

Big Swan Lake Improvement District (LID), Todd County, MN

Annual Meeting – August 24, 2019 - Hub Supper Club

The meeting was called to order at 9:07AM by Board Chairman Chuck Macy. Present were 4 board members and a total of 30 property owners.

Chuck Macy reviewed the agenda and the meeting proceeded.

Secretary's Report: Lee Daly presented the annual minutes from August 25, 2018 for review and they were accepted as written with a motion by Al Leinen, second by Shar Solem, motion passed. The minutes will be published on the Big Swan Lake Improvement Association website.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Wolters was absent from the meeting so Chuck Macy presented the financials from 8/26/18 through 8/19/19 detailing our starting balance of \$78,826.76 , deposits, checks written, and ending balance of \$85,622.17. A motion was made by Jason Rahn to approve the report, second by Ed Hennek, motion passed.

Old Business:

- A discussion was held on the idea of changing the mailing address for the LID from the home address of our current board chair to a P.O. Box to help during transitions of board members. It was agreed to leave the mailing address as is.
- A discussion was held on zebra mussel & invasive species on Big Swan. Al Leinen reported that he has not seen any signs of zebra mussel from the lake monitoring sites and there is no sign of milfoil in our lake at this time. Lee Daly reported that Shawn Hollerman had seen zebra mussels on their family dock on Big Swan recently. Chuck Macy will follow up on this with Deja Anton from Todd County Soil & Water (TCS&W).
- Lee Daly reported that according to TCS&W all property owners subject to the new state buffer law are currently in compliance and no one applied for seeding cost reimbursement from the LID.
- Al Leinen reported on the ditch sediment log proposal for the culvert/ditch on the east side of Big Swan along Emerald Trail. A meeting was held on 8/16/19 with Shawn Hollerman & TCS&W. Also in attendance were Al Leinen and Lee Daly representing the lake improvement association. Shawn did not like our proposal that had been recommended by TCS&W and approved by the Burnhamville Township in install sediment logs in the township ditch adjacent to the road culvert. He was concerned that the logs would slow down the flow of water and cause flooding on the road to the north of the culvert. The TCS&W engineers surveyed the entire ditch and an additional culvert that runs through a hill and into the lake. They found severe signs of erosion and determined that a study was needed to assess the next steps. Some ideas were to install more rocks to slow down the water and stop further erosion, raise the height of the road to prevent future flooding, and create a temporary holding pond in the ditch on the east side of the road. Deja Anton from TCS&W will report back to us once the study is complete. Ed Schmiesing who has property close to the culvert voiced his concern about raising the road and

also reported that the reason the road flooded last spring was due to the culvert being frozen and adjacent neighbors had to break open the frozen portion to stop the flooding. Denny Harder made a motion for the LID to provide up to \$10,000 in cost sharing for a final solution once TCS&W completes their report/recommendations, second by Dave Nickolay, motion passed.

New Business:

- Ed Hennek and Lee Daly reported that the secchi disk lake readings have been worse (less clarity) this year than in previous years especially in the spring.
- Chuck Macy gave an update on the TMDL and expressed disappointment with Bonnie Finnerty of the MN Pollution Control Agency (PCA) for missing their promised preliminary draft report deadlines. He suggested writing a letter to the governor or finding other ways to get things moving. New lake property owners Jeff & Sheri Howe were introduced. Jeff stated that he was in the MN legislature and would attempt to help on this matter if possible.
- Denny Harder gave a report on curly leaf treatment. He stated that the lake had applied for 53 acres to be treated this year but that the DNR had reduced it to a maximum of 24 acres due to lower signs of curly leaf in the lake. Our costs were \$8,750 less a credit of (\$3406) from the chemical supplier due to a previous ineffective application. Denny made a proposal for curly leaf treatment of up to 60 acres for the spring of 2020, second by Chuck Macy, motion passed.
- Chuck Macy stated that we now have a current bog removal permit & that he will be renewing our permit for 2020. Any property owners that need bogs removed should contact Chuck.

Election of Officers: Al Leinen agreed to serve another term on the board unless someone else offered to replace him. Ed Hennek nominated Al Leinen since there was no other volunteers & motion passed.

Other New Business & Open Discussion:

- Chuck Macy reported that he had contacted the DNR regarding the possibility of installing rock beds in our lake for natural walleye production. The DNR said that there is really no opportunity in our lake since we need sandy/rocky bottoms in the lake or inlets and there is none. In addition, if we did attempt to install them they would probably be washed away.
- Open discussion then proceeded on our walleye fingerling stocking program. Al Leinen proposed that we provide funding in 2020 for up to 800 pounds of fingerlings to be stocked next fall by Bosek Fisheries. Last year our cost was \$6,000 for 400 pounds as approved by the DNR. A discussion then took place on the success rate of the program. Al Leinen reported that we have nice size first year fingerlings that have survived and that the same program on Two Rivers Lake near Avon was a great success. Al also presented a check from the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions for a donation to our lake association to be used for the walleye stocking program. Motion by Al Leinen for stocking up to 800 pounds for 2020, second by Jim Macy, motion passed.
- Mark Redding explained that the north end resort association is having erosion problems on their shoreline, have an approved county permit to install rip rap at a cost of \$5,000, and asked the LID for a proposal to fund 100% of the project. He also stated that Todd County did not have a cost sharing program available and that the resort will be budgeting to pay for future rip rap

over the next few years. An open discussion followed on if the LID should be responsible to fund these type projects and if so at what % of cost. Dave Nickolay felt that due to possible runoff and sediment problems that the LID should consider partial funding and made a motion to approve to pay for up to \$2500 of the project to improve the shoreline from erosion and sediment runoff into the lake, second by Denny Harder, motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Lee Daly at 10:21AM, second by Chuck Macy, motion passed.

Submitted by Lee Daly