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**Houghton Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2022**

Call to Order by Alternate Lynn Baese at 7:00 pm

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

Alternates present were Lynn Baese.

**Motion** by Mr. Mikolaizik and supported by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the 9-28-2021 regular meeting. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson supported by Mr. Wolfson to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Wolfson to accept the following treasurers report. Account balances as of 1-25-2022 were \$4,904.02 in the checking account, \$220,344.50 in the money market account and \$409,849.89 in the CD account for a total of 635,098.41. Expenses year to date total \$667,695.46. All members present voting in the affirmative the motion carried.

A FOIA request was received on 1-18-2022 and answered via certified mail on 1-22-2022.

**Motion** by Mr. Peterson and supported by Mr. Mikolaizik to honor a request by Roscommon County to share information regarding the HLIB Special Assessment District (SAD) with the Spicer Group as they prepare a SAD for repairs to the dam on the Muskegon River. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Mikoliazik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Fullmer. Opposed-None. Motion carried.

Jim Mikolaizik gave an update on a grant request seeking an addition CD3 Wayside boat cleaning station for the East DNR launch site on Houghton Lake. Results of the grant request are expected the third week of February 2022.

**Motion** by Mr. Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. McCauley to accept the price list submitted by PLM for chemical cost in 2022. Cost changes range from a 2% decrease to a 7% increase. PLM has agreed to absorb any cost exceeding 7%. Members voting in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported Mr. Peterson offering a “Resolution of Intent” to conduct a public hearing on and establish a special assessment district for the continuation of the “Lake Improvement Program” for Houghton Lake to be held on March 22, 2022, at 7 pm in the Markey Township Hall at 7400 E. Houghton Lake Drive. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen and Mr. Fullmer. Opposed-None. Motion carried

**RLS Report**-Dr. Jermalowicz-Jones distributed the 2021 Annual Report and wild rice update to the board. She reported an increase in water clarity and a drop in phosphorus levels. Without enough vegetation in the water an increase in blue-green algae may be possible. Native plants such as white-stem pond- weed are doing well. Jones stated that Mark Tanello with the DNR will be out on the lake this summer conducting surveys.

Mike Solomon reported SePRO had announce a 16% increase in product for 2022. PLM has agreed to keep the increase to 7% by absorbing the difference in cost. Eurasian watermilfoil tends to become resistant to treatment if the same product is used repeatedly. SePRO did not support a combination of ProcellaCOR and Diquat in 2021 but may reconsider.

Two candidates Rod McLean and Mike Surpreenant submitted letters of interest for the Riparian board seat to be vacated by Jack McCauley. Each candidate addressed the board expressing their desire to serve as the Riparian representative.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported Mr. Fullmer to nominate Mike Suprenant for the Riparian board seat. Those in favor of the motion were Mr. McCauley, Mr. Mikolaizik, Mr. Baese, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wolfsen, and Mr. Fullmer. Opposed-None. Motion carried.

Jack McCauley was presented the “Friend of the Lake” plaque recognizing of his years of service to the Houghton Lake Improvement Board.

**Motion** by Mr. Wolfsen and supported by Mr. Peterson to adjourn at 8:06 pm. All members voting in the affirmative the motion carries.

Respectfully submitted  
Norm Fullmer  
Secretary-Treasurer

Next Meeting  
March 22, 2022  
Markey Township Hall  
7 pm.