

Minutes for Annual Meeting July 8, 2023
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 8, 2023 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, J. Baune, R. Behm, B. Floan, B. Wavra, J. Bohm, M. Moore

Absent: None

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Deanne Owre, 2nd by Kip Fontaine to approve the July 2022 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Mike Moore, seconded by Jon Bohm to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Floan thanked Brian Wavra for his 12 years on the board and announced that there are 4 nominees up for 2 seats on the board. Those nominees are Loren Abel, Adelle Christianson, Kip Fontaine and Marlow Jacobson. The nominees introduced themselves and the ballots were distributed and collected.

President B. Floan welcomed the invited guests and thanked them for coming.

Polk County Sheriff Dept., Sheriff Jim Tadman reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes. He reported that the July 4th weekend was quiet and went well. He said that their biggest concern is still golf carts and 4-wheelers with underage drivers. He voiced his concern that the county's ordinance does not include age limits for drivers of these motorized vehicles.

Sergeant Tom Hibma, in charge of the water patrol program reported that in the 1st 2 months of patrolling this year, they have made 100 contacts with jet ski violations being their number 1 problem. The age of the operator (no one under 13 can operate a jet ski), over capacity and the 150 ft from shore rule are the major things that they see. The patrol officers don't write many tickets, they try to use more education to make sure that operators know the rules. There is a patrol boat on a lift at the East Beach and if you see anything, call 911 and the officer will get out on the lake right away to take care of the reported problem. Sergeant Hibma gave the group his cell number so he can be reached directly, 218-521-0951.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported on the large value increases that most lake properties received for '23 tax year that averaged 25%. The state requires that values are 90-105% of the actual sale price and we are at 95.28%. Patty Flaa reported that she would be inspecting about 250 properties this fall on Sandy Lane, Sandy Beach Rd, 336th, Shady Bend Rd and Maple Lake Dr SE.

Jacob Snyder, with Polk County Planning and Zoning was not able to attend the meeting, but sent some information that was read by Bonnie.

East Polk Soil and Water did not have a representative at the meeting.

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District reported that they have high resolution topography data that shows areas where water is moving and running off into the lake. It can be used to see where to use conservation practices to keep sediment and chemicals out of the lake. He drove around and found some areas that could use work on the south side of the lake.

Tom Hutchins, DNR Conservation Officer has been in the enforcement division for 20 years and he said that he works hand in hand with the Sheriff with water patrolling. He talked about bears and that taking down all bird feeders with defray them from coming around your property. He reported that in 2022 the DNR stocked 1.5 million fry size Walleye in Maple Lake.

Stephanie Klamm, DNR Hydrologist was unable to attend the meeting.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township reminded the group that if there are problems with trees or roads, to please call the township rep.

No representatives were present from Gove Park-Tilden Township.

Bruce Roed from Woodside Township talked about how they have been fixing roads in the township.

President Brian Floan announced that Loren Abel and Adelle Christianson will be the 2 new board members.

Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 22-23:

- The Board had a few meetings on Zoom this year and told the attendees that the meetings were still open to the public. They just had to sign into the Zoom meeting with the ID code that is posted on the website.
- The aerator was installed in January.
- Brian thanked those that do the water sampling.
- Brian Wavra is in charge of mosquito spraying and he reported that each year we try to stack up sprays around the 4th of July. He informed the attendees that the board had purchased some larvicide tablets from Clarke Environmental that could be used by residents in areas of standing water.
- Loren Abel gave an update on the AIS Board. Cameras and equipment to clean boats are installed at the East Beach boat landing. He reminded attendees that if a dock, lift or raft are purchased from someone on another lake, the unit needs to sit out of the water for 21 days before it can be placed in Maple Lake so that any AIS will not be transferred to our lake.

New Business:

It was moved by Lanna Piker, 2nd by Marla Wolfe to approve the budget for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

Mike Moore discussed establishing a bike/pedestrian path around the lake and the majority of those attending were in favor of it. He reported that there are funds available for this project and that the board wanted to form a committee to look into this, with the help of the county engineer.

It was moved by Rob Wagner, 2nd by Steve Swanson to adjourn at 10:25 am. Motion carried

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treas