

**INDIANHEAD LAKE**  
**LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 18, 2012**

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A meeting of the Indianhead Lake, Lake Improvement Board was held at the Montcalm County Drain Commission, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012 at 11:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Valerie Wallace, Chairperson  
Abutting Property Owners' Representative

Russ Ruthruff, Member  
Douglass Township Representative

Richard Foster, Member  
Douglass Township Representative

Sandy Raines, Secretary/Treasurer  
Montcalm County Deputy Drain Commissioner

ABSENT: Pat Carr, Member  
Montcalm County Board of Commissioners

ALSO  
PRESENT: Paul Hausler, Progressive AE  
Ernie Combs, Louis Placencia, property owners  
Carrie Wills, Drain Commission

*A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Russ to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Russ and seconded by Dick to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

Old Business

Update Weed Control Program

Early Algae Bloom

Paul gave the board an overview of the program. The first survey will be done around the second week of May. Milfoil and curlyleaf pondweed are the main targets again this year. Lily pads will be treated earlier this year. Algae has already been seen on the lake but has died back some because of the cooler weather. Russ reported that there is a large mass of weed growth in front of his home. Paul thinks it is probably curly leaf pondweed. Pondweed should be treated before seeds form on plants.

### Launch Site

Paul has talked to Jason at PLM. They can bring in a metal grate to drive over to protect the property owners land. Dick will talk to the property owners to get their approval to try the grate this year.

### New Business

#### Review Benefit Factors/Assessment

##### Ernie Combs

Ernie owns three parcels of land. One is along the channel and two are backlots. The channel front lot was given a factor of 1 and the back lots were also assessed as a 1. The dwelling is on one of the back lots but the other two lots are accessory lots to the home and give Mr. Combs access to the lake. The 2011 tax was removed from one of the lots. However, Mr. Combs would like to be reimbursed for the 2010 tax amount. The board feels Mr. Combs should have brought the error to their attention last year.

A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Russ to deny reimbursement of the 2010 tax for Ernie Combs as he should have contacted the board last year to correct that year. The roll has been corrected for future years. Motion carried.

### Public Comments

Ernie asked about cutting weeds along the bank. Paul explained that its better for the lake to not cut them directly along the shoreline. The plants make a natural buffer that filters water running into the lake and helps to prevent bank erosion.

*There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, a motion was made by Russ and seconded by Sandy to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried.*

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Donald E. Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer  
Indianhead Lake, Lake Improvement Board

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County of Montcalm    }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Indianhead Lake, Lake Improvement Board, Montcalm County, Michigan held on April 18, 2012 and that said minutes are on file in the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the office of the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Indianhead Lake, Lake Improvement Board.

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Donald E. Cooper  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner