Maple Lake Improvement District (LID) Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Maple Lake Township Hall

Attendance (see attached list)

The required legal notices of the annual meeting were published in the Maple Lake Messenger and the Howard Lake Herold.

Minutes

Chair Tom Valenta called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

1 Secretary's Report

Filling in for the Secretary, Bob Porter indicated the Maple Lake LID monthly and annual meeting minutes are posted on the website and proceeded to read the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as read was made by Earl Schonecker and seconded by Ed Zakes. Motion Approved.

2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Porter reported the LID bank account balance = \$47,123.42 (as of July 30, 2022). With the annual gross assessment from all property owners = \$43,805 (note that this includes some late payment penalty fees).

Projects:

- 2022 Weed control budget = \$21,700. Total assessments = \$117,432.77. Payments = \$97,868.97. The current unspent amount of \$19,563.80 will go toward the outstanding PLM bill with the MLLPOA to pay the remainder of the bill.
- 2022 Culvert project budget = \$20,000. Total assessments = \$46,000. Payments = \$7,057.50. Unspent = \$39,942.50.
- 2022 Administrative budget = \$2,105. Total assessments = \$8,164. Payments = \$3,929.26 (includes items such as insurance, notices, mailings). Unspent = \$4,235.34.

Second half of assessment will be collected on the October 15th property tax statement. LID will receive funds in December 2022.

Discussed the PLM individual property treatment and rebate program. Many voiced good results and support of the program. Note to send out email reminder for 2023 treatment in February and encourage homeowners to sign up early due to the long review time by DNR.

Motion made by Mike Raiche to approve the Treasurers report as presented and seconded by Chad Lashinski. Motion Approved.

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3 Assessment for 2023

Bob Porter presented the Proposed annual assessment that includes AIS control; capital projects (culvert/weir projects); and administrative categories.

- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Total = \$21,700.00.
- Capital Projects = \$20,000.
- Administrative = \$2,105.00

Total = \$43,805.00

There are 292 properties in the LID membership. Proposed to keep the annual assessment at the current \$150.00.

Motion to approve the LID budget as presented made by Chad Lashinski and seconded by Larry Pribyl. Vote was passed with 20 in favor and 1 opposed. A majority approved to maintain the assessment at \$150 for 2023.

4 Water Quality Capital Projects – Culverts/Weir

a. AIS

Chair Tom Valenta presented graphics of milfoil presence in Maple Lake from 2019 through 2022. The comparison showed extensive milfoil and large amounts that were treated in 2019 with subsequent years showing much smaller areas of milfoil that needed to be treated. In 2022 treatment for milfoil was done mid-July on 22.7 acres total.

2022 costs included:

- Lake survey (to assess weeds such as CLPW and milfoil) at a cost of \$2,000.
- Point intercept survey (a more in-depth survey, looks at type of vegetation, and compares trends—will be able to compare trends to survey completed 4 years ago.
 Report expected by the end of summer) at a cost of \$3,350.
- CLPW approximately 11 acres
- Eurasian Milfoil
 - Approved spraying all 22.7 acres
 - Estimate \$36,675 cost with \$21,700 by LID

Flowering Rush is also being evaluated by the LID. LID is working with PLM in anticipation of an August spraying. Tom Valenta will follow up with PLM. Jen Zakes on Big Maple notes that they have Flowering Rush and that it is thicker and appears to be spreading since last year.

b. Weir Project Status:

Homeowners' approval is required for project to proceed. LID anticipates a mail in vote to be sent to homeowners soon. It is Tom Valenta's understanding that there needs to be a 75% approval vote based on his discussions with DNR and legal counsel. Bill Ruddle disagrees and indicates that there is a state statute showing 100% approval required. Tom Valenta will take this under advisement and verify with DNR and legal counsel.

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Once homeowners approve, then the application for the project will be sent to DNR for review. The LID will have ownership of the weir for maintenance.

Pending completion of the two items above the DNR is required to approve the project.

Once DNR approves the project the LID will come back to the homeowners for approval of construction expenses.

The target construction is in 2024.

Discussion on lake heights:

The current lake height is 1000.74 feet. The lake level at the May MLLPOA meeting was 1001.66 feet.

The proposed weir height is 1000.90 feet. This is based on an engineering study by Wenck/Stantec that maintains the 20-year average. This is the request DNR data range. The Stantec Report did provide a range of proposed heights with the 1000.90 feet being mid-range.

Noted that the Highway 55 culvert is lower at a 999.44 feet invert elevation.

It was reported that there is currently no water at the existing illegal structure.

The effect on downstream waterbodies was asked. Tom Valenta stated that the Stantec report did evaluate potential downstream effects and that at the recommended weir height range represents negligible effects downstream.

Current expenditures towards the project have provided useful information concerning Maple Lake.

c. Possible Projects:

Chair Tom Valenta shared graphic showing possible future projects around the lake and adjacent areas that will reduce the runoff from nearby fields/erosion issues that are recognized by the LID and MLLPOA.

5 Elections

Terms for positions on the LID Board are 3 years. Last year Dan Lagermeier stepped in to complete the vacant secretary position and has done an awesome job in the past year. Current Board members and terms are:

Chairperson (Tom Valenta) – Term expires in 2024 Vice Chair (Tony Heying) – Term expires in 2023 Secretary (Dan Lagermeier) – Term expires in 2022 Treasurer (Bob Porter) – Term expires in 2023 Director (Robert Johnson) – Term expires in 2024

The Secretary position is expiring. Tom Valenta nominates Dan Lagermeier for Secretary. After calling for other nominations, there were no other nominations from the floor and the

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nominations were closed. The vote was called and passed unanimously to elect Dan Lagermeier as Secretary of the LID Board with a term expiring in 2026.

6 Additions

There were no additions to the agenda.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sheila Moussett and seconded by Chad Lashinski.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Breuer (acting secretary, MLLPOA VP)

21 Properties were represented at the meeting:

- 1. Breuer, Lisa
- 2. Brown, Brian
- 3. Carron, Kathy
- 4. Carriveau, Scott
- 5. Drenckhan, Arthur
- 6. Erdahl, Richard and Bonnie
- 7. Golden, Mike & Stephanie
- 8. Granger, Todd & Sherri
- 9. Jorgenson, Jennifer & Nate Green
- 10. Lashinski, Chad
- 11. Mooney, Phil
- 12. Moussette, Sheila
- 13. Porter, Robert
- 14. Pribyl, Larry
- 15. Raiche, Mike
- 16. Ruddle, William
- 17. Ryan, L. Michael
- 18. Schoenecker, Earl & Mary
- 19. Schramel, Mark & Maria
- 20. Whelan, Diane & Bill
- 21. Zakes, Jen