

Lake George Property Owners Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 2, 2007

- Meeting called to order by President, Dave Lewis at 12:05 p.m.
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hudson, Hunt, Lewis, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
 - Excused for April '08 Meeting – Garner
- Election of Officers (all elected by unanimous voice vote)
 - Dave Lewis, President
 - Kim Hamilton, 1st Vice President
 - Rolf Hudson, 2nd Vice President
 - Marcia Wentworth, Treasurer
 - Mike Hunt, Secretary
 - Marcia Wentworth, Treasurer

- Committee Assignments

AUDITING

Chair Marie Garner, Pat Swanson

BOAT PARADE

Marie Garner & Mike Tobin

BOATER SAFETY

Chair Mike Hunt, Dave Lewis

DIRECTORY

Chair Kim Hamilton

EDUCATION

Chair Craig Ardner, Kim Hamilton and Don Sladick

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Chair Mike Hunt, Marcia Wentworth, Pat Swanson, Debbie Bergey & Roger Carey

GENERAL MEETINGS FOOD

Chair Marie Garner & Kathy Osborn

LAKE QUALITY

Chair Roger Carey, Craig Ardner, Mike Tobin, Joe Rentz, Dennis Zimmerman and Bob Mcpartlin

MEMBERSHIP

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Chair Roger Carey, Maggie Carey & Pat Swanson

MERCHANDISE

Chair Susan Street & Craig Ardner

NEWSLETTER

Chair Roger Carey & Maggie Carey

POKER RUN

Chair Susan Street, Kim Smith, Craig Ardner

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Chair Marie Garner, Pat Swanson

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Chair Mike Tobin, Jim Haggard & Don Sladick

TOWNSHIP LIAISON

Chair Kim Hamilton

WEBSITE

Chair Roger Carey

- Mike Hunt will draft a thank you letter to Bre thanking her for being a guest speaker at the Corporate meeting.
- Kim Smith assigned to investigate details into the lake assessment situation. Board members should review the package received from Lincoln Township and come prepared to the next meeting for discussion.
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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- Meeting called to order by 1st Vice President, Dave Lewis at 10:05 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of silence held for Dick Fairchild and Ray Bourcier
- Roll Call
 - Present – Ardner, Carey, Garner, Hamilton, Hudson, Hunt, Lewis, Smith, Street, Swanson, Tobin, Wentworth
 - Excused/Absent – None
 - Unexcused/Absent – None
- Guest Speaker, Paul Headworth
 - Paul is the current Postmaster at the Lake George Post Office.
 - He has written a book and given the Lake George community reference in his book.
 - Paul will be available at the meeting to sell and autograph his book.
- Board Member Elections
 - On the ballot were the following candidates
 - Craig Ardner (incumbent)
 - Roger Carey (incumbent)
 - Mike Hunt (incumbent)
 - Dave Lewis (incumbent)
 - Kim Smith (incumbent)
 - Pat Swanson (incumbent)
 - Al Schultz
 - Dennis Zimmerman
 - Of the six openings on the Board, all six incumbents were elected by the membership.
- Minutes of the May 27, 2007 Corporate Meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Current total balance of \$24,967.34
 - \$1,771.86 in checking
 - \$3,195.48 in money market fund
 - \$20,000 in certificate of deposit
 - Treasury report was accepted.
- Correspondence
 - Received a courtesy copy of a bulkhead permit.
- Committee Reports
 - Membership
 - LGPOA membership stands at 268 members.
 - Six new members present.
 - Lakes – Discussion deferred to later in the meeting where guest speaker Bre from PLM will discuss lake quality details.
 - Website
 - 2077 visitors to the website since the counter has been added.
 - Meeting minutes now posted on website.

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- Boater Safety Certification
 - Next year's class will be held the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of June.
- Softball Tournament
 - Planning to hold the tournament on June 18th & 19th at Hamilton Field.
 - This year there were 13 teams.
 - The Buckhorn Bar won the tournament this year.
- Boat Parade
 - Participation in this year's boat parade was light with only five entries.
 - Members were asked to provide suggestions for a theme to the boat parade committee.
 - Received a suggestion from a member to allow boats to go "as is" without decoration and have everyone join in the parade as a way of showing support for the community.
 - Another suggestion was to hold a boat parade on both Lake George and Shingle Lake.
- Audit
 - An audit was held on August 16th covering October – December.
 - No discrepancies were found.
- Directory
 - Extra directories are available at the membership meeting for those that would like an extra copy.
 - The LGPOA collected \$970 in advertising fees for the directory.
 - A special thanks was given to Roger Carey and his wife for their assistance with developing the directory.
- Old Business
 - No wake rule
 - Lake George is having an issue with boaters and PWC adhering to the 7:30 p.m. no wake rule.
 - Some no wake signs are covered with vegetation; however, Lincoln Township needs permission to enter private property to clear these areas.
 - If there is an issue, members may need to write down the boater's MC number and call the sheriff's department.
- New Business
 - The grassy area near the Plum circle needs to be cut.
 - Membership discussion regarding the impact of seawalls on wildlife.
Current rules for installation of seawalls require addition of stone around the seawall to enhance wildlife habitat.
 - Easements, Road Ends & Walkways
 - They are identified on the subdivision plat available at the Clare County Offices.

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- A member indicated that they received notification that they needed to remove a dock from one of these areas, even though they had been using the dock for many years.
- Members are encouraged to have good relations with their neighbors to avoid confrontational situations regarding these areas.
- Lincoln Township follows Michigan state law regarding usage of these areas.
- Guest Speaker, Bre from Professional Lake Management
 - Management of Lake George and Shingle Lake focuses on managing invasive weeds.
 - There were multiple treatments this year.
 - This year's weather conditions have been favorable to weed growth.
 - Eurasian Milfoil can grow as much as one foot per week.
 - Overall, the lakes are in good health.
 - Lake George Information
 - Treatments worked well this year.
 - Future year treatments will be similar to this year.
 - Shingle Lake Information
 - Growth of invasive species was very strong this year.
 - Deeper water Eurasian Milfoil was found and is an important issue.
 - Whole lake treatment will be needed next year.
 - Native plant growth is strong and good for the lake's health, even though it might be considered bothersome to some residents.
 - Question & Answer Session
 - Q. Could weevil introduction be beneficial to the lakes?
 - A. PLM has been involved with weevil studies and the results are not considered satisfactory by PLM. Weevils are expensive and it takes a long time to see results.
 - Q. Is there any affect on the fish from the chemical treatments, such as stunted growth?
 - A. No, studies have shown no affect on any fish species. However, there are other factors could cause stunted fish.
 - Q. Is lawn fertilizer bad for the lakes?
 - A. Fertilizer if very bad for the lakes. If you must use fertilizer, use the type without phosphorous.
- Guest Speaker, Gene Ringley Jr., Township Supervisor
 - All ordinances are available on the Lincoln Township website.
 - Accessory buildings now allowed 10 feet from the high water mark and 5 feet from the side lot line.
 - Amending the ordinance to allow building an accessory building on a vacant lot.
 - Dock & Boat Ordinance – Changes Under Consideration

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- Require that docks are installed a certain distance from the side lot line.
- Removal of boat lifts and rafts by September 15th.
- Rafts would require nameplates.
- Permanent docks would no longer be allowed, although current permanent docks would be grand fathered.
- Reflectors required on permanent docks.
- Expand current ordinance to prevent funneling.
- Bubblers not allowed due to safety concerns.
- Tree limbs can be trimmed along an imaginary vertical plane along lot line.
- July 4th Flares
 - Ringley's Hardware supplied the flares this year
 - The LGPOA paid for the flares.
- Yard Waste
 - Do not use plastic bags for yard waste. Please use biodegradable paper bags.
 - Pick-up of leaves will only be available in the spring and fall.
 - The yard waste disposal site is open 7 days a week.
 - On the 3rd weekend of the month, a recycling dumpster is available.
 - Black compost dirt is available for pick-up on Sunday's 9:00-12:00.
- Blight Ordinance – The Clare County Sheriff enforces this ordinance. Please call the Sheriff's office for complaints.
- Power Substation
 - Power lines are being upgraded in the area.
 - This should reduce power outages and brown outs.
- Special Lake Assessment
 - Lake George has the most funds available in the special assessment.
 - Shingle Lake's assessment has 3-4 years to go.
 - Shingle Lake will probably not be assessed next year.
- Downtown Enhancement Grant
 - A draft of the proposal is available at today's meeting
 - The proposal has provisions for 87 parking spaces.
 - The Citizens Action Group is working on this grant proposal.
- Considering a pathway that connects the Shingle Lake Park to the Citizen's Park.
- The Booster Club needs teams for the golf tournament.
- There is no parking allowed in the clear vision area.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing – Marie Garner won the money.
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.