

Maple Lake Improvement District Wright County (MLIDWC)
Minutes of the Second Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 3rd, 2019

The second annual meeting of the Maple Lake Improvement District Wright County was held on Saturday, August 3rd at the Maple Lake Township Hall, 6298 Bishop Avenue NW and Highway 37, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

As required by Statute, a Meeting Notice was published in the Howard Lake Harold Journal July 15, 2019, and mailed to all property owners of record per the Wright County Tax Files on July 17, 2019.

The meeting was attended by 49 people, including Mike Raiche, Chairperson, Tony Heying – Vice Chair, Bob Porter – Treasurer and acting Secretary, and Bob Johnson – Director, and a total of 36 registered lake property owners.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Raiche at 8:30AM.

1. Secretary's report:

- A. Minutes of the 2018 MLIDWC were handed out to meeting attendees on registration at the beginning of the meeting, as well as having been posted on the MLIDWC website
- B. A motion was made by Betty Meyers to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Betty Thomes. There being no further discussion, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the membership.
- C. The membership was informed that all meeting notices and minutes are posted on the Maple Lake – Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. (ML-LPOA, Inc.) website under the MLIDWC tab.

2. Treasurer's report:

- A. A summary of the MLIDWC's financial activity since the last meeting was presented, with the following highlights:
 - i. The County wired \$21,939 into the MLIDWC checking account, the proceeds of the 2019 first half assessment.
 - ii. The \$5,000 advance received from the MLLPOA in 2018 was repaid from these funds.
 - iii. \$17,603 has been spent on approved projects, including \$16,761 for weed control, and \$842 for county fees and administrative expenses.
 - iv. The bank account balance is \$4,341, with an additional \$18,249 due from second half assessment collections.
 - v. A LID member requested copies of the treasurer's report be made available for distribution at the next meeting.
- B. A motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Lisa Breuer, seconded by Betty Moore. Motion was approved unanimously with no further discussion.

3. Budget Overview:

The Chairman presented slides of aerial photos showing treated and untreated areas of invasive species in Maple Lake.

- A. Weeds were treated in early June
 - i. A total of 44.5 acres were treated with chemicals. This is the largest area the DNR has approved for treatment in a single year in recent history.
 - ii. The treatment cost \$82,000, of which \$32,000 will be paid from the proceeds of the 2019 MLIDWC assessment, and the balance, or \$52,000 by the ML-LPOA, Inc. using proceeds from the ice fishing derby.
 - iii. Multiple property owners complained about the lack of response by the vendor – PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. - to phone calls. A recommendation was made to appoint one person within the MLIDWC to be a point of contact with PLM to help improve communications, and to obtain bids from other vendors for next year's treatment.
 - iv. Several members discussed the effectiveness of the treatment, which seems to be working, but it is too early to make a final determination. Two areas treated were larger than 10 acres, and are guaranteed for 3 years.
- B. The culvert project approved last year for 2019 was briefly discussed.
 - i. \$6,000 still remains in the budget for this work
 - ii. Three potential projects are slotted for review and potential completion.
 - iii. We are waiting for Wright County Soil and Water to provide engineering and guidance on what will be approved and the cost.
- C. The proposed assessment for 2020 was discussed.
 - i. Three levels were presented - \$150, \$200, or \$250 per property.
 - ii. The President discussed the costs of treatment at different levels, continuing this year's program into 2020. The level of treatment desired determines how much the assessment will be.
 - iii. The treatment applied in 2019 provided a good start on guaranteed areas, but there is still a need to treat larger areas next year, along with expanded bands of milfoil.
 - iv. A general discussion was held regarding the availability of other funding sources, including from sponsored gambling activities and the ice fishing derby.
 - v. A motion was made to vote on the different levels of assessment by Cheryl Meyer and seconded by Donald Latour. The vote for the \$150 assessment was approved by 19 votes out of 36 eligible to vote. The 2020 assessment will be **\$150.00 per assessable property.**

4. Officer/Director Election – Secretary Position:

Nominations were requested from the floor for the open Secretary position. There being none, property owner Dan Valenta ran unopposed. Bette Meyer made the motion to nominate Dan Valenta to the position of Secretary, seconded by Greg Thomes. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and Dan was unanimously elected to fill the open position for a three year term expiring in 2022.

5. New Business:

- A. A recommendation was made to change the annual meeting date from the first Saturday in August to the third Saturday of April each year. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tony Heying, seconded by Gary Burau, to move the annual MLIDWC meeting date, effective 2020, to the third Saturday in April. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. A general discussion was held regarding the current lake level, and ideas were presented regarding how it can be controlled. Discussions included the culvert being set to maintain lake water height, and the channel being plugged with bogs becoming a problem. No action was taken.
- C. A suggestion was made to have the MLIDWC work to keep the new culvert under Highway 55 cleared. It was decided this project was more appropriately handled by the MLLPOA.
- D. Greg Thomes suggested a vote be taken to see if there was interest in reviewing available options to control lake water height. A majority of attending members voted in favor.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Ruddle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cheryl Meyer, and approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM August 3th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Porter
Treasurer and Acting Secretary