



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



October 9, 2017

The board meeting that was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by president, Brett Trepanier. Twenty-two 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: Dick Hopkins reported that Grant Township will have a meeting October 14th in the town hall to discuss an internet program.

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that membership envelopes are still coming in.

FISH: Ron Dulak reported that the DNR shocked fish during the last week and they feel that that stocking is doing a good job. More to be reported after their study is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Level: Jim Tucker reported that there will be "NO" early draw down for the Alverno Dam. Most of the responses he received were negative and there seemed to be no benefit for doing it early; therefore the draw down will begin November 1st. The water level problem has been occurring off and on since the 1940's. The Army Engineering Core did a study in the past and Jim is requesting them to return and do an updated study. The two other dams are still in the process of relicensing. Jim feels these dams will not be torn down. He requested that the BLA put in writing our support of keeping these dams.

Huron Pines: John Fry sent the BLA a preliminary report on the invasive species they found in the lake. He suggested to eradicate both the invasive and hybrid weeds. He said that the species are controllable so we should stay on top of this

problem. All in all, he reports that our lake is in good shape. A formal report will follow.

Weed Committee: A new committee will be formed to research the possibility of eliminating the over growth of weeds on the south end of the lake making it difficult for boat traffic in and out of homes and cottages in this area. Boyd Smith will work with concerned property owners in this area.

NEW BUSINESS

Buoys: Brett Trepanier reported that the buoys are out.

Tip of the Mitt Outreach: Ron & Sharon Dulak, and Dave & Cathy Turzewski will represent the BLA this Friday helping High School students learn about the water shed. The program is sponsored by the Water Shed Academy.

Planning for Next Year: Next year we will be having a banquet and a raffle. Chairs of these committees are yet to be announced. Material for our annual newsletter needs to be turned into Sharon Dulak by January 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Several members were concerned with “swimmer’s itch”. Cindy Trepanier commented that several lakes in the area are involved in experiments to see if anything can be done. The value of a Facebook page for the BLA was brought up. The problems we experienced with our last attempt were briefly related.

Northern Inland Lakes Advisor Committee: The meeting will be October 20th in Indian River from 11:00-3:00. Several of our board members will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Smith, secretary

