

# LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**May 26, 2013 (Approved September 1, 2013)**

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:07am. Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Bill Bringer, Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Fred Evenson, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Kotch-Myers, Jan Penton, Connie Tuck, Marcia Wentworth. Excused: Warren White.
- C. Minutes of September 2012 Corporate Meeting. The minutes were read and a motion was made by Del Kell and seconded by Karen Varten to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- D. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and a motion was made by Tom Godau and seconded by Kent Cousino to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- E. Correspondence. Several documents were made available to the membership, including "Loon Conservation", a folder from MSU Extension regarding smart lakefront plants for wildlife, The Top Ten Waterfront Myths – Understanding the Laws, and Lake George and Shingle Lake treatment schedules.
- F. Introduction of current board.
- G. Committee Reports.
  - a. Auditing. The audit will take place in August. We need at least one member at large to volunteer to assist. Please see Debbie if you are interested.
  - b. Boat Parade/Street Parade. The boat parade will be Saturday July 6. Line up at 7:30 and start at 8:00pm. The street parade will be Sunday July 7. Line up at Luke Hamlin field at 11:30 and start at noon.
  - c. Boater Safety. The class is scheduled for Saturday June 22 from 9:00am until 3:00pm at the Township Hall. Registration is at 8:30 and lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this class. Minimum age is 12 to get a certificate and if you were born after 1978 you must have a certificate. Lots of parents and grandparents also attend to refresh themselves on the laws.
  - d. Directory. There are a few directories on the back table. The next directory will be 2014 – 2015 and will be published early next year. If you have changes to be made in your personal information, see Bill Bringer or Dave DeLeeuw.
  - e. Fund Raising. After carefully considering the top items voted on by the membership at the 2012 meeting, it was determined by the Board of Directors that working towards the construction of a new pavilion at the Shingle Lake Park, in conjunction with the Township Board, would be a great benefit to our community. In addition to the proceeds from today's auction, we will be allocating last year's auction proceeds of just over \$500 as well as a check for \$200 that was donated by Isabella Bank, to our cause. These and future funds from our fundraising dollars will be kept separate from our other investments and our

- general checking account used for day to day operations. A couple ideas we are looking at in the future include a raffle and/or the possibility of selling engraved bricks or blocks that would be used in a part of the pavilion construction process.
- f. Hospitality. There is coffee and lots of goodies in the back of the room. Please take leftovers and donations are appreciated.
  - g. Lake Quality. Fred attended a conference in April and took advantage of several very good classes, mostly about Great Lakes fisheries. The fishing is great in our state and overall our LGPOA lakes are in very good shape. Clifford Bloom, an attorney dealing with property sales, made some important points regarding proper nutrients in lakes (ours look pretty good), shoreline development (seawalls vs natural, which is better for spawning), stream restoration and how to maintain flow. There were questions about removing lily pads. The ones with the white flower are protected but you can remove them yourself manually. Can only use chemicals on lily pads if PLM goes through the DEQ. Fred said he would have them take a look and provide advice.
  - h. Membership. The membership has been stable the last few years. We sent out “miss you/want you back” letters to previous members and have received 24 new renewals from that effort. Welcome to the 5 new members introduced at the meeting.
  - i. Merchandise. Merchandise with the new logo has been purchased and is available today. We have a limited supply but can order any size and color with about a three week delivery. We will have much more available at the Expo June 15. The board members all purchased the shirts we are wearing today.
  - j. Newsletter. There has been a change in editors of our newsletter. We are now including a calendar of community events, and other useful articles. Let Rolf know if you have any requests or ideas for the newsletter. We will be publishing three newsletters a year. Reminder that the website is lgpoa.net.
  - k. Township Liaison. Deferred to Dennis Zimmerman later in the agenda.
  - l. Community Liaison. Jan Penton reported the last Neighborhood Watch meeting was attended by two deputies. Send Jan an email if you have any concerns. The Expo will be held June 15 and is intended to get people more interested in the community, in Neighborhood Watch and to get to know each other. There will be a horse shoe contest, the Smoke House to demo fire safety for kids, firehose demonstration, classic car display, and several vendor booths. Four bikes will be raffled. Get with Jan if you need more info or want to help.
- H. Township Supervisor Report.
- Dennis Zimmerman reported that as of this morning, Lake George is 5 inches higher, and Shingle Lake is 2 inches higher, than the legal limits. We do not have zebra mussels in our lakes because of the tanins, which come from oak trees. The sheriff patrol hours will be changed to a varied schedule instead of set hours. Hopefully this will help fund more marine patrol hours. Property crimes are down. Contact the sheriff if you will be gone for an extended time. Make sure you get a burn permit if you are planning on burning. There is no cost and the purpose is to determine conditions and map locations in case of problems. Our post office got past the last round of closures and our postmaster thinks we have at least a couple more years. There is a

pending change to the State law regarding fireworks. There should be no oak trimming between April 15 and September 15 because of the danger of oak wilt disease.

I. Old Business.

- a. Muskrat Update. Six traps have been purchased by LGPOA for member use. See Fred if you would like to check one out. In the fall, we will again try to get a trapper to come in. If you want the trapper at your property, you will need to sign a release to allow him to do so.

J. New Business. Jan discussed the Veterans' Park being established in Harrison. \$50K has been raised so far, but the need is for \$133K. There will be a golf outing June 1 and they will also be selling paver bricks in the future. See [VeteransFreedomPark.com](http://VeteransFreedomPark.com).

K. Auction. The auction was held towards the end of the meeting. Nineteen items were auctioned off, bringing in a total of \$1,444.00 for our Community Improvement fund. A special thanks to all of the donors for such great items.

L. 50/50 drawing. The winner received \$148. A hat, sweatshirt and 2 T-shirts were also given as prizes.

M. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.