



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



September 9, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by President Brett Trepanier. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Twenty-five members and guests were present. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit. The Budget was read and approved by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Reports: Grant Township will be having their large trash pickup September 20-21.

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that Huron Pines will be checking for invasive species again on September 30th. It was mentioned on Facebook that someone saw European Frog Bit on the lake. Huron Pines said that that species doesn't grow here so "no worries".

FISH: Erin McLean reported that the DNR will be shocking fish next Monday evening, they launch at the State Park and go 5 miles around to the Rainy River. They are looking for age zero fish. We did not put any fingerlings in this year, so if any are found it will show that the walleye are naturally reproducing.

OLD BUSINESS

Dams: Ron Dulak reported that the BLA had a conference call last week with Nelson Turcott, owner of Alverno Dam, regarding BLA views on the water level. He asked our position on a special assessment to home owners on the lake. This is a possibility if the state took over the dam. Our reply was we wouldn't be in favor. BLA would like Turcotte to keep control of the dam. The lake measures 6'12.2" at the present.

BUOYS: Ron Dulak talked to the DNR about taking over the responsibility of the channel markers. The BLA would contribute our new buoys. The DNR said they didn't want that responsibility but would think about it. They are still in the

planning stage for the new boat launch. Nothing has been done yet. There will be public meetings to discuss these topics.

Weeds & Invasive Species: Sonny Smith has contacted Savin Lake Services and Mi Lakefront Solutions regarding weeds in the lake. Savin sent a list of the lakes down state that they had worked with and the cost for those lakes. The costs were in the hundreds of thousand dollars. Steve Zulinski from Mi Lakefront Solutions surveyed the lake Thursday, Aug 15th. He reported that the weeds are only in specific areas and Black Lake doesn't really have a weed problem. He suggested home owners with this problem purchase chemicals that would treat the weeds. He also suggested tools that would cut the weeds.

Huron Pines says we are on top of the phragmites and purple blue strife situations. They are educating homeowners on recognizing and treating these weeds. Roger contacted Brad Jensen, Executive Director of Huron Pines, who explained that the BLA contract covers lakeshore invasives, and the BLPS contract covers off lake invasives. The BLA will not be working with BLIP on the off lake purple loose strife/other invasives

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be October 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall on Twin Lakes Road. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary