

## Carp Lake Twp. Lake Improvement Board Meeting

August 25, 2010

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board was called to order @ 7:05 PM

**Present:** Paul Teike, James Tamlyn, Elaine Bostwick

**Absent:** Catherine Freebairn, Arden Bawkey

The LIB chairman, James Tamlyn, opened the floor to public comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker. FoPL Director, Dick Moster, was recognized and offered to read several pieces of correspondence that the Friends of Paradise Lake had submitted to the board since the last meeting. Included was a letter from the group's attorney, Clifford Bloom, which addressed our concerns regarding the objectivity of several members of the Lake Improvement board. Mr. Moster was also prepared to read the riparian petition requesting that James Tamlyn step down from his appointment to the LIB as well as individual letters from Ed Boyer and John Beeson and the letter from Clifford Bloom.

Because of the time restriction, James Tamlyn declined to allow the letters to be read but chose to take that opportunity to respond to them. Regarding the letter from the attorney Tamlyn said it reminded him of the commercial "WHERE'S THE BEEF". He said that it contained a lot of crap but nothing of substance. Regarding the riparian petition, James Tamlyn stated that he is appointed to the Lake Improvement Board by state law, and said that he's "staying." He read the section of the law which states that the appointment of a county commissioner to an LIB is made by the chairperson of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, and that he, James Tamlyn, is the chairperson of the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, and he said that he will remain on our LIB. He also stated that because he is the chairman of the LIB, he will speak when he wants, as long as he wants and that he is the only one who has that right. He then informed the public attending the meeting that he had requested that the Emmet County Sheriff's Department have a patrol car in the vicinity of the township hall and, if necessary, was prepared to have them escort persons speaking out of order from the property. He said he is "not threatened" by our letters. At this point Mr. Tamlyn got up and started pacing the floor, raised his right hand and asked for a show of hands from the audience as to who besides himself had testified before Congress. When no one raised their hands he said "I thought as much". (On a side note a person from the audience wanted to ask "If this testimony before Congress had nothing to do with EWM than what relevance does that have to this meeting?" Unfortunately she was not recognized by Mr. Tamlyn and did not get the opportunity to ask this very pertinent question.)

Rosemary Consani was given the floor and questioned Mr. Tamlyn as to whether he could possibly be unbiased toward a potential treatment option that includes aquatic herbicides. She also re-asserted FoPL's conviction that a 2/3 majority of riparians were in favor of an herbicide/weevil treatment if recommended by a professional engineer.

Dick Guernsey was given the floor and asked that we all try to work together, a sentiment that was echoed and expanded upon by several others.

Judy Jansen from the Silver Fox Resort spoke about the scientific advances made in medicine over the past decade, and that we can trust that applications of an aquatic herbicide have been thoroughly tested and have proven safe over time.

Paradise Lake Association president, Marilyn Smith, spoke to clarify and reiterate what services the PLA had offered to perform in the proposal they submitted to the LIB at the last meeting. These services do not include taking any part in the decision-making process. They only wish to perform clerical services, etc.

There followed some discussion about the validity of the Township's Riparian Survey. Board member, Elaine Bostwick, claimed the mailing the FoPL sent out prior to the arrival of the survey tainted the results of the survey. She went on to say that any claim of a 2/3 majority of riparians in favor of using aquatic herbicides and weevils to treat the lake was not credible to due to the influence of the FoPL mailing.

Others commented that they would like the LIB to send out a new riparian survey. This seemed to be a popular idea among members of the audience. Although no action was taken on this suggestion at this meeting, it may be considered at a later date.

James Tamlyn addressed the subject of the FoPL letters again stating that he had asked the county's attorney's advice and will post all letters and correspondence submitted to the LIB on the county web site under the "minutes" link.

<http://emmetcounty.org/minutes/>

The meeting then turned to the subject of the new weed study. Paul Teike had contacted Savin Lake Services and asked them to attend the meeting with a presentation and their bid for the project. James Tamlyn had not been successful contacting anyone willing to get involved in that "hornet's nest" in Carp Lake—a reference to the disputes that have disrupted our community over this issue. Elaine Bostwick had contacted Central Michigan University; however, they were unable to attend the meeting due scheduling conflicts.

### **Savin Lake Services Presentation**

Savin Lake Services is a fully-licensed lake management company. President Guy Savin gave a Power Point presentation which outlined their various services, treatment options, customer testimonials, etc. In addition to weed studies, their company regularly performs water quality analysis, aquatic vegetation harvesting, lake dredging, aquatic herbicide and biological lake treatments. Savin Lake Services said that they also work with EnviroScience to coordinate biological controls. They proposed conducting the weed survey with special emphasis to be on the Eurasian Watermilfoil in Paradise Lake. Savin Lake Services utilizes cutting-edge GPS technology to coordinate all aspects of the lake treatment. They also use GPS

technology to control the application of product to lake. Much of their presentation demonstrated their ability to provide treatment services beyond the weed survey, if necessary.

Mr. Savin also said that “integrated control efforts are possible” and that he “wouldn’t recommend weevils if they didn’t work.” He felt that the fact that Paradise Lake already has an established weevil population would definitely assist future milfoil treatment efforts.

They don’t use a traditional grid-point lake survey. They only use GPS surveys to pinpoint the location and extent of the weed beds. He proposed that the weed study would require two boats and take a week to two weeks in order to completely map the extent of the weed infestation.

The cost of the Savin Lake Services weed study would be \$6,750.00, and they would be willing to present the results from their survey separate from any recommendations for treatment. They would have the results from the weed study back to the board by November 1, 2010.

Paul Teike made a motion to hire Savin Lake Services to do a lake weed study. After a brief discussion by the board, the motion carried unanimously. Pending approval by the Carp Lake Township board, the weed study fee will be paid by Carp Lake Township until such time as a special assessment district can be established by the Lake Improvement Board to fund ongoing projects.

*Results from the weed survey will be posted on the FoPL website as well as the Emmet County website:*

<http://emmetcounty.org/>

Date for next the next Lake Improvement Board meeting: Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

*For more information on Savin Lake Services, please visit their website at:*

<http://www.lakeandpond.com/>