



Lake Templene Improvement Board
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May 3, 2018

Lake Templene Improvement Board Meeting
Nottawa Township Hall

1. **Call to Order** by Steve Wolf, Sherman Twp. Supervisor, at 6:03 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call of Attendees** –Steve Wolf, Jeff Wenzel, Dennis Allen, and Bob Ulrich are all present. David Peterson, absent
4. **Rules of Meeting**-Please turns off cell phones or takes calls outside of the meeting room. Comments limited to 3 minutes
5. **Approval of today's meeting agenda and the minutes from the March 1, 2018 LTIB meeting.** No meeting was held in April. The March 1 minutes were approved on a motion by Dennis Allen, supported by Jeff Wenzel and all other board members. Tonight's agenda was approved on a motion by Dennis Allen, supported by Jeff Wenzel and all other board members.
6. **Treasurer's Report**-Jeff Wenzel reported that the beginning balance in the checking account for the Lake Templene Improvement Board totaled \$222,040.77 as of February 27, 2018 and the ending balance as of April 25, 2018 was \$313,986.44. Note that with the new Part 309 SAD in effect our checking account balance is being held at the St. Joseph County Treasurer's office. We now pay our bills directly without having to have another approval step by the Nottawa and Sherman Township boards. Jeff commented that more funds will be deposited as late payments arrive from the SAD property owners winter tax bills.
7. **Payment of Bills**- Bills presented for payment by Jeffery Wenzel included \$1,500 from Clarke Aquatic Services for our annual aquatic plant treatment permit and \$3,300 from Progressive AE composed of \$3,000 for 25% of their annual consulting fee plus \$300 to catch up with a shortfall on a previous invoice for consulting. On a motion by Dennis Allen, supported by Bob Ulrich and all other board members the payment of bills was approved
8. **Lake Templene Advisory Committee Report**-Aeration and bio-augmentation for the season will be restarted in early May. Dave Ouwinga, EasyPro Pond Products, will be changing out the internals in the aeration compressors this spring as part of our servicing contract. Support letters from our local government officials would be very helpful in Dr. Anna Monfil's grant application to study the basis for Starry Stonewort being less of a nuisance in Lake Templene. Tony Groves, Progressive AE commented that the final regulations governing aeration & bio-augmentation has been published by the DEQ. He will obtain a copy for us. The advisory committee believes that a contract with Progressive AE to work with Spicer on pricing for sampling, bottom sediment removal, etc. is not necessary; the advisory committee is in place to handle the negotiations. The committee also believes that the Spicer contract should be a year to year not five years. See below for additional discussions

9. Old Business

- a. Proposal from Progressive AE to be our consultant to Spicer on project pricing for a fee of \$7,500 for 2018. It was agreed that the Advisory Group is able to effectively work with Spicer on cost containment for work done here on Lake Templene. On a motion by Steve Wolf, supported by Bob Ulrich it was agreed by all board members that Tony Groves should be paid \$3,750 for work undertaken early this spring on our behalf to lower our costs and develop a budget suitable for both Spicer and the LTIB. Tony was successful in stressing to Spicer that we were very concerned over their billing. We will work with Tony on an as needed basis for the balance of 2018. Tom Templin commented that he believes that an agreement with Tony Groves to assist us in working with the Spicer Group has the benefit of demonstrating to Lake Templene SAD property owners that we have an additional layer developed to help ensure quality work at a fair price.
- b. Contract with Spicer Group. The 5 year proposal from Spicer was accepted on a motion by Steve Wolf, supported by Bob Ulrich and all other board members once it was clear to everyone that there was a clause that allowed for annual review with the option of cancelling the agreement if the LT'IB was not satisfied with the relationship or work performed. Dave Peterson will be asked to sign off on the contract as presented and return it to Emily Short at Spicer.

8 New Business-Jack Rote suggested that the LTIB projects underway are going smoothly which would allow bimonthly meetings rather than monthly. The ensuing discussion concluded that the next meeting would be in June but thereafter on a bimonthly basis.

9 Public Comments-none

10 Adjournment-Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm on a motion by Bob Ulrich, supported by Steve Wolf and all board members.

Next meeting date for the LTIB will be June 7, 2018 at Nottawa Township Hall. Starting time will be 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Ulrich-secretary
May 13, 2018

Tom Templin, Jack Rote, Dennis Nemeth and Tony Groves attended tonight's meeting

These minutes were approved for distribution at the June 7, 2018 LTIB meeting

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