

BPILA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call of board members. Absent were Vivian Sims and Scott Marks

A motion was made by Paul Mulheisen to approve the February, 24, 2011 meeting agenda. Second by Dan Bailey. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jen Medema to approve October 20, 2010 board meeting minutes. Second by Dan Bailey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Paul Mulheisen reported that we have total balance of \$4,231.12. We have 19 paid memberships, to date.

Township update – Frank Force

The budget development for 2011/2012 is winding up. Budget approval meeting will be held on March 14, 2011.

The township is in the middle of sewer/irrigation and collection upgrade and they are getting bids on irrigation updates. Construction dates for irrigation upgrades is to be determined – either April or August. It will be a 1 month construction timeframe, with everything being replaced. No financial issues are anticipated.

A Community Development Block Grant (county-issued) is under development. It allows for funds for special projects, such as home repair for low income residents.

Lake Improvement Board Update – Dan Bailey

Results of the lake monitoring collection data were received, and BPIL is about on par with last year – “average” lake health. Our clarity was reported as good this year, but Dan will confirm that all data was reviewed and reported accurately.

In January there was a 1000 gallon sewer spill near the boat launch at pump #2. An ecoli test was performed after the spill and there was a spike, but then it dropped off to low levels after the second testing.

Per Frank Force, redundant floats have been added to these stations to bypass electrical panels in order to identify station failure. Also, sewer upgrades will put mission dialers on all pumps.

Recommendation was made to advertise/notify lake residents that the Bostwick Lake Church zero phosphate fertilizer sale is coming in the Spring.

A recommendation was also made to re-run the seawall article again in the summer newsletter. Also re-run sewer best practices – not flushing medical waste, no grease down drains, etc.

Newsletter update – Pat Talbott

We lost 2 ads, but gained one. A recommendation was made to list companies that put docks in/out. Also to list this on our resource page on the website. Tom will look into business recommendations for dock services and see if they want to advertise.

The next newsletter is planned for June.

Pat also suggested a Spring road clean-up around the lake. Frank reminded that there is a township Spring trash pick-up in May.

Safety Committee and Website – Scott DeMeyer

We've had 442 hits on the website, but kind of stagnant during winter months. Scott reminded all to send any new pictures that he can post on the site.

A boater safety class will be offered again at the Grattan Twp Hall in the spring.

Scott suggested an article in the newsletter to encourage watching out for neighbors and empty homes due to some recent crime in Big Pine Island Preserve subdivision on north end of lake.

Historical Committee

Tom will talk to Cathy Kirkbride about plans for upcoming historical articles.

Old Business

Boat ramp run-off: Tom confirmed that special areas were installed to absorb run-off.

Dan Bailey and Scott DeMeyer will team up to write an article for the next newsletter on boat ramp etiquette.

Ramp signage: Tom will contact the DNR about using their existing signage to post lake rules.

New Business

Plantings/beautification around pump stations: Frank will check into whether landscaping is acceptable for pump station areas and what is needed to gain approvals. Suzie volunteered to do landscape design for these areas.

2011 fireworks: Dave Flanagan and Frank Fuss offered to collect funds for Woodland Park East. Deb Story and Paul Mulheisen will do Hallridge and Woodland Park West. Emily McNally will do Larned, from Greene's store and down.

Paul asked Tom to send an email reminder to lake residents regarding membership dues.

Frank Force reminded all that there is a new township natural features park – Seely Creek Park, featuring trails, kiosks and a boardwalk that is planned through a grant writer. The memorial wall will also be done by Memorial Day 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.