

Fremont Lake Association
Annual Meeting 5/14/12 7PM Sheridan Township Hall

Meeting opened at 7PM. Board Members in attendance; Gary Breuker, Stan DeKuiper, Kurt Lowdermilk, Eric Anderson, Lou Meeuwenberg, John Sella, & Norman Knorr. Absent; Erich Heger & Nels Johnston. 23 Members & guests attended.

Secretary Report – Minutes of the 5/9/11 Meeting accepted.

Treasurer Report – Stan DeKuiper submitted a report of Income & Expenses for 2010 & 2011. The Membership Dues received during the last 2 years totaled \$3,315, Fireworks Donations \$2,379, Interest \$318 for Total Income for the 2 years were \$6,012. Expenses totaled \$4,658 for the 2 years.. The current Balance is \$16,497. Additional Membership Dues were received at the Meeting. Report accepted. All Dues Paying Members were given FLA decals.

Reports

Swan Control – Gary discussed a USDA Wildlife Division program that eliminated 36 Mute Swans on the Lake. Gary reported the USDA is continuing the project to reduce the number of Mute Swans & we'll keep the USDA advised on the Mute Swan population.

Walleye Planting - Gary & Tom Moore reported that the DNR has scheduled to plant 45,000 Walleyes this year. Tom also indicated that we have received additional fish in the past if there is a surplus.

Weed Control – Bre Graybill from PLM reported on the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation following the survey she made of the Lake prior to today's meeting. Bre indicated that Fremont Lake was the only lake they service to have the Eurasian Watermilfoil "Crash" that occurred in late summer that reduced the infestation. However, today's survey indicated the Eurasian Watermilfoil infestation is definitely back. The Association Board has agreed to a \$2,100 PLM contract proposal to evaluate the weed conditions & recommend a plan of action to control the weed infestation. The City & Township are being asked to share in the cost of the contract. Tom Moore will continue the DNR water quality sampling effort he's been doing for several years & communicate the results to PLM. Last year we reviewed the process to establish a Tax Assessment District for the entire Lake to control weeds & algae. Based on the 2012 survey findings & recommendation, this effort may be pursued.

GVSU/AWRI Water Quality Project – GVSU has indicated Fremont Lake may be included in a Water Quality Project of the Muskegon River Watershed. This will be an extension of the 2009 GVSU/AWRI Project conducted with a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation & Association funds. It's our understanding the Lake Association involvement will be to provide volunteer time & pontoon boats. More information will be available as the project develops. _

Water Filtration Proposal – Dean Morehouse reported on the presentation given to the Association & City on options to reduce the nutrient pollution coming from the City inlets. The State of Michigan has established funds to improve the quality of city storm drain water. As expected, this type of project is a long range option & may be cost prohibitive.

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. Norm said this year's theme will be "Honor the Military". The Parade starts on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30.

Fremont City RV Park – Bryan Gruesbeck, Fremont City Manager, reported on the park expansion of 32 additional sites along with an upgrade of the facilities. The construction will be completed this week & sites should be available in July

Fishing for Kids – Jeannie Caris shared experiences from the 4 prior events. This year's event on Tuesday, July 10 & will be needing Members to again provide pontoon boats. Jeannie

Elections – 3 Terms Expiring 2015

2013 - Gary Breuker, Nels Johnston, Norm Knorr

2014 - Eric Anderson, Lou Meeuwenberg & John Sella

2015 – Norm Goebel, Doug Nieboer & David Landheer were elected.

Thanks were extended to Erich Heger, Kurt Lowdermilk, Stan DeKuiper whose terms expired in 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 Norm Knorr – Secretary/Editor 5/14/12