



MEETING MINUTES for
LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING conducted
WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2022
Zoom Conference Call
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 5:01pm by President Schnell

Roll Call: Brent Schnell, Becki Watson, Rick Dahlstrom, Mark Cerny, Mark Walkowiak, Janice Moy, David Baker, Richard White, Terrance Motley, Wendy Wares. Guests: Eric Calabro (EGLE) and Alisha Davidson

Approval of Agenda: Approval of Agenda motion by Rick, seconded by Becki, all in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda: None

Member Comment:

Public Comment: Eric Calabro-EGLE was a guest speaker who spoke for approximately 15 minutes regarding a proposed EPA-funded plan for Long Lake.

Old Business:

- Updated Clear Water Lake Management, Inc 2022 Contract with ProcellaCOR cost included was provided to the board
- Discussed if we will formally ask the LLF to fund the benthic barrier pilot materials (\$750) and any increased NMC intern cost to support the 2022 prework (e.g. set upper limit of additional funding for this purpose). Consensus was that there will be no fund outlay this year so we will not ask the foundation for funding.

New Business:

- Discussed the letter received from the Barnes project lawyer. Decide on if any response is required. Rick Kiehle and President Schnell, out of an abundance of caution, did take down the posted papers except the EGLE letter that officially denied the permit application on 11/12/2021. Gerry Chefalo, an attorney on the LLF board, recommended a two or three sentence response noting the receipt/review of the letter and note the changes made to the LLA website. No response has been provided to date. It also appears that the appeal was made to EGLE prior to the deadline.
- Discussed the request from Kevin Severt to have a special meeting of the LLA membership prior to the regularly scheduled Annual Discussion Meeting on June 6, 2022. The purpose would be for the LLA membership to consider taking a formal position regarding the recently imposed moratorium on dredging and/or approve any specific guidance for the Long Lake Township planning board to consider in finalizing any ordinances regarding this matter. Alternatively, could we put a poll on the LLA website and email our members with a link to take the poll to gauge the membership's position on this issue?

The board discussed whether LLA would consider taking a formal position or provide guidance for the Long Lake Township Board ensued. We have limited ways to do this, but would the board want to pursue something formal. Cerny and Kiehle suggested we lay low. Any appeal would not happen until the end of 2022 so let the township tie down the ordinances before we become involved. Refer riparian back to the township as we don't have any further information. **On a motion by Terry to direct all inquiries to the township, seconded by Mark W., all in favor, motion passed.**

President Schnell noted that he attended the Long Lake Township Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 PM on January 25, and they moved to create a subcommittee to discuss changes to existing ordinances to address the dredging issue. This will include riparian from multiple lakes in Long Lake Township. President Schnell and Vice President Dahlstrom have volunteered to sit on the committee.

- Discussed the updated executive summary and project plan by Alisha Davidson for the 2022 prework to support the 2022 MISGP project application to pilot benthic barrier treatments in the control of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and also an extended ProcellaCOR pilot in Long Lake. There has been talk with Eric Elgin at MSU Extension and with Caroline Keson who is the Monitoring Programs Coordinator at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council along with Torch Lake and their vegetation assessment. Torch Lake is laying down barriers on small, localized plots for the containment of Eurasian water milfoil. Currently we use contact herbicides as our Eurasian water milfoil covers 10-12 acres in deep water. We have drone footage of our Eurasian water milfoil locations to assist in planning and treatment.



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- Eric Calabro-EGLE described a project via the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) with EPA funding beginning in Fall 2022 which would be an almost identical scope to what we have been pursuing. Proposed work on Long Lake would be in the summer of 2023 to lay down three to five 15'x15' barriers with native plantings with a 5' buffer zone and monitor these barriers in 2024. There would also be at least three control sites for comparison. There are two ways to proceed after barriers are laid - Divers to monitor mats or set it and forget it. Locations need to be away from access points and in 5-12' of water. If we want to be a part of this research we just need to let EGLE know. Brent will discuss with Alisha and will contact Eric of our interest. Alisha's hours will be repurposed for this project. **Motion to approve our potential participation of the study with EGLE made by Mark Cerny, second by David Baker, all in favor - motion passed. An email was sent to Eric Calabro indicating our interest in participating in this study.**

Committee Reports-None for this meeting

Adjournment 5:55pm