

# LAKE GEORGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 6, 2015 (Approved May 29, 2016)

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Rolf Hudson at 10:02am and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- B. Roll Call. Present: Debbie Briggs, Dave DeLeeuw, Cindy Engelhardt, Rolf Hudson, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Joe Rentz, Connie Tuck, Marcia Wentworth, Gail White. Excused: Merle Harmon, Troy Kibbey.
- C. May 24, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes. The minutes from the May 24 Membership Meeting were read. Motion by Wayne Harrington, second by Marla Beougher to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
- D. Treasurer's Report. Marcia reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the period of May 24, 2015 thru September 6, 2015. We currently have a total of \$1044.02 in our checking account, with a total of all assets of \$34,322.48. Motion by Gaye Buchler, second by Kent Cousino to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. Motion carried.
- E. Correspondence. Rolf has some information from the Muskegon Watershead Authority if anyone is interested in reviewing.
- F. Introduction of Current Board. Each board member briefly introduced themselves.
- G. Guest Speakers. Sherriff of Clare County, John Wilson and Deputy Nick Oster were in attendance and the following was discussed:
  - 1. Residence Information sheets are available and are a good thing to fill out and return to the Sheriff Department so they have current contact information and data about your home in case of an incident.
  - 2. Reviewed Lincoln Township incidents to date.
  - 3. New golf cart rules include the requirement to be 16 and in possession of a driver's license to drive a golf cart, not allowed to drive on roads that are greater than 30mph, and not being allowed on the roads until ½ hour after sunrise and until ½ hour before sunset. Warnings have been given all summer so now the Sherriff Department will start giving citations and/or going to parents.
  - 4. Boater Safety. Oversize boats, boats with water bladders that do damage to shorelines, children driving jet skiis, no spotters in boats were all issues that were brought up. All are illegal and so you should call the Sheriff Department when you see these violations. Take videos or pictures if possible, or get MC number and/or street address. Last year Lincoln Township dedicated hours were split between road and lake patrol but did not happen this year. The Sherriff will make a point of it again next year.

5. Dogs running loose. If you make the call to the Sherriff Department, either the Sheriff Department or Animal Control will come out and capture the animal and take it to the shelter.
  6. Now seeing Amish with horses at Shingle Lake Park so signage needs to be put up.
- H. Board of Directors Election. There are six open positions and all six current board members (Troy Kibbey, Sandy Myers, Jan Penton, Joe Rentz, Connie Tuck and Gail White), agreed to run again. Motion from Kent Cousino, second by John Harcel to close the nominations and accept the ballot as presented. Motion carried.
- I. Committee Reports.
1. Auditing. The Audit Committee of Deb Briggs and Cindy Engelhardt and member at large Janice Chapman performed the audit of all three of our accounts and found everything in good order.
  2. Boat Parade/Street Parade. There is a need for volunteers to organize and run both events as the current board is no longer able to do so.
  3. Boater Safety. Twenty-two students attended the Boater Safety Class this year. It will be held again on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June.
  4. Directory. Troy will begin working on this in the Fall for a Spring publication. Make sure your information is current with Dave for the directory. Only paid members will be in the directory.
  5. Fund Raising. We have raised a little over \$6,000 for the Shingle Lake Park project. We met with the Clare County Friends of Parks and they are willing to help us out. We hope to replace the existing pavilion and maybe install restrooms next Spring. There has been a question about the buoys for the swimming area. The Township has them and will install them in 2016. There will be no further fund raising until this project is complete.
  6. Hospitality. Cindy encouraged everyone to enjoy the coffee, tea and goodies in the back of the room.
  7. Lake Quality. Water sampling is done monthly on both lakes and the samples are sent in to the DEQ. There are two new invasive species in Michigan but not in our lakes YET. There was a question raised about the warnings posted when the lakes are treated. Per Dennis Zimmerman, these warnings are required to be worst case and are for land use, not water use where the chemicals are much more diluted. There is a lot of wild celery floating in Lake George which is typical for this time of year. There is one beaver dam on Shingle Lake that is plugged and the drain commission has been notified. A dead loon found on Lake George was sent in to the DNR but we have no results yet.
  8. Membership. Currently at 145. We are usually around 200 at this time of year but several members remain unpaid.
  9. Merchandise. We have received a new shipment of t-shirts, sweatshirts and can coozies in new colors and sizes.
  10. Newsletter and Website. The Summer newsletter went out a couple weeks ago. There were positive comments about the content and format. Ideas for the newsletter should go to Rolf. There was a suggestion that we look into using Facebook as an alternative communication tool.

11. Township Liaison. Dennis Zimmerman, Township Supervisor reported on the following:
  - a. There are two road projects not done yet; Whitney Street and Old State.
  - b. The new tanker arrived. The Fire Department was inspected by the State and got the highest possible marks.
  - c. Yard waste pickup will be available for 6-8 weeks this fall. Put your yard waste out on the normal pickup day and the guys will come back on Thursdays to collect. It must be in yard waste bags.
  - d. The compost site is open Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 9am - noon. In addition, every board member has a key to the compost site and there is also a key available at the Township Hall every morning.
  - e. The recycling bin is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month now. Our contract is up in 2017 and the township may go with a different company for better availability.
12. Community Liaisons. Jan Penton reported that the location for the Expo this year was a huge improvement. The Expo will again be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June and the goal is for an even bigger car and motorcycle show. There is an email distribution list for Neighborhood Watch issues.....see Jan if you want on this list. The monthly NHW meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 2pm in the Township Hall. The Booster's Club renovation is done. Gail thanked the community for their support. They had 138 people for breakfast on Saturday and the next breakfast will be October 3. There will also be a fish fry on October 16.
- J. Old Business. None.
- K. New Business. A light pole was knocked down across from the Swiss Inn and the basket, chain and flowers were taken. There was a suggestion of having a kayak/canoe race on the lake.
- L. 50/50 Drawing. Gaye Buchler was the winner of \$76.
- M. Public Comment. There is a new facility in Clare that used to be the Days Inn, that has been repurposed as temporary housing for veterans. They are seeking donations of toiletries and bedding. Jan Penton can assist with delivery.
- N. Adjournment. Motion by Pat Swanson, second by Wayne Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Motion carried.