

LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 24, 2015 (APPROVED SEPTEMBER 6, 2015)

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:02am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Troy Kibbey, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Joe Rentz, Connie Tuck, Marcia Wentworth, and Gail White.
- C. Minutes of the August 31, 2014 Corporate Membership Meeting. **The minutes were read and motion was made by Dennis Zimmerman, second by Pat Swanson to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.**
- D. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The total of our checking, money market and bond fund is \$35,704.81. **Motion by Al Schultz, second by Gary Winfield to approve the Treasurer's report as reviewed. Motion carried.**
- E. Correspondence. None.
- F. Introduction of Current Board. All current board members gave a brief introduction of themselves.
- G. Guest Speakers. Our guest speaker was Dennis Zimmerman, Township Supervisor. He reported on the following:
 - 1. The Dollar General Store will open on June 17, 2015.
 - 2. Post Office window hours are Monday – Friday noon to 4pm and Saturday 8am – 10:45am.
 - 3. The Township has hired Land Plan Inc. as a consultant to facilitate review and updating of the zoning ordinance. This activity is planned to take about 20 months and we are 5 months in at this time. The meetings are open to the public and more information can be found on the Township website.
 - 4. The tax assessor comes in to the Township Hall on Wednesday mornings if you have any questions.
 - 5. The Township has approved updating the Christmas decorations for the village.
 - 6. Yard waste and leaves can be put in yard waste bags and put out on Monday. The pickup guys will make note and come back on Thursdays to pick up. The Compost site is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 9am – noon or contact any trustee for a key or get the key in the mornings from the township hall. This is free but is for yard waste only.....no trash.
 - 7. The fire department has a new paging system that sends pages to cell phones.
 - 8. The recycling company delivered the bins already full one month, and another month came late. The Township is talking with American Waste to possibly do something different in the future.
 - 9. The Township is paying for body cameras and microphones for our township officers.

10. Disabled veterans can get a tax exemption on their property taxes.
11. There is a millage issue on the ballot in August for Clare County Transit Authority.
12. The Expo will be June 20 and will be laid out differently. There will be a Classic Car Show and Motorcycle Club present.
13. Drinking and driving a boat is not illegal....can have a drink in your hand, but the legally drunk level is now the same as for an automobile (.08) and will count against your drivers' license.
14. Golf cart rules have changed and are in the newsletter and Township ordinance 22 contains rules regarding ORV's.

H. Committee Reports.

1. Auditing. Deb reported that the audit is done once a year before the Labor Day meeting and a member at large is needed to assist.
2. Boat Parade/Street Parade. The boat parade is July 4. Line up at 7:30 for a 7:45 start. The theme is Movies but you don't have to decorate to participate. The Street Parade is July 5. Line up at 11:30 at Hamlin Field for a noon start.
3. Boater Safety. The boater safety class will be held the 4th Saturday in June from 9am – 4pm, for ages 12 and up. The legal age to drive a boat is 12 and a jetski is 16. There was concern expressed about the 100 foot rule and damage being done by large wakes. You are legally liable for any wake damage. Take pictures of offending boats if you can.
4. Directory. The next directory will be published in the Spring of 2016. You must be a paid member to be in the directory and any updates to your information need to go to Dave DeLeeuw.
5. Fund Raising. We have a little over \$6000 designated for Community Improvement and have approached the Township about Shingle Lake Park. There are some ideas for improvements and more information will be available at the September 6, 2015 meeting. There are no plans for any further fund raising at this time as we want to spend what we have first.
6. Hospitality. Cindy encouraged everyone to partake of the coffee, tea and goodies available.
7. Lake Quality. The new dam on Shingle Lake seems to be working well. The water level on Lake George is within the legal range. Loons are endangered and we are lucky to have them. Do not approach them as they will abandon their nests!!! A question was raised about putting up "loon nesting" signs and we will look into that. There is regular water testing going on and both lakes are in very good shape. We have muskrat traps available to borrow with a \$20 refundable deposit. Rolf has the traps if you want to use them.
8. Membership. As of today we have 211 members and 36 businesses. Notify Dave to keep your information current.
9. Merchandise. Sandy stated there is lots of new merchandise available on the back table.
10. Newsletter and Website. We publish the newsletter 3 times per year, the next one will be in August. Asked for a show of hands how many use the website and the majority responded. We asked for ideas on how to improve it and reminded people to use the LGPOA email for suggestions or questions.
11. Township Liaison. Nothing to add to Dennis' report.

12. Community Liaisons. Jan Penton stated Neighborhood Watch is going well. Give Jan your email if you want to be on the distribution for notifications. The Expo is moving to a new location in front of and next to the Post Office. It will be June 20 from 9am – 3pm. Gail White reported for the Booster’s Club. They have a major renovation in progress and hope to re-open sometime in July.

I. Old Business.

1. No Wake Signs. We have 5 installed and need volunteers to help with the other 5.

J. New Business.

1. There was an issue raised about boats driving too fast, no lights at night and playing loud music at night. Dennis stated that you should call the Sheriff Department and take pictures and/or movies if possible.

2. There is erosion on Oak Tree public access where the seawall ends. The Road Commission is responsible but has no funds available. Both Dennis and the LGPOA will look at the situation and see if there is anything that could be done.

K. 50/50 drawing. Al Schultz was the winner of \$90.

L. Public Comment.

1. Dennis Quigley raised concerns about the zoning ordinance project. He has attended all meetings and feels there is no consideration for the way the lake lots were originally laid out in terms of the setback rules.

M. Adjournment. Motion by Pat Swanson, second by Gary Winfield to adjourn the meeting at 11:32am. Motion carried.