

Gravel Lake Association
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Meeting held at DeSimone House
October 18, 2014

Called to order – 10:13am

Opening Remarks – none

Attendance – Cr DeSimone, Reed, M DeSimone, Pinkos, Brown, Ca DeSimone, Dorsey, Hochsprung, Jen and Greg Kitzmiller, LaLone, Roeder, Zwartz, Art Earl

Not in Attendance – DeRosa, Flavin, McDevitt, McGreal, Paramski, Rockwell, Stogis

Approval of 9/20/14 minutes – motion by Kevin LaLone, seconded by Greg Kitzmiller, approved

Treasurer's Report – no report

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report – no report

Editor's report – Current newsletter will go out in the next couple of weeks, another newsletter expected to go out in January or February

Internet Ops – no report, no paypal issues known at this time

Fundraising – Tshirt designs – 3 mile club, "Live, Love, Lake" designs were most popular

Water Quality – no update at this time

Weed Treatment – A Sandy beach resident asked for another weed treatment, the weeds in question are native and are very difficult to treat. Suzanne Reed suggests that we put an article in the newsletter about the late blooming weeds in a late summer issue, Craig DeSimone wrote a response to the resident and we could use that information to start an article.

Buoys and Signage – no update

Old Business

Public Access –

Cleanup Day: Kitzmillers report that 5 people came to the cleanup day last week; we are concerned about trees that need to be taken out. Jen Kitzmiller is in contact with the DNR to get approval to remove the trees.

Signage: DNR is now encouraging us to put up our own signage (a copy of the Klinger Lake signage was provided as an example of what we could put up). The board is interested in shopping a nice sign.

Water Quality consultants – Ken Hochsprung, Tom Zwartz, and Craig DeSimone prepared an RFP Results Summary to the board and recommends that the board use Progressive AE with the board spending a maximum of \$22,000

*Tom Zwartz makes a motion that we approve the negotiation of a contract with Progressive EA up to \$22,000 including the committee comments. Motion seconded by Dave Brown. Approved unanimously.

GL Stickers – Janice Pinkos received a sample and is working to make it nice. We decided to make this sticker a cling-on. Janice will have the sample ready for approval at the April meeting.

Channel Dredging – Art Earl provided a handout with information from the sediment samples taken in the channel. Arsenic, Copper, Selenium were detected in the samples. Sediments are fine grade so they may be easier to remove. Suzanne Reed will help put together an education plan. We will also need to put together a survey. We will consider putting the education materials and survey in the January/February Newsletter if we can get board approval of the materials before they go out.

2015 Calendar – Revision: September 19th meeting needs to read as a BOT Meeting not Membership Meeting.

MLSA update – Dave Brown attended this meeting in September. Lakes are going to a combination of aeration and enzymes to control weeds and muck growth.

Michigan Riparian Subscriptions – Janice Pinkos will have the magazines sent to everyone this year, she would like to include information in the next newsletter.

New Business

Facebook Page Content – Craig DeSimone will put something in the next newsletter about Facebook etiquette. The board was not interested in censoring the page beyond sexual, language, and/or unrelated sales issues.

Poker Run (2015) – Dave Brown moves that the Gravel Lake Association sponsors a Poker Run Fundraiser. Motion seconded by Suzanne Reed and approved.

2015 Elections (incumbents: Brown, DeRosa, Roeder, Dorsey, Flavin, McDevitt, all executive officers)

Other New Business – no other new business.

Next BOT Meeting – Saturday, April 18th at 10AM, Porter Township Hall

Announcements - none

Adjourned at 11:36AM