

Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes FLPOA Board Meeting
May 14, 2016
Fifty Lakes Fire Hall

Board Members Present: Jon Arnoldy, Mike Bury, Ken Neihart and Bob Stancer.
Absent: Christy Arnoldy, Carol Rose and Fred Strohmeier
Visitor: John Reichkitzer.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the October 10, 2015 meeting were read and approved.
Treasurer: the treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance was \$4,663.99.
Membership: 175 members are currently paid through June 1, 2016.

Discussion Topics:

1. Membership: Bob Stancer will prepare an email that will be sent to the membership to remind them of the new membership year and also contain information about association activities this year.
2. Water Quality: The Association will again participate in the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) testing program and also the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizen Monitoring Program.
3. Newsletter: It was decided to only have two newsletters a year at the October 10, 2015. A discussion was held to discuss the newsletter and other ways to communicate with the membership. No decisions were made; further study and discussion will take place at future meeting. Currently the association is without a newsletter editor.
4. MPCA Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan (WRAP): The Brainerd office of the MPCA is currently writing this plan for the Pine River Watershed. The plan should be completed this summer. There may be some water bodies in Fifty Lakes that are included in this plan.
5. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):
 - A. Burma Shave Signs: Bob Stancer is checking with the city to see when the conditional use permit expires.
 - B. Watercraft Inspection Program: The association has received 800 hours of inspection time from the CW County Program to use at the four public accesses in Fifty Lakes. AIS inspectors will be at the four accesses at various times and days of the week.
 - C. Professional Lake Management (PLM) will again conduct two AIS surveys at each of the four public accesses in the city this summer. Last year purple loosestrife was found at the Mitchell Lake access by PLM during one of the surveys. Ken Neihart will organize some volunteers to attempt to remove or reduce the purple loosestrife at the Mitchell access this summer.
 - D. Ruth Lake - zebra mussel update. Zebra mussels were found in Ruth Lake last summer. The lake was treated and it appears the treatment has worked, no living zebra mussels were found after the treatment. Veliger testing and some dives will be conducted for the next two years to check for living zebra mussels.
 - E. Veliger testing will again be conducted this summer in five lakes in the city. Last years tests or samplings in these lakes were all negative.
6. No wake or danger buoys: Jon Arnoldy will be checking with the procedure to follow to obtain a no wake or danger buoys for the channel in Eagle Lake.

7. Proposed Enbridge Pipelines: In a court decision last fall the Minnesota Public Utilities (PUC) was directed to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the two pipelines that Enbridge is proposing. There is an open comment period for this EIS that expires May 26, 2016. Jon Arnoldy is preparing an email to send to the membership regarding this open comment period.

8. Fifty Lakes Days: Fifty Lakes Days is Saturday June 25, 2016. The association will again have a display booth and people there to help with questions.

Expenditures: The board approved two expenditures.

1. \$150.00 to renew membership in the Minnesota Lakes and River Alliance.
2. \$25.00 to the City of Fifty Lakes for the booth at fifty Lakes days, Saturday June 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA

Next FLPOA Board Meeting will be:
June 25, 2016 at 9:30 am.
FLPOA booth at Fifty Lakes Days