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Houghton Lake Improvement Board Regular Meeting Minutes July 28, 2020

Call to order by Chairman Deamud at 7:00 pm

Members present were Matt Peterson, David Russo, Rex Wolfsen, James Deamud, Jim Mikolaizik, Jack McCauley, and Norm Fullmer.

Alternates present were Lynn Baese and Howard Hatherly. Dick Pastula, Chip McCullough, David Fedewa and Tim Muckenthaler were absent.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Wolfsen to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Zoom meeting as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson to accept the following treasurer's report. Account balances as of 7-28-2020 are Checking \$33,303.38, Money Market \$384,397.07 and a CD balance of \$409,328.46 for a total of \$827,028.91. Expenses year to date total \$125,465.57. Two outstanding invoices from PLM amount to \$49,599.93. The Houghton Lake Lake Association returned \$8310.06 to the HLIB in unused funds from the 2019 boat wash support. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Motion by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Russo to approve a letter to Roscommon Township requesting the Township Treasurer to rebill sixteen properties in the 1MF3 category that were billed incorrectly for a total of \$3900. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauly, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Russo, Mr. Wolfsen, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Fullmer. Chairman Deamud passed. Motion carries.

RLS Report-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones reported on survey results conducted July 12-18. A fifty-acre bed of EWM was identified north and east of the Middle Grounds. Treatment of this area was scheduled for July 30. She reported the condition of canals varied with some in good condition while others needed treatment. Elodea was abundant and topped out in several areas. Elodea is a native to Houghton Lake. Overall, she was pleased with the increase in biodiversity on the lake. Aeration was discussed as a possible solution to some of the worst canal issues. RLS will put out an RFP to provide the board with potential cost. The wild rice project was discussed, and sourcing of acceptable seed continues.

Roscommon Township Supervisor Diane Randall addressed the board regarding a proposal to replace the Special Assessment District with a millage proposal of three quarters of a mill on taxable value for all properties in Lake, Markey, Roscommon, and Denton Townships.

Motion by Mr. Russo and supported by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 8:15 pm. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting
Location to be determined
September 22, 2020
7 pm

Respectfully submitted
Norm Fullmer
Secretary-Treasurer