

LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 1, 2013 (WILL NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 25, 2014

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Rolf Hudson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- A. Roll Call. Present: Bill Bringer, Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Fred Evenson, Merle Harmon, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Connie Tuck, Marcia Wentworth and Gail White.
- B. Minutes of May 2013 Membership Meeting. The minutes were read and a **motion was made by Wayne Harrington, seconded by Gaye Buchler to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.**
- C. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Marcia, and a **motion was made by Gaye Buchler, seconded by Del Kell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.**
- D. Correspondence. There were no outstanding items to review.
- E. Introduction of current board. All current board members gave a brief introduction of themselves.
- F. Guest Speakers.
 - a. Sheriff John Wilson. The Sheriff reviewed some statistics for Lincoln Township: 2404 incidents year to date, including 926 property checks, 26 home invasions and 16 larcenies. The deputies patrol 70 hours per week in our township. They have been expending some addition marine patrol hours and there have been 34 complaints followed up on, 27 from Lake George and 2 from Shingle Lake. There was a question about speed permitted on the lake. The limit is 45mph and the Deputies do have and use hand held radar. The requirement to drive counterclockwise on the lakes was also discussed.
 - b. Carl Parks, Drain Commissioner. Mr. Parks referred to a 1976 document he has stating the legal lake level of both our lakes. According to that document the legal lake level of Lake George is 1125.30 above sea level and we are currently at 1125.1, but everyone feels our lake is too high this year. There followed a discussion about the spillway and who is responsible for keeping it cleaned out. The Township has handled it historically, but the Drain Commission is responsible so let Carl know if there are issues or we need to do something. On Shingle Lake, the legal level is 1122.88 and the current level is 1122.7 (which equates to about 1.5 inches low). Two years ago there was a tree in the spillway and the water was very low because of no rain. They dumped in some gravel and that worked for a while. Carl stated they will be putting in a vinyl seawall to help erosion and hold water in. They have also removed beaver dams in the past.

- c. Dennis Zimmerman, Township Supervisor. Dennis informed the group that the Mansiding Lodge has been sold to Great Lakes Care Center for a drug/alcohol Rehab Center. The two millage renewals on the ballot in August both passed. The 911 millage was approved by 72% and the Senior Services millage was approved by 77; however, only 7% of the county turned out to vote. The Sheriff's Department has a new vehicle for Lincoln Township and it is AWD. Regarding Marine Safety, some of our rules are difficult for the deputies to enforce because the DNR (State) rules are different than our local ordinance rules. There were recent B&E's on Arbor and Shingle Lake Drive, and the Sheriff has a suspect, but overall, property crimes are significantly down. Some boat gas tanks at Bertha Lake have been drained. The compost site is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 9am to noon, or you can stop by the Township Hall and borrow the key any day between 9am and 1pm. Paving on Bringold, Ashard and Hemlock is done. There was a Township auction on Friday 8/30 and everything sold. Water quality testing of both lakes is wrapping up for the year. Dennis discussed the climate change trend and says we are in a 31 year cycle and predicts that in 2017-2018 we will be 20 inches above the legal lake limit, so start building your ark now! There was a question about the blight rule in regards to mowing. There is no local ordinance to support this. The Road Commission is responsible for all road ends to the water; there is one road end on Shingle Lake, at Calukins, and several on Lake George.
- G. Vote on Proposed Bylaw Amendment. There is a proposed bylaw change to allow for the election of two additional board positions; Deputy Secretary and Deputy Treasurer. President Rolf Hudson reminded the audience that only current, paid-in-full members were allowed to vote on any corporate business. **Motion by Marla Bougher, seconded by Tom Podeszwick to approve the proposed change as written. Motion carried.**
- H. Election of Board Members. All board members with terms expiring (Bill Bringer, Fred Evenson, Sandy Kotch-Myers, Jan Penton, Connie Tuck and Gail White) had agreed to run again. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion by Dennis Zimmerman, seconded by Jerry Winfield to elect the six nominees. Motion carried.**
- I. Committee Reports.
 - a. Auditing. The Audit Committee, consisting of Debbie Briggs, Bill Bringer, Cindy Engelhardt and Synthia Lewis completed an audit of the financial records, including the Edwards Jones and Chemical Bank accounts and found everything to be in order.
 - b. Boat Parade & Street Parade. There was a discussion regarding how to encourage more participation. Please forward any ideas to any board member. Shingle Lake discussion revolved around whether the parade should alternate lakes each year or just move to Shingle Lake. Some on Shingle want to do that and have prizes, etc., but some do not. Shingle Lake people were asked to talk among themselves and reach agreement. The board will reconsider having flares available for distribution.
 - c. Boater Safety. There were 20 students in attendance this year. Next year the hours will be extended to 9am – 4pm to allow more time for testing without being rushed.
 - d. Directory. The new directory will be coming out next year. See Bill Bringer or Dave DeLeeuw if you need to change any of your personal information. Reminder that if you are

not a current member of the LGPOA, you will not be in the directory nor will you receive a directory.

- e. Fund Raising. Merle led a discussion about the feasibility of having a raffle to further our efforts and funds towards a new pavilion at Shingle Lake Park. The raffle would be limited to 500-1000 tickets with a cost of \$10 each. We would hope to realize a profit of \$2000 - \$6000, depending on the number of tickets sold. The grand prize would be a Boyne Mountain package for 4 people. Other prizes are TBD but ideas are Soaring Eagle Package, and/or a Visa gift card. The question was put before the membership as to how they would feel about the Board of Directors requesting that each member try to sell at least 4 tickets. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Tom Podeszwick and seconded by Wayne Harrington to send out 4 tickets to each member with the expectation that they would either sell or buy them or send them back. By a show of hands the motion carried.** More info will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.
- f. Hospitality. Please help yourself to coffee, tea and goodies in the front of the room.
- g. Lake Quality. Fred mentioned the conference he attended and said it was very informative and that our lakes are generally in very good shape. He also noted that only three people have made use of the muskrat traps that we purchased for members to check-out with a \$20 refundable deposit. See Fred if you are interested. Dave set up a very interesting display of the items that were retrieved from in front of his new property, encouraging people to do the same in their waterfront.
- h. Membership. Current membership is at 175. Reminder that the number on your mailing label on your newsletter is the year in which your membership expires (May 31 of that year).
- i. Merchandise. New merchandise with the new logo is selling well. We are taking special orders if there are sizes and/or colors you would like.
- j. Newsletter. There are three newsletters per year; the next will be early in January. The website address is lgpoa.net.
- k. Township Liaison. Nothing additional after Dennis' report.
- l. Community Liaison. The Boosters Club Chicken BBQ is today at 4pm and the cost is \$8 adults/\$4 children. The Neighborhood Watch appears to be successful as crime is down in the area. See Jan Penton if you would like to be added to the email distribution list to communicate safety/crime issues and updates. There will be another Neighborhood Watch Expo in conjunction with the Clare County Sherriff's Department again next year, and the date is June 23, details to come.
- J. Old Business.
 - a. Dave has 3 copies of the book "Saving the Family Cottage" that has to do with succession planning, estate considerations, etc. See Dave if you would like to be on the waiting list to read this very informative book.
- K. New Business. None.
- L. 50/50 Drawing. Gary Szczpanski was the lucky winner of \$100.
- M. Adjournment. **Motion by Marla Beougher, seconded by Deb Briggs to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. Motion carried.**

