

MURRAY LAKE ASSOCIATION SEMI ANNUAL MEETING 10-21-08

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Rumbaugh. Board members present were: Alan Rumbaugh, Chuck Foster, Mike Stephens, Gene Beerens, Arv Leisman, Mike Beaudry, Bucky Curtis, Steve Ockaskis and Bob Imhoff. Absent: Judy Spooner, John Bajama

Minutes of Spring 2008 were read and accepted.

Treasures report given and accepted by Steve Ockaskis.

Grattan twp. Fire Dept. Capt. Mark Rosenberger spoke on the new pressurized well to be implemented on 5-mile rd. MLA earmarked \$1000 to be used by the fire dept. for the new well but request was made to spent this money on the pressurized well conversion from dry well hydrants. No date is yet marked for this to take place. There is another dry well conversion to be changed in the Murray Lake area as well.

Terry Conley spoke on sewer upgrades and where we stand. The current drainage system needs to change from the old "drip system" to a "center pivot" type. This should enable the twp. To get the permit renewed from the DEQ. The next increase in cost could come as an assessment rather than a quarterly increase. More on this later.

Chuck Foster presented on the environmental issues, listing the current projects and talking on the positive effects of creating a natural shoreline, Buffer Zone.

Alan gave an update on the new directory and zoning issues. One of the topics the twp. has concerns about is where placement of Wind Turbines could be that would be acceptable. Standards for the "possible future placements have been created. The other issue of storage PODS was addressed as to how long they can stay on the property. Discussion is still ongoing as to how zoning will be a factor in the placement of outdoor Wood Furnaces.

Steve Ockaskis did a report on water quality. He tested with the Seccia (sp) disk 18 times during the summer. A spring and fall phosphorus test was completed and sent to MSU lab for results. Each month the Chlorophyll test was completed. The results have not been returned to us as of this date. Our costs are around \$200 per year. John Bajama did the monthly Oxygen testing. The results again showing the oxygen level to be drastically reduced below 25 feet.

Alan gave a plea to have someone take on the "garden team" to help beautify the entrance signs and the 5-mile berm.

Bucky Curtis talked on the water level and how the lake level went up 6+ inches during the heavy rain and is now ½ inch below the ave. June level. A good place to be, going into the winter months.

Bob Canfield mentioned the vegetation increase in the canal where the water exits the lake and that we need to get permission from land owner to possibly get this cleared out to improve exit flow.

Russ Graves brought up the idea of creating an entertainment committee. He will work on putting this together. This group would work on ideas such as; picnics, golf outings, treasure hunts, etc. Russ is looking for a few people to help on this. The idea would be for family oriented fun events.

Upcoming events were mentioned and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Foster