

Barron Lake Association Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2024

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by President Rick Marnieris. In attendance were Vice President Tom Hable, Treasurer Jim Muckerheide, Secretary Debbie Floor, & Director at Large Bruno Eideitis - Special Guests - Jeff Van Belle and Todd Feenstra. 45 members were present.

Jeff VanBelle - To date the cost of the new well is \$195,557.27 (\$187,000 was the original estimate) Covid created many issues with supplies and workers. \$200,000 loan from GW Jones Bank for 6%, and 3 annual payments of \$76,191.15. - Electric bills, currently running both wells. Old well (Regal well) may be used by the fire department - planning on cycling it a couple times a year. The primary well is located on Mary St - all bills have been paid. The two wells are drawing from the same aquifer - at the same depth.

Todd Feenstra - The new well is more efficient and we are getting good results. The old well has too much recirculation. New well has 5 ft of draw down at neighboring wells. We are monitoring the current wells, the Regal deep well is 53'. There was 1 ft of draw down, Mary St well had 2" of drawdown, this will decrease the amount of leakage.

It was suggested that the Mary St well should be run from Fall to Spring.(Nov-May) Hopefully, the lake will be iced over and high ground water levels will be a plus.

Some residents complained about a sulfur odor coming from the well. We were told that the smell should decrease once the well has been running for a few months. Jennifer Jermalowicz Jones PhD, will be asked to take a sample of the Regal and Mary St wells for analysis at the end of June. Sulfate level which is bad is 8 mg/l - we are at 5 mg/l.

Current lake level on 5/29/24 was 755.5 ft. The pump to level is 756.5 ft and legal level is 757 ft. It was suggested that marks be added to John Allen's seawall on Prospect Point. A telemetry system would allow us to perform an hour to hour reading and improve communication at a cost of \$1,500. A Ground Water Level Report could be published on the website. As always - rain/precipitation are the answer.

Also a complaint about "green fluffy stuff" that is on the beach near the Mary St well - this prohibits families from swimming in the lake. Also there are short growing weeds which break off and get slimy on shore. As previously stated, samples will be taken of the lake bottom, weeds and water and will be tested with results posted on the website.

Secretary's Report - Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the 8/12/2023 report

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Treasurer's Report - Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report

Checking - \$7,541.93

CD - \$41,118.47 (matures on 7/19/24)

Cost to restock fish \$3,857.00 paid in on 2023

37 members have paid their dues thru 6/7/24

Weeds - On 5/30 7.5 acres were treated. An inspection on Sunday, 6/30/24 is scheduled. They will check out whatever is growing near the new well output. Jennifer said that we would have weed issues in 2024, due to the mild winter. Can the township board consider a renewal for the weed assessments? Bill Kasprzak said that he was confident that the township board would have no issues with the assessment renewal.

Saturday, August 3 - Corn & Sausage Roast - Marcia Hummel will head up the committee. Event will be held at Bruno's point on Rose Dr - Bring your own chairs - FREE event to EVERYONE on the lake. Motion was made, seconded and approved for BLA to not exceed \$3,000 for the event. Committee to meet on 6/22 to work on invites which will be hand delivered to lake residents.

Welcome packages were also discussed - which would include the boating safety laws, and a possible magnet for the refrigerator for people new to the lake.

Fireworks were discussed - It costs about \$1,000/minute for a professional display - \$15,000-\$20,000 for a show. Due to lack of interest there will be no show in 2024. 2025 could be a possibility if residents are willing to form a committee. Some lake residents are willing to donate towards a show.

Motion to adjourn 11:38am.

Next meeting 10:00 am - Saturday, 7/13/2024 - Kiddie Korral

Respectfully,

Debbie Floor