

Hamlin Lake Preservation Society

Meeting

Sept. 30th, 2008

Present: Kent Gage, Wayne Disegna, Lynn Hoepfinger, Lloyd Gearhart, Jim Pinkerton, Jim Clark, Linda Leibole, Susan Austin, Diane Boulais, Alison Puffer, Tom McGill, and Bruce Pelletier

Guests: Wayne Anderson

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm @ Lynn Hoepfinger's

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Aug. 18th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. It was noted that the fireworks fund is substantially less at this time than it was last year. Lloyd Gearhart made a \$500.00 challenge for the fireworks fund asking the board members to match that amount.

Water Quality

WWSC did four sampling on Hamlin Lake this year. The results of the testing showed slightly higher amounts of ammonia and nitrates in the water this year. This maybe due to the flood this year or could indicate higher levels of fertilization around the lake.

Lynn brought up the fact that the person who ran the tests for us this year, Danielle Stocki, lives in Manistee and had to travel down to the collage each time testing had to be done. He recommended that we give her mileage reimbursement. The board supported this recommendation. The money will be taken from the water quality fund.

MICOR is having a 2 day conference Oct.20th & 21st. Anyone interested in going should contact Lynn about details.

There was some discussion about the heavy algae blooms this year and if they were harmful to the lake. Lynn mentioned that WWSC no longer identifies the algae that we see blooming in the lake at various times during the year. The algae blooms did not appear to be blue-green algae.

Of general interest the lake will begin being lowered on Oct. 13th this year. The first Monday after the 2nd Saturday in Oct. is the official start of the lake lowering.

HLPS Currents

There was discussion about when the deadline dates for submitting articles to the Currents should be. After a lively discussion it was decided and agreed upon that the deadline dates will be Oct. 15th, Feb. 15th, and May15th.

Sue Austin, Linda Leibole, and Alison Puffer will do the mailing for the present Currents and Diane Boulais and Kent Gage will to the mailings for the Winter issue of the Currents.

Fireworks

The 4th of July falls on Saturday this year so much discussion was held concerning when the fireworks display should be held. Final consensus was that the show should be planned for Friday July 3rd with a back up date of Sunday July 6th.

President's Report/ Memorial Fund

The well drilling has begun at Wilson Hill Park and the contractor is running into clay which is causing problems with the 2" line that is being used. The well is at 90' right now and no water. If the clay continues they may have to go to a 4" line which is stronger. This could cause the expense of drilling the well to double. Bruce Pelletier volunteered to contact Murphy's Well Drilling to discuss the various options with them such as the water quality we can expect and would a 2" auger type well casing perhaps work better in clay than what is presently being used. The board feels that we should proceed with this project since we have a fair amount of money invested already.

Phragmites Infestation

Wayne Anderson of the BSWR (Big Sable Watershed Restoration Committee) reported that 2 groups of volunteers went out 2 Saturdays in a row to work on the Phragmites infestation. The work was more involved than expected and they were only able to remove the plants from the outer edge of the infested area. Carolyn Henney of the forest service felt that that should contain the infestation until next fall when more removal work will be done.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was set for Saturday Aug. 1st but after this board meeting it was found that there is a conflict with that date. At this point a new date has not been scheduled. Wayne Anderson suggested that we might ask Carolyn Henney to speak at the annual meeting since she is very knowledgeable about invasive species and can give very interesting talks on the subject. The board will ask her to come to the next board meeting

New Business

Since many of our officers leave the area for the winter the board felt that assistants should be appointed to cover for those missing officers. Kent Gage will take over the president's duties while Jim Pinkerton is away and Tom McGill will take over the Treasurer's duties while Linda is gone.

There was some discussion about having the ice cream social again but no firm decision was made.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Saturday May 16th at 9:00 am at Lloyd Gearhart's house

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm