoil. There was discussion on the lack of treatment for milfoil near the augmentation well because of the DEQ stipulations. Precellacore [sic] was identified as a possible solution for treatment of milfoil in the channel that won't require numerous treatments per year.

There was discussion about pond weed treatment for this coming year and whether it makes sense to treat or if that is somewhere we can look to save our budget due to the fact that the lake won't be used much this year.

May 1<sup>st</sup>-15, RLS will come out to the lake to evaluate, with a treatment likely occurring between May 15-30. There will be a bottom scan this Spring. Jennifer said our EGLE requirements for aeration are currently suspended. It's unclear whether that means we pick up where we left off when aeration resumes or if the clock is treated as continuously running (for purposes of reporting requirements/studies). PLM is storing our aerators for us free of charge and will continue to do so this year.

Len asked Andy and Jennifer to weigh in on changes/dealings with EGLE. Apparently now they can only treat 100' out from shore for native plants (used to be measured by depth and linear feet - up to 300 feet), so that will require changes to how we apply for our permits.

Len inquired about bioaugmentation to see what RLS and PLM recommended. They recommend we stay the course if the budget allows, but if we are looking to conserve money, we might be able to focus our energies on the softer areas for the scan, which per the 2019 data, appears to be the east basin.

## President's Report

N/A

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim went over the Treasurer's report for year-end 2019 and going into 2020. Adjustments were made to the budget with Township input.

### **Short Term**

The permit expires in September. It sounds like Bentwood will not support an extension, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

### **Long Term**

There is a vote at the county board level tomorrow for our petition related to the legal lake level. We are encouraging everyone we can to attend and show their support.

### **Lake Quality**

Addressed with PLM/RLS

### **Communications**

Newsletter just went out. Next one will need to go out mid-to-end April before the May annual association meeting.

### **Area Rep/Membership**

Tom revisited the sticker idea. We approved the idea and Amy asked him to send some firm numbers over.

### **Legal/Safety**

No updates at this time. Access is still closed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be April 13, 2020 – Location TBD.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM**