



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



July 10, 2017

The board meeting that was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by president, Brett Trepanier. Forty-five members were present. The pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. The minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Township Reports: Nothing to report

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that some of the beach reps have turned in their packets. We have been adding new members.

FISH: Ron Dulak reported that 279,000 ½-2 inch fingerlings have been planted in the lake the past few weeks. These fish were supplied by the Tribes and the DNR. Not planting fish again for a few years.

NEW BUSINESS

DNR: Patrick Hanchin from the DNR did a presentation discussing the relicensing and removal of the dams in our area. He made it clear that those are two different things. The dams are up for relicensing in several years. The licenses are given for either 30 or 50 years. The process takes several years so that is why we are hearing about it now. He gave a slide show on the history of the Keibler and Tower Dams. He had little information on the Alverno Dam which is the dam the BLA is the most concerned with. He informed us that the water level in our lake is mostly controlled by the Smith Rapids and Mother Nature. The other dams should not have an adverse effect on our lake.

Patrick assured us that it is very unlikely that one of these dams will be removed, it is a very expense project. The people from Tower Pond were the most concerned but will have a chance to learn more at public meetings.

BANQUET: Linda Smith reported that the plans for our banquet are coming along. We still need donations for the Chinese Raffle. July 15th at the UAW is the big day!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary