

LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 25, 2014 (Approved August 31, 2014)

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Deb Briggs, Bill Bringer, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Kim Hamilton, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Connie Tuck, Marcia Wentworth, and Gail White.
- C. Minutes of September 2013 Membership Meeting. **The minutes were read and a motion was made by Stella Hardin, second by Wayne Harrington 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 \$33,777.26. **Motion by Dell Kell, second by Pat Swanson to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. Motion carried.**
- E. Correspondence. Rolf Hudson reviewed the requirement that you must be a paid member to vote on any issues at this meeting.
- 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. There is a potential tax exemption for disabled veterans. Provide your VA card and fill out an affidavit to receive the benefit.
 - 2. If you desire to put a seasonal dock on a road end you must go before the Township. The Township becomes responsible and will probably not grant this.
 - 3. Recycling is the 3rd weekend of every month. Electronics recycling is 1 or 2 times per year.
 - 4. Brining of roads will occur 5/16, 6/26 and 8/26.
 - 5. Yard waste is picked up April 21 – June 13. Use leaf bags or bundle sticks together.
 - 6. Lake water quality monitoring has begun. The lake level on Lake George is 1.2 inches above legal level, which is much better than a couple weeks ago.
 - 7. The Township is looking for people for the Fire Department, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Tax Board of Review. See Dennis for an application for any of those positions.
 - 8. We are getting a new fire truck due to a combination of a grant and a low interest loan from the USDA.
 - 9. The Township has a fireworks ordinance, number 41, which you can read about on www.lincolntwp.com. It includes which holidays are allowed, the hours, types of fireworks, penalties, etc. Chinese Lanterns are banned in Lincoln Township.

10. A flagpole and solar light have been donated for Citizens Park.
11. The American Legion golf outing is June 6th, which is the 70th anniversary of D-Day.
12. The neighborhood watch expo is June 21 and the Swiss Inn golf outing is July 6.

J. Committee Reports.

- a. Auditing. The Audit Committee will meet in August and report at the September meeting.
- b. Boat Parade/Street Parade. The boat parade will be Saturday July 5 and the Street Parade will be at noon on Sunday July 6.
- c. Boater Safety. LGPOA is again sponsoring a Boater Safety class on Saturday June 28 for ages 12 and up, including adults. Having a boater safety permit is mandatory if you were born after 1978. The class is free and lunch is provided.
- d. Directory. The new directories were mailed out last Monday. Please keep your information current with Bill Bringer or Dave DeLeeuw and please support the local businesses that help sponsor our directory.
- e. Fund Raising. Every member received 4 tickets. Please return tickets and/or money by August 1. The drawing will be held at the Labor Day meeting. The prizes are \$2500 cash or a \$2500 Boyne Mountain package, \$500 and \$250.
- f. Hospitality. Coffee and goodies are provided on the back table. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet for bringing goodies at the Labor Day Meeting.
- g. Lake Quality. Dave and Julie DeLeeuw attended the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention. Dave reported on several issues. There were several lake associations represented at the meeting and we have the lowest dues at \$25. Most range from \$35 - \$100, with the average at \$55. The biggest problem lakes are having is with weeds. We are in good control of the situation because of PLM. There was a big caution about invasive species coming from other lakes, dumping bait, etc. We are in good shape now but this could change. We have considered boat wash stations and continue to look into the matter, but there are several issues such as having to use hot water, cannot have any back wash into the lake, etc. Septic maintenance was also a major topic. Many are too old and/or too close to the lake. Another big problem is with solvents, pesticides and even drugs leaching into the lakes. Buffer planting, what you are doing at the water's edge, is very important. Dave has a very good book that can be signed out if you wish to learn more on this topic. Also discussed were nuisance birds; geese and mute swans (the ones with the hump on their nose). They are very aggressive and not native to this area. Call the DNR if you see a mute swan. If you have muskrat problems, we have traps you can borrow for a \$20 refundable deposit.
- h. Membership. The number on your mailing label is the year you are paid thru. We have three new members today and the total is 208 plus businesses. Get any address corrections in. A reminder that who pays the membership is who gets the copy of the directory, newsletter, etc. , regardless of how many owners there may be of a property.

i. Merchandise. We have a new shipment in and we will do special orders with about a three week turn-around.

j. Newsletter/Website. We just sent out the Spring Newsletter. We send out three per year. We asked for a show of hands as to how many people use the website. It looked like about 25% of the attendees. Someone mentioned using Facebook but there are issues about how to restrict to paid members. This will continue to be looked at.

k. Township Liaison. Merle mentioned that the new rehab center (previously Mansiding Lodge) is open and has 15 patients and lots of staff. The cost is about \$30,000 per month and includes lots of activities, an on-site chef, and high level of confidentiality.

l. Community Liaisons. Jan Penton reported for Neighborhood Watch. Meetings are the second Thursday of every month. Give Jan your email address if you want to be on the distribution list for NHW news. Make sure you lock your cars; there have been a few instances of people getting into unlocked vehicles and buildings. The NHW Expo is coming up June 21. There will be a raffle for 4 \$100 gift cards. All money goes to the county wide NHW. Everything is donated. There are 26 vendors so far, a car/motorcycle display, free hot dogs, etc. A new flag pole and flag for Citizen's Park will be dedicated by the Farwell honor guard before the street parade on July 6.

Gail White reported for the Lake George Booster's Club. The club house suffered structural and water damage from the past winter. Repairs are ongoing. The breakfast for June 7 is tentative, as well as a re-opening Open House on June 14. A yard sale is planned for July 3, 4, and 5 and breakfast on July 5th as well. Watch for signs announcing the happenings. A reminder that annual dues are \$20 per person.

K. Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

L. New Business. There was no new business for the association to address.

M. Public Comment. There is a Memorial Day Service at the Court House. There is a Clare County Veterans golf outing on June 7 to raise money for the Veteran's Park in Harrison.

The ambulance sits in the parking lot of the Fire Department and runs all night. They supposedly hang out there to use the bathroom and to have wi-fi access. Dennis will speak with them.

Lake George is unfriendly to snowmobilers. Leota has snow mobiles lines up by the 100's. It was felt that the businesses in Lake George should get together and that there should be some snow left on the roads.

N. 50/50 Drawing. Kathy Fernandez won \$96.

O. Adjournment. **Motion by Wayne Harrington, second by Pat Swanson to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion carried.**

