



Lake Templene Improvement Board
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July 20, 2017

Lake Templene Improvement Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing
Nottawa Township Hall

1. **Call to Order** by Dave Peterson, Nottawa Twp. Supervisor, at 6:06 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call of Attendees:** Steve Wolf, present, Bob Ulrich, present, David Peterson, present Dennis Allen, present and Jeffery Wenzel, absent
4. **Rules of Meeting-**Please turn off cell phones or take calls outside of the meeting room. Comments limited to 3 minutes
5. **Approval of tonight's meeting agenda and the minutes from the June 15, 2017 LTIB meeting-**
The agenda and minutes were approved as written on a motion by Dave Peterson, supported by Dennis Allen and all other board members.
6. **Public Hearing: Lake Temple Improvement Project Practicability of the Special Assessment District-**The purpose for tonight's special public hearing is to inform all property owners of the documentation supporting the scope and practicability of continuing a lake improvement project and renewal of the special assessment district under the statutory lake improvement board established under Part 309 of NREPA for the Lake Improvement Projects which include the components of Aquatic Plant Control, Aeration/bio-augmentation for bottomland removal, Fisheries enhancement, and the evaluation/permitting of island stabilization and stump removal. Questions from the property owners attending the meeting will be answered by the presenters and the LTIB board. Tony Groves, Progressive AE consultant provided the proposed annual budget for the 5 year period by category. The total projected budget for all projects will be \$374, 210 which equates to ~\$900 per lakefront improved property. Each property owner was mailed the projected budget included with the public hearing letter announcement mailed earlier this month. Paul Hausler, Progressive AE consultant who surveys the lake's aquatic plant growth, reviewed the aquatic plant population here at the lake. We have a population of invasives including Starry Stonewort, a continuing concern. Emily Short, Spicer Group, reviewed 2016 end of season bottomland reduction results which on average shows that we are reducing the sediment depth 0.4" annually with different areas having varying results. The initial 3 bays have had aeration/bio-augmentation in place for two seasons; the additional 6 bays have 1+ years of operation. We cannot yet tell what the long term

bottomland results will be but the property owners were assured that the program will only continue if results are cost effective. John Amones presented elements of the 2013 Dept. of Natural Resources Fisheries Report for Lake Templene. At that time we had stocks of numerous panfish plus some pike and large numbers of largemouth bass. Enhanced spawning areas, especially for northern pike, are being planned using riprap for bottom improvement.

7. **Treasurer's Report**-In Jeff Wenzel's absence, David Peterson provided the treasurer's report showing that Nottawa Township's SAD balance on July 18, 2017 was \$228,308.92 and Sherman Township's SAD balance on July 18, 2017 was \$54,538.31. The total ending balance was \$282,847.23. On a motion by Dennis Allen, supported by Bob Ulrich and all other board members the treasurer's report was accepted.
- 8 **Payment of Bills**- Bills presented for payment by David Peterson included \$1,500.00 from Fahey, Schultz for Part 309 assessment matters, \$38,165.00 from Clarke Aquatic Services for aquatic plant herbicide treatment, St. Joseph County \$197.51 for postage related to the public hearing notification, and from Clarke Aquatic Services \$6,918.13 for additional aquatic plant herbicide treatment. On a motion by Bob Ulrich, supported by Steve Wolf and all other board members the bills were approved for payment
- 9 **Lake Templene Advisory Group Report**-Jack Rote talked about the aquatic plant herbicide treatment on July 13. Only 30 acres were treated, the smallest in memory. On July 19 & 20 the third bio-augmentation of AO and blended bacteria was completed plus the aeration equipment was serviced. Spicer will only do the bottom depth measurements this season. No water sampling is required this year. Because the starry stonewort is at a reduced level this season, it won't be necessary to request a drawdown this fall. This topic will be discussed at the next LTIB meeting before the announcement will be made.

10 New Business-

-Resolution of Practicability for Improvements to Lake Templene-After additional discussion David Peterson called for a roll call vote on adopting the resolution. Voting "yea" were David Peterson, Steve Wolf, Dennis Allen and Bob Ulrich. Jeffery Wenzel was absent. The resolution was adopted on a motion by Steve Wolf, seconded by Bob Ulrich

-Resolution Adopting Special Assessment District for Improvements to Lake Templene-After discussion David Peterson called for a roll call vote on adopting the resolution. Voting "yea" were David Peterson, Steve Wolf, Dennis Allen and Bob Ulrich. Jeffery Wenzel was absent. The resolution was adopted on a motion by Dave Peterson, seconded by Steve Wolf.

The next step in the process of converting to Part 309 for the SAD is to hold a public hearing to set the roll of property owners to be included in the SAD. The next meeting on August 24 will be to finalize the rolls and set a date for the SAR. The second public hearing date will be scheduled on August 24th with all property owners to receive a letter notifying them of their being included. They can voice their opinions at the second public hearing

11 Public Comments- A resident of Crystal Beach is concerned that the 5 member LTIB board has too much power in that the board can commit both funding for the SAD and another 5 year term for the SAD without having another round of petition signing being necessary. The response was that we have been careful to employ a consultant familiar with the process (Tony Groves) and legal assistance utilizing Fahey, Schultz who is very experienced working with lake boards. The SAD projects are essentially being continued from the current SAD and it is not necessary to have another round of petitions signed, resolutions by the lake board are sufficient.

12 Adjournment Motion by Dave Peterson, supported by Dennis Allen and board to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Next meeting date for the LTIB will be Thursday, August 24, 2017 (rescheduled August 3, 2017 meeting date) at Nottawa Township Hall. Starting time will be 6:00 pm

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Respectfully Submitted

Bob Ulrich-secretary - LTIB
July 26, 2017

Also attending tonight's meeting were a number of property owners who had received the notification letter.

The minutes were approved for distribution after changes were made to resolution 1 & 2 to show who moved and seconded other resolutions.

Further update dated August 24, 2017. Tony Groves, Progressive AE, had suggestions related to the two public hearings necessary to switch to Part 309 in paragraph 6 and 10. The board accepted his recommended changes on a unanimous basis.

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