

Lake George Property Owners Association
Corporate Membership Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 25, 2008

- Meeting called to order by President, Dave Lewis at 10:00 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Acknowledgment of veterans and veteran's family members.
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hudson, Hunt, Lewis, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
- Guest Speaker, Sherriff Goyt
 - Budget
 - The Clare County's budget is tight. However, the Sherriff's Department's budget is running 9% to the good.
 - Gasoline prices are a significant stress factor for the Sherriff Department's budget.
 - To manage costs, the Sherriff Department will have more walking patrols to save fuel costs.
 - Four marine officers are hired to cover the lakes.
 - ORV Bill
 - A new ORV bill is in-process and is in the Michigan Senate Committee right now.
 - General consensus is that the bill will pass.
 - The bill would allow local control of which roads will be open to ORV usage.
- Guest Speaker, Lt. Miller
 - The Sherriff's Department will enforce the new ORV laws and will focus on individuals that are obnoxious or bothersome to the public.
 - Requested that the public call the Sherriff's Department right away when there are issues in the neighborhood. Do not let issues fester.
 - To save fuel costs and improve response time, Deputy's will take patrol cars home while off duty. This will save on time and gas versus having to drive from home to the Sherriff Department office to obtain a patrol car when called in while off duty.
 - Studies show that the Clare County Sherriff Department is #1 in solving crime in Michigan.
 - More officers will be on bike patrol.
 - Neighborhood watch programs are greatly beneficial in reducing crime.
 - Lt. Miller has an appointment with a local resident to discuss the creation of a Lake George Neighborhood Watch program.
- Minutes of the September 2, 2007 Corporate Meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current total balance of \$29,000.56
 - \$4,259.59 in checking

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- \$4,740.97 in money market fund
 - \$20,000 in certificate of deposit
 - Treasury report was accepted.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee (Chairman M. Hunt)
 - Handout passed out showing 2007 income & expenses as well as a budget plan for 2008 income & expenses.
 - The 2007 financial summary shows a deficit of \$144.
 - The 2008 budget plan shows a surplus of \$4,960 which the finance committee would like to budget towards new projects.
 - A ballot sheet was passed to the membership showing a list of potential projects that could be funded by the LGPOA.
 - The membership was asked to rank their top five projects that they felt the LGPOA Board should consider funding.
 - LGPOA member Maggie Carey gave an overview of the potential benefits for the lake & lake quality projects on the ballot.
 - Membership (Chairman R. Carey)
 - LGPOA membership stands at 240 members.
 - Two new members present.
 - Lake Quality (Chairman R. Carey)
 - There is a bass tournament planned on Lake George for June 16th and July 28th.
 - Boat shrink-wrap can be dropped off at the compost site for recycling.
 - Phosphorous is bad for the lakes
 - If using fertilizer, use the type without phosphorous.
 - Phosphorous is not in bar soap but dishwasher detergent usually has it.
 - Michigan soils are typically rich in phosphorous. Maggie Carey stated that soil samples taken from her home were tested and confirmed that the soil had high phosphorous content. Hence, using phosphorous-free fertilizer will not be a deterrent to your lawn care program.
 - Website (Chairman R. Carey)
 - The LGPOA website has moved to a new address.
 - <http://www.lgpoa.net/>
 - Boater Safety (Chairman M. Hunt)
 - The next boater safety certification class is planned for Saturday, June 21, 2008.
 - Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
 - The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - The class will be held at the Lincoln Township Hall.
 - All adults and youth's 12-16 years old are encouraged to attend.
 - The class is free.

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- Softball Tournament (Chairman M. Tobin)
 - The softball tournament is on June 14th & 15th, 2008 at Hamlin Field.
 - No back-up rain date is planned this year.
- Boat Parade (Co-chairman M. Tobin, Co-chairman M. Garner)
 - The boat parade is on July 5th, 2008 @ 8:00 p.m. on Lake George.
 - Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. at the public boat landing.
 - This year's theme is Captain's Choice.
 - Everyone is welcome to be in the parade, even if your boat is not decorated.
 - Anyone interested in being a judge should contact Mike Tobin or Marie Garner)
- Audit (Chairman M. Garner)
 - The audit will be conducted this summer.
- Poker Run (Chairman K. Smith)
 - 117 participants at last year's poker run.
 - \$823.73 net profit.
- Old Business
 - Flares for July 4th
 - Flares are budgeted this year.
 - Light the flares on July 5th when the fire station whistle blows.
 - Muskrat Trapping
 - At the LGPOA's request, Lincoln Township funded a muskrat trapping program on both lakes right after the ice melted.
 - 39 muskrats were trapped on Lake George.
 - 20 muskrats were trapped on Shingle Lake.
 - Most of the muskrats that were trapped were males. However, the males bring food to the nesting females so the females may have perished while on their nest.
- Guest Speaker, Paul Headworth
 - Paul is the current Postmaster at the Lake George Post Office.
 - The USPS intends to close non-profitable post offices.
 - While revenue has doubled over the past five years, it may not be enough to keep the office from closing.
 - The local post office is not on the list of locations scheduled to close. However, there is concern that the local post office is in jeopardy.
 - Residents are asked to use the Lake George Post Office as much as possible to keep it open.
 - When sending via Click & Ship online, you can designate the ship from address as 48633 and the Lake George Post Office will get credit for the revenue for that shipment.
- Guest Speaker, Gene Ringley Jr., Township Supervisor
 - Lincoln Township Website, <http://www.lincoln-clare.mi-twp.org/>
 - All ordinances are available online.

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- The Lincoln Township property assessment link is on the website.
- High Speed Internet Access
 - Charter Communications plans to upgrade their equipment in the fall which will allow high speed internet service.
 - Broadband internet service would only be available in areas that already have cable TV service.
- Gene Ringley Jr. asked Maggie Carey to speak about the possibility of using a new chemical for weed treatment on Lake George.
 - Lake George is scheduled to receive weed treatment on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
 - Professional Lake Management (PLM) has suggested that the Township consider using a new chemical, OTF versus the chemical Reward, which is normally used.
 - OTF was used on a trial basis last year on Bertha Lake and the results were excellent.
 - One downside to using OTF is that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has a 120 day irrigation ban after application of the chemical. However, PLM's testing shows that it is safe for irrigation after 14 days.
 - Prior to Lincoln Township making a final decision on which chemical to use, Gene Ringley Jr. requested a membership vote to gauge public support for OTF weed treatment on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
 - 47 members vote for OTF
 - 8 members vote for Reward
 - The LGPOA membership prefers that Lincoln Township purchase OTF for weed treatment on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
 - Bre from PLM is scheduled to speak at the Corporate membership meeting on August 31st.
- Downtown Enhancement Grant
 - The township has put in for a grant.
 - The proposal has the township paying a %40 share for the enhancement project.
 - Progress on the downtown enhancement grant will probably be delayed due to Michigan's financial status.
- Shingle Lake Park
 - The grant for Shingle Lake Park has been received.
 - The grant is in the appropriations committee right now.
 - The township can not move forward with any park improvements until the appropriations committee approves the project.
 - The Lake George Citizen's Action Group intends to gather volunteer help for the park improvement. Anyone interested in helping should contact them.

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- The road leading to Shingle Lake Park will be paved this year. Clare County purchased land from the railway in order to have a sufficiently wide road and walkway.
- Gene Ringley Jr. will **not** be running for Township Supervisor in the next election and several other incumbent Township Board members will not be running either.
- The Lincoln Township Citizen's Action Group had a roadside cleanup on May 4th and picked up enough trash to fill 50 bags.
- Compost Site
 - No tires, plastic bags or trash allowed.
 - Use only paper bags.
 - You can drop off brush and shrink-wrap.
 - The compost site is now open 24 hours/day.
- New Business
 - A member suggested that an organized pond hockey event might be beneficial to the community.
 - This year's softball tournament is dedicated as the Dick Fairchild Memorial Tournament.
 - The LGCAG will have Lt. Miller attend their meeting on June 17th @7:00 p.m. to discuss the formation of a neighborhood watch program.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing – Kim Hamilton won the money from the raffle.
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.