

Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
June 30,2018
Board Meeting Minutes
Fifty Lakes City Hall

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

Board members absent: Carrie and Dianne Bell.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes from the March 10, 2018 were read and approved with the following correction or addition. At the March 10, 2018 meeting the board approved raising the annual dues to \$30.00 effective for the 2019 year.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance is \$12,292.56.

Membership: The current membership is 188.

Board Actions and Discussion Topics:

1. Water quality tests. Volunteers are current collecting water samples from six lakes in the city. Samples are collected monthly from May through September. The association coordinates this program with two different organizations. The two organizations are the Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

2. Timber Harvest in Fifty Lakes. Approximately 40% of the property in the City of Fifty Lakes is tax forfeited property that in controlled by Crow Wing County. The city has formed a timber committee to coordinate with the county on timber matters. Mike Prouty and Fred Strohmeier, who are FLPOA board members, are on the city timber committee. The committee had a meeting with the county on May 30, 2018 to hear what the counties harvest plan was for this year and discuss timber management practices.

3. A FLPOA picnic was held on May 26, 2018 at the City of Fifty Lakes Pavilion in conjunction with the association's annual meeting. The board deemed this a success and decided to have another picnic and the annual meeting in 2019 on the same day.

4. Bob Stancer will make a presentation at the city council meeting on July 11, 2018. He will update the council on current association activities and also talk about possible options for the AIS program for 2019.

5. Mitchell Lake. RMB Environmental Laboratories, that in located in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, is currently reviewing maps, water quality data and other information from Mitchell Lake and Daggett Brook. RMB will make recommendations on possible actions that could be taken to improve the water quality of Mitchell.

6. A door to door campaign will be conducted by the association in August to solicit membership and also solicit donations to support the 2019 AIS program. The association has no idea how much support our lakes will receive for AIS inspectors in 2019. This year our lakes only received 300 hours of AIS inspection hours from the funds that come from the state and are administered by Crow Wing County. This year a decision was made by the FLPOA Board to purchase an additional 500 hours to use at the Eagle, Kego and Mitchell Lakes public landings. The board would like thank all the members that made contributions to support the additional hours. The board would also like to thank the Fifty Lakes Firemen's Relief Association that contributed \$2,500.00 to this effort.

7. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

- Veliger tests. Water samples will be collected in July in 5 lakes to check for veligers that are the larva stage of the zebra mussel. The samples will be sent to RMB Labs. in Detroit Lakes, Mn. for examination.
- AIS surveys at the 4 public landings in the city. Volunteers will remove vegetation at each landing to check for invasive species. The survey will be conducted in July and another survey will be conducted in September at the 4 landings.
- AIS inspectors. The association will continue to schedule and fund AIS inspectors at the Eagle, Kego and Mitchell public landings into the month of September.
- Purple Loosestrife at Mitchell Lake. The association and property owners on Mitchell will again be looking for volunteers to help remove this invasive plant. The removal process will begin sometime in August when the flower blooms but the seeds are not yet mature. This will be the second year of this removal process and hopefully reduce the population of purple loosestrife at Mitchell.
- 2019 FLPOA AIS Plan. The association board has discussed 3 or 4 different options. The association has to first wait till the Crow Wing County (draft) 2019 AIS Plan is published and select the option that fits best with the county plan. The draft county plan is usually published in November. Some of the options the association is considering are. Do the same thing we did this year. Another would be to have the City of Fifty Lakes enter into a delegation agreement with the DNR. A Long term plan would be to establish a "Lake Improvement District" (LID) for the City of Fifty Lakes. Mike Prouty a FLPOA board member is currently researching the details of establishing a LID to collect more information for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA