

Lake George Property Owners Association Membership Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2011 Approved

Next meeting: Sept 4, 2011, 1000, Lincoln Township Hall

A. Called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 1005/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call:

Present: Rolf Hudson, Kim Hamilton, Roger Carey, Fred Evenson, Pat Swanson, Marcia Wentworth, David DeLeeuw, Deb Briggs, Marie Garner, Greg Schneider, Cindy Engelhardt

C. Minutes: Sept. 10, 2010 Reviewed and accepted as written.

D. Treasurer's Report: Treasures Report made available to membership. Marcia Wentworth reviewed with membership. Report accepted as written.

E. Correspondences: Rolf reported that an advertisement from an environmental service called ProMax was received. He commented this is more a Township concern. No action was taken.

F. Introduction of Board

G. Lake Quality: Subject taken out of order by request of guest speaker Bre Grabil. Bre is our representative from Professional Lake Management. She noted the Spring Survey of our lakes showed the water temperature is about three weeks behinds the norm. As a result there is a decrease of milfoil. Overall Shingle Lake has more growth than Lake George. NLM will continue to monitor our lakes.

Weed treatment for exotic plants will continue as it did last year. The lakes have not ever been treated for indigenous plants. First treatment of our lakes will be June 13. There is a 14 day irrigation restriction on some of the treatments. As in the past, there will be postings around the lakes when they are treated which state what the treatment was and any restrictions necessary.

There were questions about the celery/eal grass that plagued our lakes last year. Bre reported that this is a native plant that proliferated as a result of the hot weather. As it is a native plant, it was not been chemically treated. She stated it is best to harvest the plants that are dislodged during lake use. There was also discussion about lily pad roots. Bre informed members they could be harvested in our direct beach areas.

H. Committee Reports

1. Auditing: Marie Garner reported that results of an audit will be presented at the September Meeting.
2. Boat Parade: Marie Garner announced the Boat parade will be on Saturday, July 2. It will be at 7:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes for first through 4th places. She is in need of judges. There was general discussion regarding a theme. Consensus was that it would be Captains Choice.

Captains Choice is the theme.

Persons interested in judging contact Marie Garner.

3. Boater Safety/Education: Fred Evenson has made arrangements for the class. Due to

scheduling conflicts it will not be the 4th Saturday in June but on July 16 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Township Hall. The program is open to the general public. Books, handouts, and light lunch will be provided.

Boater Safety/Education program July 16.

4. Directory: Kim Hamilton announced that updates to the directory will be done this year. Information will be taken from the membership forms or from persons contacting Kim. Anticipated completion is January 2012. These will be mailed to members.

Assure directory information is correct.

Contact Kim Hamilton for directory changes.

5. Education: Dave Deleeuw has arranged for an Off -Road Vehicle Program to be presented by a Sheriff's Deputy on June 25 from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Township Hall. Discussion followed regarding who should attend. It is noted that young adults under 16 years old CAN operate an ORV with successful completion of this ORV safety training course and that children as young as 10 may take this class. The program is open to the general public. Books, handouts, and light lunch will be provided.

There was discussion about sponsoring a Hunters Safety Program.

Interested persons can contact Dave Deleeuw regarding ORV class. Hunters Safety will be further discussed at the June Board Meeting.

6. Financial Planning: Deb Briggs reported she is working on a long term financial plan and comprehensive budget to present to the membership at the Sept. 4 meeting. Members were asked to review the priority list that was taken two years ago, which was available as a hand out, and make recommendations.

Recommendations for activities/programs/projects to be sponsored/undertaken by the LGPOA can be given to any board member.

7. Lake Quality: Roger Carey made available to members information about a lake survey and Waterfront-Shoreline Overlay Districts.

Further information about the lake survey or the Waterfront-Shoreline Overlay Districts can be directed to Roger Carey.

8. Membership: Roger Carey noted that there presently about 250 LGPOA members. All attendees were encouraged to let others know about the association and to update their membership information.

9. Merchandise: Cindy Engelhardt encouraged all members to purchase their inventory reduction sale logo merchandise available at the meeting.

Logo merchandise can be obtained by contacting Cindy Engelhardt.

10. Newsletter/Education: Roger Carey reported the Summer News Letter will be out prior to the Labor Day Meeting.

11. Poker Run: Kim Hamilton reported the 2011 Winter Poker Run lost over \$100.00. There were 75 participants. The Board reviewed the cost/benefit and societal implications of this activity and concluded the only winner in the event was the local bar. It will therefore no longer be an event sponsored by the LGPOA.

12. Softball Tournament: Rolf Hudson reported the tournament will be June 18 & 19.

Applications have been sent out. The Camp Ground has agreed to do the concessions. There has been some difficulty locating umpires but it appears some have been found. Rolf continues to look for volunteers to help.

Those willing to help with the tournament please contact Rolf Hudson.

13. Township Liaison: Fred Evenson passed report to Dennis Zimmerman, Township Supervisor. Dennis reported WiFi is now available on the Township Hall premises and work on Single Lake Park will be completed by June 30; as is required by the federal grant that enabled the Township to make the improvements. The Township will also be upgrading its lighting to comply with federal laws. This will require changing all street lights to LED. The initial investment will be high but long term savings from efficient lighting will be great.

Dennis informed the membership about the change of hours for the Compost Field. Due to misuse by contractors and others, the Compose Field will be open as follows:

Sunday 9-2 Wednesday 10-3 Friday 9-12

On the third Saturday of every month the gate will be open for Recycling Ben use.

Contained yard waste is picked up at road side through May.

Those needing access to the Compose Field at other times than listed are to contact a Township Board Member for keys.

Dennis informed the membership there are now two competing ambulance services in Lake George. Also, the Township Board is in the process of reviewing a proposal regarding a lighting ordinance. It was noted this is in the infancy stages.

Dennis reminded the membership that Township Board meetings are on the second Monday of every month, 7:30p.m. at the Township Hall. These are open to the public. Also, people may access Township Board Minutes on the Lincoln Township Web Site.

14. Website: www.LGPOA.net

I. Neighborhood Watch: Jan Penton talked with the membership about Neighborhood Watch and the importance of completing the "Owners Information Form", which she made available to the group, so officers can contact property owners should an incident occur. She invited people to attend the NW meetings held on the second Thursday of every month, 2:00p.m. at the Township Hall.

Contact Jan Penton for Neighborhood Watch information.

J. Concerned Citizens: Jan Chapman talked briefly about the Concerned Citizen group whose focus this year is: laying pavers at Citizens Park by the Township Hall, finishing the sprinkling system at the Township Hall, raking Shingle Lake Park for hydroseeding, cleaning the beach at Shingle Lake Park and constructing a pavilion at the park. She assures people they don't have to be professionals to help and this is a good way to get to know the people in our community.

Persons wishing to volunteer may contact Jan Chapman.

K. Old Business: Muskrat trapping was done Fall of 2010. Rolf Hudson reviewed the written report prepared by the trapper, Ken Osborn. Results are similar to previous trappings. In total 49 musk rats were trapped. The report was accepted as written.

There was discussion about recent musk rat sightings. It was noted that Spring trapping requires a specific DRN license for a specific location; Fall is the trapping season. The consensus was this is a topic for our September meeting

L. New Business

1. Rolf Hudson informed the membership that there was an opening on the Board.
Members wishing to serve on the Board are to contact Rolf Hudson.

2. Post Office: Maggie Carey spoke to the membership about the eventuality of losing our Post Office. Her issue is, at present, this could happen with only a 30 day notice. She has written our congressmen about the short notice concern and is asking anyone who is interested to do the same. She had copies of letters that could be sent and the names and addresses of the congressmen available to the membership.
Contact Maggie Carey with concerns/questions on this subject.

3. July 4th Parade: Rolf Hudson announced that Connie Tuck (from our local establishment The Depot) is coordinating the July 4th Parade. It will be on Sunday July3 and she needs help from 10am-12pm.
Interest persons contact Connie Tuck at the Depot.

4. There was a question posed regarding maintenance of lake access sties. Dennis Zimmerman stated the sites are maintained by the county. Concerned persons should contact the County Road Commission.

5. 50/50 Raffle: \$120.00 went to the winner. Six logo items were given out.

K. Adjournment: 1153