

**HLPS Board of Directors
Minutes of May 19th 2015 Meeting**

Meeting started @ 6:50pm @ Hamlin Township Hall

Present: Bruce Pelletier, Ruth Crompton, Lynn Hoepfinger, Dick Todd, Gin Hluchan, Wayne Disegna, Joe Muzzo, Wayne Andersen, Kathy McGill, and Mark Otto.

Guests: Jim Gallie, Dick Hubbard, and Dave Mahanah

Dick Hubbard informed the Board that they will be treating South Bayou for weeds this year. The treatment planned is to use Reward at least twice for controlling mainly Eurasian Milfoil.

Jim Gallie spoke about the timing of raising and lowering of the lake levels. Jim stated that Hamlin is a man made lake. This means that the timing of when the level of the lake is raised or lowered needs to be set by legal definition. The present terms for raising and lowering the lake is only an advisory statement. Dave Mahanah suggested that some kind of survey be sent to all riparian owners and lake users. After much discussion, it was decided that a questionnaire will be developed that will have several different options for when the raising and lowering of the lake should be and this will be sent to all riparian owners plus an announcement in the local paper be placed in forming the entire community that the questionnaire is available to anyone who is interested.

Jim Gallie also stated that there are long terms plans to expand the canoe trail at the State Park into lost lake. Short term they are planning signage improvements to the present canoe trail.

The Park management is diving up the park into zones and they will then decided what uses will be allowed in each zone.

Committee Reports

Secretary—Last meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer/Membership Report: - Contributions to the fireworks fund are up this year. Our status as a charitable organization has been confirmed. Membership is up from last year at this point. The membership form in the last Currents issue was effective. We presently have 281 paid members.

We have a new memorial coming in for Danielle Goodman currently there is \$1300.00 in it.

Water Quality— The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program has changed their reporting program we now receive only the testing information for the upper and lower lake. In the past we would receive test results from all the lakes in the program. Our reports now give trends for the water quality. As expected phosphorus levels are increasing and water clarity is decreasing.

We have started testing the steams and river supply water to the upper lake. The Spring tests showed the highest phosphorus to be coming from Freeman Creek

(1100 ppm). The cause of that is probably from one farmer who uses poor farming practices. We are hopeful that we can work through the local agri-group to help this farmer improve his practices. Overall the Big Sable River contributes about 90% of the Phosphorus that flows into the upper lake. We can expect algae blooms whenever weather conditions are right.

WSSC is going to be doing water testing on Hamlin Lake as it did last year. We will supply boat transportation for them.

Fish-Walleye 320,000 walleye fry will be released the last week of May. Hamlin Lake is scheduled to receive 150,000 walleye of the 320,000 raised. The Walleye Assoc. will have their annual dinner on June 20th. Tickets can be obtained from members.

Scholarship

The policy for the scholarship fund has not been firmed up yet so we will continue to support someone from WSSC who is studying environmental sciences.

Old Business

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner will be June 26th. It has been decided that we'll have the Saddlers supply the dinner and the snacks and soft drinks. Cost for the dinner will be \$15.00 per person. The guest speaker will be Carolyn Henne and she will speak on invasive plants. Kathy McGill will handle the reservations.

Cottage—No report

Fireworks—Everything is set for the fireworks for this Independence Day. Kent is requesting help for set up and then for clean up the morning following the fireworks display.

End of Duneview Road—The Township plans to go ahead with improving the road end. About 35 tons of lime stone will be placed there along with concrete logs that will act as a ramp for very small water craft. They are in the process of getting bids for this work. It will cost somewhere between \$10,000 and \$14,000. The drainage ditch and drainage tubes that are near the road end will be cleaned and a parking lot will be added.

The township has purchased land adjacent to the road end to convert to a parking lot. The property needs to have cabins removed, a well closed, the electric service removed, and some trees removed. Then the land must be leveled and a concrete pad poured for a porta-jon and a waste container. The township has asked if HLPS would help fund some of this work.

Victory Park Update A new boat launch was built but it was too shallow and out of spec. The ramp is now closed until the builder can correct the ramp and bring it in to specification. The new parking lot is done. Wayne Andersen made a

motion that HLPS pay for the waste pick up there since we are doing this at other launch sites. Mark Otto 2nd. Motion was approved.

New Business

Dennis Rd The county road commission is working on improving the road end.

Trial Aeration Project Lynn Hoepfinger obtain information from the State that indicated that aeration is not effective for algae removal or growth prevention. An extensive study from Europe supports this but they did find that it helps prevent blue-green algae. This project is on hold.

Hamlin Lake Mapping Project This project is also on hold as the membership could not see any real benefits to doing this at the present time.

Nomination Committee Ruth Crompton, Kent Gage, and Jim Clark have been appointed as the nominating committee.

Water Quality Chairman Lynn Hoepfinger is resigning as chairman of the water quality committee. Anyone interested in the chairmanship should contact Lynn.

Hamlin Lake Watershed Management Plan The watershed management plan for Hamlin Lake is about 30 years old. We should be looking at updating the plan at least for the upper lake watershed. Wayne A. has been looking into what needs to be done to upgrade the watershed plan and it appears that it will take a year or 2 to complete the plan. This project is tabled till the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Disegna

Currents deadline is May 24th
Next Meeting is Tues. July 21st
6:30 pm @ Hamlin Township Hall
Gin and Wayne D will provide refreshments
Meeting adjourned 9:20pm