HILAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MARCH 12, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brennan at 3:00 PM. The meeting was held with board members present in person. The meeting was held subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, as amended by 2020 PA 228, and was noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (P.A. 1976. No. 267).

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Brennan, Mitch Dempsey, Frank Sample, Valerie Niemiec
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Haddlesey, with notice
ALSO PRESENT: Ron Connelly, HLPOA President; Mark Kieser via Zoom

CALL TO PUBLIC: Opened at 3:02 PM. No public in attendance. Closed at 3:02 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Niemiec and supported by Dempsey to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Dempsey and supported by Sample to approve the 10/18/23 Meeting Minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Kieser & Associates – Review of 2023 Treatments and Findings

A few key observations: A new fast-growing pond weed was discovered in Association Bay in September; plant community metrics show excellent progress; 4 weed treatments deemed very successful, with a 5th (partial) added in Oct for new pond weed; need to focus on Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort.
Water clarity stable over 30 years (Secchi depth); phosphorus trend worth watching (it is coming from upstream).
Next Kieser event is mid-April lake scan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Renew contract for 2024 Season with Kieser & Associates:* **A motion was made by Brennan and supported by Sample to accept the proposal for renewal of the Kieser contract for the 2024 Season. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. *Discuss treatment plan for the 2024 Season.* The Board continues to support the multi-year contracts in place with Aquaweed and Savin.
3. *Other concerns for the Board:* The Board discussed the value and cost of performing increased tracking of water quality indicators related to septic runoff. Since there is no perceived issue with septic runoff, and initial indicators are negative for runoff, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dempsey and supported by Niemiec to adjourn at 4:27 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by: Valerie Niemiec, Secretary