

Lake George Property Owners Annual Membership Board Meeting

Electronically Approved: June 7, 2021

Date: 5/30/2021 Annual General Membership Board Meeting

Call to order: President Troy Kibbey called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Members said the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for the men and women serving our country and for those who have died for our country

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Troy Kibbey, Kelly Clark, John Jordan, Bob Barkley, Russell Smith, Craig Henry, Lori Heimburger, Nancy Shaw, Rick Kibbey, Kent Cousino
Absent (excused): all board members were present
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Since the last minutes were from September 2019, we did not read them. The 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID19.
3. **Voting of new board members:** Ballots were handed out and the members to vote for four positions that are up this month.
4. **Treasurer Report:** John Jordan reported the following information:
 - a. Chemical Bank Account: As of the balances are as follows:
General checking account:4,306.58
Expenses: \$8,030.03
Income: \$9,949.40
 - b. Current Balance \$3,979.05
 - c. Fish fund balance is a part of the general checking balance and has a current total of \$1,245.00
 - d. Edward Jones Checking: \$4,306.58
 - e. Edward Jones Bond fund: \$28,018.34
 - f. Total Balance of all accounts: \$36,303.97Rolf Hudson made a motion to approve the Treasury report. Kent Cousino seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Auditing:** Rick Kibbey & Kelly Clark – There will be no report until June 2021. Rick and Kelly will make arrangements to meet with a Member-at-Large in June.
 - b. **Boat & Street Parade:** Boat and Street Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Last year we had a good turnout and hope it is just as good or better this year! We will continue the boat parade if we continue to get participants.

- c. **Boater's Safety:** Troy will research to see if boater's safety can be held face-to-face. The alternative and may become the permanent solution would be free online training. We have the online boater's safety link on the [LGPOA website](#).
- d. **Directory Report:** We lost a year so it will be printed and mailed this year. A new directory will be out in March. It is important that members communicate any changes of address so you will receive the newsletters and directory book. If we get mail sent back to us, you may be removed from the mailing list until we receive updated information.
- e. **Fund Raising:** Jason Bringedahl wants to have a 5k run and walk for adults and children in Lake George. With Board approval, Jason would like to get a committee to move forward with the organization of this event. Troy Kibbey made a motion to approve a 5k event, Kent Cousino seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Rick explained that this is a healthy event that can include LGPOA members that may help us raise additional funds that we could spend on future LGPOA membership events.
- f. **Hospitality:** No report. No cookies or coffee were available due to COVID19 restrictions.
- g. **Lake Quality:** This is a big concern for the property owners so we know we need to continue researching lake quality initiatives.
- h. **Membership:** 146 members paid through 2021; however, we have more memberships that were renewed today and more that will be paid during the Labor Day meeting.
- i. **Merchandise:** We don't have much merchandise to sell at this time.
- j. **Newsletter/Website:** The new [LGPOA website](#) was up and running in 2020. There are links to the boat and street parades. We will continue to post anything that is going on around Lake George/Shingle Lake as events arise. If members want to contact us, there is a way to "Contact Us" on the website.
 - If you need to update names, addresses, phone numbers for the multi-yearly mailings, just send us a message! The newsletter goes out three times per year. We will begin including the renewal date on the newsletter as it was in the past. We will do this beginning the next cycle.
 - For members only the password to see membership information on the website is **LGPOA50**.
- k. **Vote Results:** Troy Kibbey-28, Nancy Shaw- 23, Erica Bringedahl-22, Mark Featherston-20, Lynn Miller- 13, Brad Cesal – 1. All new board members introduced themselves. Those who like to serve, there will be four openings at the Labor Day meeting. Please attend and run again! If you would like to be on the next ballot,

please contact Troy Kibbey or another board member. You can also email us through the website.

I. **Township Liaison:** Dennis Zimmerman is the guest speaker today.

- **Gypsy moths** were sprayed on May 17th. Focus areas were Riparian lots and backlots surrounding Shingle, Lake George, Bertha, and Silver Lake. The spray used is called Bt k. or *Bacillus thuringiensis kustaki*. This has proven to be quite effective in Michigan. The spray does not contain live bacteria and cannot reproduce. There are inert ingredients added, usually made of corn or soy that help the spray stick to leaves and trees. Next year, the gypsy moths may be sprayed again if there is money available. The Township has nothing to do with the decision of the areas that will be sprayed. Rolf Hudson asked what the dye-off time period is for the moths. Dennis replied a little over a week.

- **Road Brining** – This provides dust control on our gravel roads and streets. The Township has requested three (3) treatments during the year and they are May 17th, June 30th and August 27th weather dependent.

- **Road improvement** – Arbor Drive and Forest Drive will get resealed this summer. These roads are being resealed with an ultra-thin coating and it might start as soon as Tuesday, June 1st. It will take approximately one week to ten days. Cars can get around them, but it may be slow so please be patient.

We will be upgrading the gravel surface on Browns Road from Hazel Trail to the east end of the road (2/3 mile); clearing trees back from the road on Old State Road, between Mannsiding and Jefferson Roads.

- **Rubbish & Recycling** – The Township renewed the rubbish pickup program for another three (3) years with American Waste. Household pickup is on Mondays. You can get rid of one large item each week. They cannot take construction materials. Homeowners will have to get a bin or find another way to dispose of all construction materials.

Two red recycle bins from American Waste will be permanent in the Township parking lot, next to Fairchild-Green Reality. The Township pays a small fee only when the bins need to be dumped. The green recycle bin provided by Waste Management is free and will still be provided on the third weekend of each month.

- **Blight and Nuisance Issues** – Deb Trim has been appointed as the Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Her contact information is (989)588-9841 ext. 5; ordinance103@gmail.com. The definition of blight is property and/or belongings that cause a health safety issue(s) or a detriment to the

community. We have three homeowners that the Township has taken to court over blight right now. There is only one of the properties that is near Lake George. The person staying at the house is currently cooperating with the Township.

Any zoning violations go to Roger Carey, Zoning Administer. He may be reached at (989) 588-9538; mcarey55@charter.net

- **Volunteer Fire Fighters and Cadet Training Program:** The Township always need fire fighters – volunteers start at \$14 per hour and this will increase will in the near future. This is a part-time job. There is also a cadet training for those under 18 years old. We need more fire fighters so spread the word! This could lead to a career!
 - **General Information:** TCF bank will become Huntington Bank. This is where the LGPOA currently does their banking.
 - **Questions from members:** From Plum to town there are trees that are close to the road and it is difficult to have two cars pass by without getting one vehicle scratched. The member asked what can be done about the trees. Dennis said he will mention this to the Road Commission when he meets them next.
 - A member asked if there is anything we can do about the Canadian geese. The answer no one wants to hear is that there is really nothing that can be done. Suggestion: There is information that may be helpful on the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife website](#).
 - **Yard waste** – will be picked up until the first week of June. At the beginning of October, yard waste will start up again until sometime later in November. Pickup for leaves is currently on Tuesdays. Leaves need to be in paper bags or something that is biodegradable. Please **don't** put leaves in the lake. Lake owners caught putting leaves in the lake can be fined by the DNR.
 - **A member killed 15 muskrats last year.** She asked “is there a way to get rid of them?” Answer provided: just keep catching them because unfortunately there is not a better way to get rid of them.
- m. **Community Liaison:** Dennis Zimmerman was a guest speaker. Read report above.
- n. **Fish Committee:** No report.
- o. **Old Business:** None.
- p. **New Business:** Troy Kibbey: Donations – We are giving to the senior center and Easter and Christmas parties, but we don't always have the funds to do this without fundraising. We want to give back to the community; however, we want to also give back to the membership. In September, we will ask the general members how the membership wants to spend the money that we fundraise. Should we spend

the money on ways that will benefit our members? Should the members who choose to support the children's parties and seniors donate separately? We can provide boxes at our meetings that members can donate to these initiatives.

Fundraising Ideas: We are looking at other fundraisers, but insurance is always a factor. Troy and Bob suggested a quad ride and are checking into other ideas. Lynn Miller mentioned he belongs to an organization which holds a "Blessing of the Bikes" ride. They have a lawyer that writes a contract that the organization is not liable for any accidents/deaths/etc. Troy made the motion to have Lynn organize a committee to look into or organize a quad ride, motorcycle ride, etc. Kent Cousino seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

6. 50/50 raffle \$70 was raised. \$35 was the payout. The other \$35 goes into the fish fund.
7. Rolf Hudson made the motion to adjourn today's meeting and Kent seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Next Meeting: Corporate Board Meeting: Sunday, September 5th 10am at the Lincoln Township Hall if they open to the public.