



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



October 14, 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. Eighteen members and guests were present. The reading of September's minutes was postponed. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit. The Budget was read and approved by the board.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Reports: Nothing to report.

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that all but one beach has turned in their membership packets. She has recruited two new beach reps for next year.

FISH: Ron Dulak reported discussion points from the meeting of the Northern Inland Lakes Citizen Advisory Committee:

- Electroshocking of Black Lake was conducted in September with a yield of 6 walleye compared to 30 plus last year.

- Overfishing at the Rainy at the beginning of the season and possibly changing the date from late April to May15 was discussed.
- The DNR will police again next spring and poaching should be reported.

The temporary boat launch at the marina is open with a new traffic pattern.

## OLD BUSINESS

Dams: Dispute resolution is still ongoing, but the BLPS has withdrawn from the mediation process. The next meeting with FERC has not been scheduled, but the confidentiality agreement that participates signed is still in place.

BUOYS: Ron Dulak will talk to the DNR about taking over the responsibility of the channel markers in the spring when the public meetings are held. The BLA would contribute our new buoys.

Weeds & Invasive Species: Huron Pines rechecked for weeds and invasive species on Sept 30 and are under contract to treat phragmites a necessary. Results are pending.

## NEW BUSINESS

Banquet: Connie Nadjarian suggested we have the banquet either at the Blake Lake Grill or the UAW beach pavilion as a picnic. A discussion followed with a motion for Connie to arrange to go back to the Grill. The Grill cannot schedule yet but our two choices are July 11 or July 18<sup>th</sup>. A RAFFLE and a 50/50/ was discussed. We need three or four really good prizes and a license to hold the raffle. Connie was given approval to order 100 mugs for sale now and to use at the banquet.

MDRA Boat Launch: A temporary ramp was installed and opened at the Black Lake Marina, now known as the MDNR Black River Boating Access Site. There is a new traffic pattern and an orange "snow" fence to mark private property. Keith Cheli posted a letter on Facebook and their website with additional information and comments.

## PROJECTS & POSSIBLE PROGRAMS:

- On- going projects: shoreline study, water quality testing, participation in Michigan Swimmer's Itch Partnership (MISIP) to prevent and reduce

swimmer's itch, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Academy participation. Contact Sharon Dulak to join Roger Berstedt as a volunteer for spring monitoring of Stoney Creek.

- Cindy Trepanier will be attending the MISIP Conference in November.
- Possible program of speakers: Keith Cheli (DNR) re the new boat launch and the pavilion at the State Park; Tim Cwalinski (DNR) re fishery; Dave Edwards re algae bloom; Bob Williams re secchi disc readings/water quality; Tip of the Mitt re water quality; Huron Pines re invasive species; Roger Bergstedt re lamprey; follow-up by Ron Reimich re swimmers' itch. Other suggestions are welcome.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be May 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall on Twin Lakes Road. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary