

Fifty lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes form Board Meeting
March 10, 2018
Fifty Lakes City Hall

Board members present: Jon Arnoldy, Michael Bury, Ken Neihart, Mike Prouty, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Board members absent: Carrie Bell and Bill Leadens.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the November 4, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance is \$7,510.10.

Membership: There are 187 members that are paid through May 31, 2018.

Board Actions and Discussion Topics:

1. The following expenditures were approved for payment:
 - Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Alliance \$150.00.
 - LARA \$25.00.
 - Pine River Watershed Alliance \$50.00.
2. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and membership letters were sent to all property owners in the city of Fifty lakes. Approximately 750 letters were sent.
3. Enbridge Line 3 replacement: The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is awaiting a recommendation from the administrative law judge on the pipeline. A final decision from the PUC on the pipeline is expected in June 2018.
4. Timber Committee: The city of Fifty Lakes is forming a Timber committee to monitor the timber harvests that are being conducted by Crow Wing County on tax forfeiture property in Fifty Lakes. Mike Prouty will represent the association on this committee.
5. Bob Stancer will coordinate with Carrie Bell to purchase T-shirts with the FLPOA Logo on that will be sold by the association.
6. Water quality plan for Mitchell Lake. The FLPOA board will meet to review and evaluate all available information that the association has on Mitchell Lake to determine the next course of action(s) to take.
7. Annual Meeting. The board decided at the November 4, 2017 meeting to have a picnic instead of a traditional annual meeting that was usually held in August at the Fifty Lakes Foundation Building. The picnic will be held on Saturday May 26, 2018. Food and drink will be available along with information about the association. Bill Leadens and Don Reiersen have volunteered to organize the event.
8. Volunteers will again be collecting water samples on six lakes in the city. Samples are collected monthly from May to September. The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) administers the water quality program.
9. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
 - The association has received a 5-year IUP permit from the city of Fifty Lakes to install AIS signs on Crow Wing County Roads #1 and #136 in Fifty Lakes. The signs will be installed in March or April.
 - AIS surveys will be conducted by association board members and volunteers at the four public landings in the city. Two surveys will be conducted at each landing, one in June or July and the other in September. Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier have attended an AIS Detector School that was conducted by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC). Bob and Fred will supervise the surveys at the landings. Bob Stancer will purchase or build a double-sided rake to collect the vegetation at the landings.
 - In July veliger testing will again be conduct by association board members and volunteers in five lakes in Fifty Lakes. Veligers are the immature stage of the zebra mussel.
 - Some association board members and volunteers will conduct purple loosestrife plant removal on Mitchell Lake in August and September. 2018 will be the third year for the program.

- Local Resorts: The board discussed visiting the lodge on Eagle and the resort on West Fox to meet and talk with the owners or managers about AIS and leave some brochures on AIS to give their visitors.
- AIS inspectors at the public landings: This year Fifty Lakes has lost 500 hours of inspector time from the state AIS program that is administered by Crow Wing County. The past three years Fifty Lakes has received 800 hours for the four public landings in the city. This year East Fox is the only landing in the city to receive 300 hours from the state program. **Eagle, Kego and Mitchell landings received no state funds for inspectors.** The board is considering four different options to provide inspectors at the three unfunded landings. One option has the City of Fifty Lakes signing a Delegation Agreement with the DNR. At the city council meeting on Tuesday March 13, 2018 the association made a presentation to the council regarding the four options. The city is considering the different options. The board passed a motion to commit \$5000.00 to fund inspectors at the unfunded landings in the city. **Additional funds will be needed to provide inspectors at the unfunded landings. The association is asking the membership to donate to fund the additional hours needed.** The association discussed conducting a door-to-door canvas of lakeshore property owners to solicit additional funds for inspectors and new members in June or July.
- AIS Volunteers: The board discussed asking members of the association to volunteer at the public landings in the city. Volunteers would need to attend a training session that is conducted by the DNR before they can work at a public landing. Water Quality: 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA

Attached: FLPOA 2018 AIS Options for Watercraft Inspectors at all 4 Public Landings.

Help Wanted: The association would appreciate volunteers and help in the following:

1. **Most important thing to help and protect our lakes would be a donation to buy AIS inspector hours at our four public landings!**
2. Volunteer to be an AIS volunteer inspector at the public landings in the city.
3. Volunteer to help remove purple loosestrife on Mitchell Lake.
4. Consider a shoreline restoration project on your shoreline.
5. Fisheries – read DNR studies for the lakes in the city and share information with association members.
6. Join the Fifty lakes timber committee.
7. Join the water quality testing crew on your lake.
8. Volunteer to help with the AIS surveys or veliger testing on your lake.