



TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

"Dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its environs"

HACKENSACK, MINNESOTA

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JANUARY 1982 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

The good news is that Perry Terwilliger has withdrawn his application for a permit to build a boat harbor and access canal to Long Bay by cutting through the floating bog skirting his land. He may attempt to take other means to develop the site by purchasing a strip of land that has front on deep water and minus the bog, or he may be thinking of trying to use feet "bridges" on top of the bog to water at the edge.

The Corps of Engineers, which conducted a hearing December 2 in Walker, is preparing a letter to members and others involved in the Terwilliger project. Meantime, we thought a report for Ten Mile Lake Association members would be welcome.

The directors, prior to the hearing, authorized spending up to \$5,000 to defend regulations intended to protect Ten Mile Lake and other lakes. We had adequate funds, there being about \$8,000 in the treasury. Our defense likely will run a little less and when all bills are in you will be given cost details either with the spring newsletter or at the Annual Meeting on August 7.

The support of membership was overwhelming. The meeting room in the courthouse was filled and some standing for the hearing. Warren Goss, past president of TMLA and dedicated defender of the waters, narrated a dozen slides taken from the air to show the area to be used by Terwilliger.

Our spokesman was Ted Mellby, one of our members and an attorney at Montgomery, MN, who not only studied the issue in his legal books but did a whole lot more. He made three trips up during the fall and twice walked across the bog, once alone, making samples of what was below just before the bay froze.

Del Hegen, who spoke at our Annual Meeting last year, reported on the possible abuse of the area by cutting through the bog, offering results of his samples and analysis as a biologist.

Les Mateffy of Mateffy Engineering Associates, New Brighton, MN, spoke on the difficulties to be encountered by the developer in constructing a canal and the likelihood that it would rapidly silt in.

The detailed reports of the above three parties were sent to the Corps of Engineers and are on file with our secretary.

The aerial photos were taken by A. Cibuzar of A.W. Research Laboratories.

We also had legal counsel from Ray Haik, Minneapolis attorney and specialist in environmental cases such as ours.

Goss invited Dennis H. Schupp, a fisheries expert with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to appear and repeat his recommendation that the area Terwilliger intended to disturb was an outstanding breeding area for fish. He (Schupp) had made that statement in 1973 when the Ten Mile Lake Association had opposed a development in that same area.

Everyone who attended the meeting had an opportunity to speak, and several did. All supported the Association stand, except Terwilliger and a man he had intended to employ to do the dredging. The Presidents of the Woman Lake Association and of the Cass County Izaak Walton League as well as residents of Birch Lake spoke against the Terwilliger project.

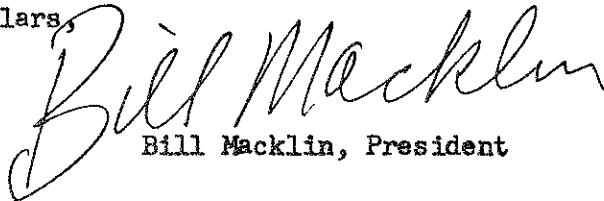
Nearly 100 letters were written to the Corps of Engineers and to the DNR by our Association members, and these certainly would have helped had it gone to a decision by the Corps. Some members volunteered money if that had become necessary.

On location, we had help from Jim Schwartz, Dan Millendore, Joe Major, Earl Holle, Karl Luedtke, Warren Goss, Howard and Lois Sandell, and other officers and directors. The strength of our Association shows when a project such as this challenges.

So much for that.

I'll fill out the space to report that we had 30 below zero January 8, -32 on January 10, the coldest of the winter. Snow measures about 6 inches, adequate for cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Whitefish netters did well since the season opened November 7. At least 20 fish houses appeared on the lake soon after the freeze December 15. Anglers are getting some good catches, including limits of sunfish in Long Bay.

Best regards from the TMLA regulars,


Bill Macklin, President