

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Duck Lake Improvement Board was held at the Crystal Community Center 217 W. Park St, Crystal, Michigan 48818 on July 14th, 2025 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Chris Johnston, Shirley Pyle, Todd Sattler, Anna O'Rourke, Steve Delaney

ABSENT:

Meeting called to order by Shirley Pyle at 7:00pm.

Anna agreed to take the minutes as the new Secretary was not yet assigned.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by: Todd Sattler Seconded by: Chris Johnston

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Chris Johnston Seconded by: Todd Sattler

Motion carried

TREASURERS REPORT:

Anna noted that the balance of the account is \$77,411.69. Anna noted that PLM has conducted four treatments, one AVAS survey and a harvesting service. The total special assessment collected totals \$59,614.98. The PLM spend is on target and two additional treatments and another harvest are being planned.

CORRESPONDANCE: None noted.

BUSINESS:

- a. **Appointment of new Board member Steve Delaney.** Steve was introduced by Shirley Pyle; he was appointed by the Township Board prior to this meeting, replacing Phil Foster, who resigned. Motion for Steve Delaney to be elected as Secretary was made by Anna O'Rourke and seconded by Shirley Pyle with motion carried by all Board members.
- b. **Jason from PLM** was present and provided updates to the treatment and cutting activity. Milfoil and algae were treated extensively in May with SSW treatment and harvesting in June. Jason plans to review the progress of treatment and cutting on Thursday of this week (7/17/25) so that subsequent treatments can be targeting going forward. Jason has suggested we treat the surface lily pads near the outlet and around the boat launch area in August or earlier. There will also be testing the week of August 18-25th for E.coli just to ensure the low levels and warmth of the season hasn't induced growth. Harvesting needs will be assessed by Jason and scheduled for early August. The water samples from spring look typical to previous results with nitrates high but slightly lower than last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A member of the public suggested the broadleaf pond weeds are dense on the south side of the lake and harvesting this area should be included in the August plan. There was also comment that the boat lane around the pilings needs cutting and treated due to possible milfoil presence and encroaching lily pads. Multiple members of the public noted that the SSW around the island has been greatly diminished and were pleased with the progress to that area. The north side of the island has accumulated heavy lily pads so the public suggested more aggressive harvesting in August in that area to create a boat lane for residents along Colonel Point and inlet area.

A question was posed about how to deal with purple loosestrife and Jason suggested cutting the flower head and bagging so spread can be decreased. Anna O'Rourke asked about Aquaside pellet use around docks and Jason informed the group that there are well restrictions and residents should be aware of the 200ft distance requirement. He suggested other products without restrictions such as triclopene and Renovate.

One member noted that the fishing has been good this season with larger than expected bass and pike and minimal small skinny fish which was seen last year.

ADJOURNED:

Motion by: Shirley Pyle, Seconded by: Todd Sattler

Time: 7:55 pm