

Fremont Lake Association
Annual Meeting 5/9/11 7PM Sheridan Township Hall

Meeting opened at 7PM. Board Members in attendance; Bruce Essebaggers, Stan DeKuiper, Gary Breuker, Kurt Lowdermilk, Nels Johnston, Dean Morehouse & Norman Knorr. Absent; Erich Heger & Luke Pfeiffer. 42 Members & guests attended.

Secretary Report – Minutes of the 5/10/10 Meeting accepted.

Treasurer Report – Stan DeKuiper submitted a report of Income & Expenses since the 2010 Annual Meeting. The Membership Dues received during the last year totaled \$1,625, Fireworks Donations \$950, Interest \$318 & Expenses totaled \$1,557. The current Balance is \$14,702. Additional Membership Dues were received at the Meeting. Report accepted.

Committee Reports

Shoreline Restoration – Gary Noble from the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA) & Dean Morehouse reported on this Project is the 1st Initiative we've taken to accomplish the recommendations of the 2009 GVSU / AWRI Project to evaluate the water quality of Fremont Lake. Thanks are in order to the organizations funding the Program; The Fremont Area Community Foundation, resources available to (MRWA) & funds of the Fremont Lake Association. Gary indicated that the value of the plants is \$7,000 & 2 classes of students are volunteering to help with the plantings. The 34 property owners participating in the Project will pick-up their plants from the Morehouse home on May 21.

Water Quality – Tom Moore indicated he is continuing the Surveys he has conducted the last few years & reported to the DNR. Tom indicated that volunteers are needed to continue these efforts.

Weed Control – Bre Graybill from PLM along with Board Members Bruce & Gary reported on the process to establish a Tax Assessment District for the entire Lake to control Eurasian Watermilfoil & Algae. A committee will be developed this summer to pursue this Project.

Swan Control – Gary discussed a DNR program that will enable us to reduce the number of Mute Swans on the Lake. Copies of a newspaper outlining this Project were distributed. ____

Fireworks & Boat Parade – Norm reported for Eric Hanson that this year's display cost will be about \$6,000 with \$1,000 of that for the insurance premium. He thanked the Association as well as individual members for their contribution. Eric thanks the Association & individual Member for the donations & indicated that they are still short of this year's \$6,000 goal. Norm said this year's theme will be "Anything Disney". The events will be on Sunday, July 3 at 7:30.

MSU/DEQ Sediment Survey - Ryan Vannier - Michigan State Univ., Department of Geological Sciences Analysis gave an informative & interesting presentation of sediment borings taken from the deepest parts of the Lake that outlines the lake's geologic & environmental history. This survey was one of only 42 lakes that MSU/DEQ has conducted. The analysis of the data takes 2 years & this survey was conducted on June 18, 2009.

Communication – Nels Johnston reported that a Website (fremontlake.net) has been established. It's our intent to include the By-Laws, Annual Meeting Minutes, Project Report & selected links. Norm Knorr reported that we plan to publish 2 Newsletters a year. Spring issue prior to the Annual Meeting & a Fall Issue. Our mailing list is about 240 with a cost of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per copy.

Fishing for Kids – Bruce reported the Caris family will hold this event on Wednesday, July 6 & will be needing Members to again provide pontoon boats.

Elections – 3 Terms Expiring 2014

- 2012 - Erich Heger, Kurt Lowdermilk, Stan DeKuiper
- 2013 - Gary Breuker, Nels Johnston, Norm Knorr
- 2014 - Eric Anderson, Lou Meeuwenbeg & John Sella elected

Thanks were extended to Bruce, Dean & Luke whose terms expired in 2010.

Member Comments – A discussion on the future use of our funds included continuing to invest in projects to improve water quality or environment, provide matching funds to secure grants & communication activities.

Next Annual Meeting - May 14, 2012 7PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 Norman Knorr – Secretary 5/9/11