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A regular meeting of the Hackert Lake Improvement Board was held on November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.at the Amber Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p. m. by Chairperson VanderWall.

Roll call was taken. Present: C. Anderson, J. Ochs, R. Ruba, C. VanderWall

Absent: R. Plowe

Guests: B. Haupt, M. McKinney, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Chair of Science   WSCC

Discussion ensued regarding the open position of secretary.

Motion by J. Ochs and seconded by ? For J. Ochs to act as secretary for this meeting, followed in order for subsequent meetings by R. Ruba, R. Plowe, C. Anderson, and C. VanderWall.   Motion carried.

In discussion, Chairperson VanderWall noted R. Plowe had committed to handle all necessary postings, including use of the "Bulletin Board" section of the Ludington Daily News.

Pertinent information regarding the LIB will continue to be posted on the Hackert Lake Association website, and in the Association's newsletter.

Public Comments: B. Haupt noted the lake is at a high water level, and likely to remain so through winter. Upon ice out, high speed boaters could cause wave damage to lakefronts.   Mr. Haupt suggested a regulation to prohibit high speed boating during the high water levels.   Discussion ensued.   It was noted the natural drain is on the property of Mike Klemm, who polices, and ensures it is not blocked.   Rick Ruba, and others, have periodically worked on the drain.   The drain has worked well in past periods of high rainfall.   Speculation is that Amber township, and the DNR, would have to be involved in any such regulation. C. VanderWall will make some calls to investigate.

Motion by R. Ruba and seconded by J. Ochs to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Dr. McKinney presented the data, and a draft of the final report of the WSCC 2014 Hackert lake Water Quality monitoring study.   The lake continues to be very healthy, with no indication of any problems.   All items measured are within acceptable ranges.   The Coliform level at the East end is very good.   Dr. McKinney indicated mercury and hydrocarbon can be measured if desired.   Electro shocking fish survey ability will also be available.   Mr. Haupt noted the location of what appeared to be two pipe drains and questioned their purpose.   Dr. McKinney will look at them in 2015.   J. Ochs will serve as the board's contact for Dr. McKinney's program.

C. VanderWall very positively reported on his recent attendance at a conference in Mackinaw City.   The State of Michigan is pursuing the creation of a program, with funding, to address invasive aquatic species.   Counties would be bundled to facilitate monitoring, prevention, and control efforts.   Eurasian Water milfoil is currently at the bottom of the top ten "problem" list.   Phragmites (reeds) and large leaf pondweed are the top concerns. DNR representative Emily Matson (?) was very informative.

Treasurer's report submitted by C. Anderson.   All bills paid. $12,081.97 in account, per printed, itemized report which included 2013 activity.   Motion by R. Ruba and seconded by C. VanderWall to approve the Treasurer's report.   Motion carried.   J. Ochs commended the report.

J. Ochs proposed a 2015 meeting schedule. After discussion, the following was determined:

      Meetings to be held at Amber Township Hall, at 5:00 p.m.

      Monday, March 5, 2015

      Tuesday, June 9, 2015

      Monday, October 5, 2015

Motion by J. Ochs and second by C. Anderson to approve this schedule.   Motion carried.

The board indicated a desire to visit the lake on an evening close to the June 9 meeting.   The tour would be on J. Ochs' pontoon.

R. Ruba noted a budget should be developed.   It was agreed this would be done at the march 5, 2015 meeting.

J. Ochs requested guest presenters such as Doug Pullman, Tony Groves and a herbicide applicator(s) be invited to future meetings.   C. VanderWall will pursue.

Motion to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. By R. Ruba and second by C. VanderWall.   Motion carried.

      Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November, 2014

      John Ochs