

Lake George Property Owners Association Corporate Membership Meeting Minutes Sunday, May 27, 2007

- Meeting called to order by President, Kim Smith at 10:05 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hunt, Lewis, Osborn, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
- Board member introductions
- Minutes of September 3, 2006 Corporate Meeting Reviewed
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current total balance of \$29,172.89
- Committee Reports
 - Membership
 - LGPOA membership stands at 253 members
 - Three new members present
 - Boater Safety Certification
 - Boater Safety Certification class will be June 23rd
 - Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., pre-registration is available via a form in the newsletter
 - Poker Run
 - Next Poker Run is planned for February 2008.
 - Prior Poker Run on February 7th, 2007
 - 117 participants
 - Proceeds amounted to \$1,153.77
 - First place winner was Kim Smith, won \$100 prize.
 - Second place winner was Ed Eldred, won \$50 prize.
 - Third place winner was Tim Kruzka, won \$25 prize.
 - Softball Tournament
 - Held on June 16th & 17th at Hamilton Field
 - There will be approximately 16 teams.
 - Volunteers are needed for setting up and cleaning the grounds.
 - Boat Parade
 - The Boat Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 7th
 - Registration is between 7:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Theme is Captains Choice; the Captain chooses the theme of his boat.
 - 1st place award, \$100
 - 2nd place award, \$75
 - 3rd place award, \$50
 - 4th place award, \$25
 - Participation has been declining in recent years.
 - Pontoons are not allowed to retaliate with water balloons and will be disqualified if they do so.

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- Lake Quality
 - Lake treatment is planned for May 29th or 30th.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - A member inquired whether there were plans to dredge the lagoon area on Lake George
 - A dredging estimate of \$22,000 has been obtained.
 - Dredging cost is borne by the property owners.
 - Local property owners are encouraged to contact Lincoln Township on the requirements to develop a petition and obtain the necessary amount of signatures to create a special assessment district.
 - A member asked the LGPOA to contact the Sheriff and request additional patrols along Forest Blvd. between Maple Street and Oak Street due to a high incidence of vandalism.
 - A member suggested that the LGPOA is drifting away from it's original purpose. He recommended that the LGPOA investigate several areas of interest to the membership such as;
 - Septic analysis
 - More detailed marine reports
 - Analysis of the Budd Lake fish disease and it's potential impact on our lakes
 - Guest speakers that focus on lake fisheries or lake quality
 - Posting the schedule of water treatment on the website.
 - Detailed explanation of what water treatments are being applied to our lakes
 - A member inquired if the lakes will be undergoing a fish restocking in the near future.
 - A few years ago, there was a bass stocking that seems to have been beneficial for the quantity and size of bass today.
 - Fish surveys are costly.
 - Other members were concerned that fish restocking may introduce disease to the lakes.
 - A member asked for details regarding the issues that Budd Lake is having with fish disease. Several members offered information.
 - A member is interested in getting an aerial photo of the lakes. In the past there hasn't been sufficient interest from membership to pay for the costs. However, the member was encouraged to gather approximately 10 interested people to distribute the cost burden.
- Guest Speaker, Gene Ringley Jr., Township Supervisor
 - Planning Commission
 - There are amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance see the Lincoln Township website for more details.

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- Lot splitting ordinance has been revised
- Accessory buildings ordinance has been revised. The ordinance now allows a maximum 120 ft² accessory building on lakefront property, 10 ft from the water and 5ft from the side lot line.
- Gene Ringley Jr. indicated that these amendments are designed to make it easier on property owners and clarify the ordinances.
- Clear Vision Area
 - A dedication will be held for the clear vision area right after the LGPOA meeting
 - The area will be named Citizen's Park
 - Clare County purchased the lot
 - The Lincoln Township Citizen's Action Group provided the landscape labor. The materials for the landscaping were funded by the road construction millage.
- Lincoln Township Citizen's Action Group (LTCAG)
 - Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.
 - All Lincoln Township residents are welcome to attend.
 - The LTCAG is a non-political group dedicated to economic development and beautification of the Township.
 - Accomplishments of the LTCAG
 - New welcome signs along the roadside
 - Development of Citizen's Park
 - Placement of trash receptacles in public areas
 - Roadside debris pickup, collected 45 bags of trash in May 2007
 - Future LTCAG projects
 - MDOT enhancement investigation
 - Roadside debris pickup (Next session planned for the first weekend in May)
 - Telecommunication investigation (Broadband internet access)
 - Township Hall grant for improvements and conversion into a disaster shelter building.
- Shingle Lake Park
 - The pavilion was torn down due to unsafe conditions.
 - The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to make improvements to the Shingle Lake Park was denied but the Township will continue to apply and fine-tune the proposal.
- Yard Waste
 - Yard waste pickup begins on April 6th and ends on May 18th, 2007 and will be picked up each week on Friday.
 - Please do not use the clear plastic bags for yard waste. The local hardware store sells paper bags (at cost) if you need them.

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- The compost site is open 7 days a week from 7a.m. to 9p.m. and people are encouraged drop off their yard waste as a means to save on costs for yard waste pickup.
- MDOT Enhancement
 - The Township is considering an enhancement of the downtown area.
 - Improvements are a resurfaced road, addition of street lamps, creation of approximately 50 additional parking spots, curbs and storm drain.
 - In order to receive the MDOT grant for improvements, the Township will likely need to contribute between 40-45% of the costs.
 - An informal poll showed all but two members in favor of using the road construction improvement fund for the MDOT enhancement project.
- Consumer's Power is installing a substation near Mannsiding & Finley, which should reduce power outages and brownouts.
- Questions from Membership
 - Is there anything that can be done about vandals that have been tipping the Porta-Johns in Shingle Lake park? There was discussion that they could be permanently anchored but vandals have been known to significantly damage the Porta-Johns when permanently anchored. It's easier to let them tip them and then clean and reset them.
 - There was a question about blight and the blight ordinance. JR commented that most of the worst offenders have already been cited. However, see the Township website for the ordinance covering blight and report any violators.
 - How many dogs are allowed on a property? Three dogs are allowed. Any more than that the property owner needs a kennel license.
- Guest Speaker, Don Colander from Parks & Recreation
 - Parks & Recreation promote youth and senior activities.
 - Grant money is available to promote these activities.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.