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Minutes of the August 4th and 18th, 2014 Board Meeting

Working Board Meeting - Aug 4th

President's Report

Call to order conducted by Jim Carroll at 7:10 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Happ not present – no report given.

Dam, Path & Entrances:

Bid to control weeds at the dam: \$600-\$700. John would like to use it to control the weeds at the dam. He has plenty in his budget to cover this cost and get additional rip-rap for along the edge.

Lake Management:

Fritz: Gardens. We need to educate the community. The use of native plants has risen tremendously instead of using specialty plants. We plan to point out on the LochFest garden walk, residents who have disconnected their gutters, improving the areas, etc. The Committee will also pursue signage for garden support and perhaps work with MHS biology classes.

Lake – lot of angry people this year. Steve and the Committee talked to Lisle down at the beach one day. Per Lisle, the Lake is so full of phosphorus that no matter what we do, we can't eliminate it without

dredging and starting all over. There are almost no plants in the lake anymore because of the treatments. The EPA has also limited the amount of copper sulfate treatments permitted and cut our opportunity in half and so we are fighting a never ending battle. Steve thought the heat was the primary trigger but it is not the heat, it is the sun and it is the sun is what promotes the algae. Best we can ever expect is to manage the algae but we will never be able to eliminate the algae. We are fighting a uphill battle.

The board needs to do some community education to help the residents understand what it is we're trying to do, what our options are, and our plan going forward. We need to put together a summary of the intentions with expert input, and work on pushing the info out to the community in different ways to get the word out. The lake is not as bad as it looks. We still have fish and turtles and things growing. All of Northern Illinois lakes are experiencing the same issues.

North Beach:

A Recommendation was made to expand the dog paddle at the North Beach so that well mannered dogs would be welcome every evening between 3 and 7. Now, it is Wednesday only. A counter suggestion was made to consider two or three nights a week? When policing the beach area, Mickey finds more beer cans lying around than dog poop. Perhaps this could be done