

Lake George Property Owners Association Board Meeting

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Date: 9/5/2021 Annual Corporate Membership Board Meeting

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

Members said the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Troy Kibbey, Kelly Clark, John Jordan, Bob Barkley, Russell Smith, Craig Henry, Lori Heimburger, Nancy Shaw, Kent Cousino, Mark Featherston, Erica Bringedahl
Absent (excused): Rick Kibbey
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** John made a motion to approve the minutes from the Memorial Day meeting, Mark Featherston seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
3. **Treasurer Report:** John Jordan reported the following information:
 - a. General Checking account balance: \$4124.17
 - b. Fish fund balance is a part of the general checking balance and has a current total of \$1370.00
 - c. Money Market Account: Edward Jones Checking balance: \$4306.58
 - d. Bond Fund balance: \$28,653.4
 - a. Total Balance of all accounts: \$37,084.34

Dennis Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Treasury report. Kent Cousino seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Auditing:** Rick Kibbey, Kelly Clark, Lynn Miller (member at large) performed the treasurers audit in August. All accounts balanced out.
 - b. **Boat & Street Parade:** Erica Bringedahl is taking over the boat and street parade. Next year's theme will be Captain's Choice. The parades will be on the Saturday of the 4th of July.
 - c. **Directory Report:** Please make sure you pass along any updated information such as address, phone numbers, etc. You can contact Craig Henry or let us know via the website or use the back of the renewal form.
 - d. **Fund Raising:** Jason Bringedahl spoke about the 5K run/walk through Lake George. It will be Saturday of the 4th of July. Volunteers are needed. He has created a Lake George 5k Run/Walk Facebook page– click "like" to get involved.

Tentative route will be Swiss Drive – down Arbor Drive loop around and back to the Swiss Inn. Jason has been in contact with Dennis Zimmerman to discuss the route which is not finalized yet.

- e. **Hospitality:** Erica Bringedahl will handle this in the future once we go back in doors.
- f. **Lake Quality:** Mark Featherson, Troy Kibbey, and Russell Smith went out with Dennis Zimmerman one day to do the sampling of the lakes. It was a good experience for all of them.
- g. **Membership:** 1 new membership today. 163 have paid so far this year.
- h. **Merchandise:** We have fitted hats for sale. This will be the last of the 50th anniversary merchandise. Anyone can use the link on our website to order what you want to order.
- i. **Newsletter/Website:** The newsletter went out a couple of weeks ago. Lori does a great job putting that together.
- j. **Township Liaison:** Russ thought it was a great opportunity that he had. A member asked if we can shoot a video doing the next sampling next and add it to the website so members can see how the sampling is performed.
- k. **Community Liaison:** Nancy – Booster's Chicken dinner starting at 4pm today.
- l. **Fish Committee:** No report.

5. **Old Business:** None

6. **New Business:** Ballots were passed out and voting for four new members.

Dale – Muscular Dystrophy – passing of the boot

Voting Results – 32 Rick, 28 Kent, 34 Eric, 33 Lynn 32 Brad. The new board members will be Rick Kibbey, Eric Kibbey, Lynn Miller, and Brad Cecil. Kelly Clark made a motion to approve the voting results. John Jordan seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Dennis Zimmerman – guest speaker –

- Water samples were taken from both Shingle Lake and Lake George. The phosphorus levels were up in Lake George, which means there are people shoveling leaves into the lake. The samples that were taken in August get turned into an office in Cadillac on September 14th.
- Plowing snow – you cannot push snow across the road. State ordinance – it is a \$500 fine.
- Fire Department – starting wage \$14/hour with no training. All fire departments need help. We received a \$30,000 grant to buy a new set of jaws of life. They are electric. We sold our old set to another department in Iron Mountain.
- Township roads – Our Road improvement projects for 2021 are nearly complete. These included the “Ultra-thin” recap of Arbor Drive (originally paved in 1995), “Ultra-thin” recap of Forest, Bungo, Ojibway, Ash, Maple, and Lake Drive (originally paved in 1997);

Tree and Stump removal to clear a working right-of-way on Old State Ave, between Jefferson and Mannsiding (appr. 2 miles); Gravel upgrade on Browns Road (appr. 1 mile) from the Railroad Tracks and Hazel Trail to the East end of Browns. Some tree clearing on Hickory Ave, for appr. 1 mile North of Browns Rd.; To be done later this fall (by private contractor) blading and gravel addition/fill on Lake Drive, Pocahontas, and Cochise, in Canoe Subdivision, North of Bertha Lake. We hope to have 2022 project plans finalized by mid-November, 2021, and this will include that above-mentioned 2 mile stretch of Old State where Asphalt chips or grindings, will be rolled down and sealed, at about 1/3 the cost of paving, and lasting nearly as long.

- Gypsy Moths – not a township. They sprayed 20,000 acres; however, we had some hot days so we had two hatches. The spray handled the first hatch. The second hatch was what caused the issues. They second hatch was not sprayed. There might be a possible spray this spring. The spray is not bad for humans or pets.
- School buses will be out on Tuesday. There is a \$500 fine for running past their lights.
- Planning commission – looking at two issues: long term rental properties and campers (especially an issue in the White Birch area). One camper is approved, but many in this area want to add multiple campers, etc. They are looking if any ordinances need to be modified.
- Booster’s Club euchre night has resumed. The Booster’s give away scholarships to high school students and many people may not know this.
- Traffic – golf carts – Need to be 16 years of age to drive the cart. Even if you are sitting next to an underage driver, it does not mean they can drive the cart. Carts can be used on streets at 25 mph or less. If the speed limit is higher than 25 mph, golf carts are not allowed and the driver can be fined.

Number of traffic stops and tickets issued – speeding and running stop signs.

- Dennis addressed the concern from the last meeting of the trees making the road too narrow. The Township does not have the money to do this. He recommended that drivers slow down in that area so you don’t hit the tree branches.
- Invasive Species – Go to the DNR or Eagles websites to look at the species that could be heading our way. In Lake George, Shingle Lake and Bertha Lake, there is an ongoing program for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pond Weed. However, there are several new invasive species to be concerned about, and hopefully, to watch for. These include: Hydrilla (not yet in Michigan but in Canada, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota), European Frog-bit, New Zealand Mud Snail, Parrot Feather (another type of invasive Milfoil), Water Chestnut, and Water Hyacinth. Including terrestrial invaders, there are now appr. 190 invaders in the Great Lakes Basin. For more information, go to either the MDNR or EGLE website, and look for a link to Aquatic Nuisance Species, or, Exotic Species....these site will provide you with great pictures of

these species. If you think you may have found some, either contact me or Roger Carey at your earliest convenience. Some of these plants, like the Hydrilla, do have State Rapid Response Teams to halt the invasion and eradicate the invader. If anyone sees the Hydrilla weed, contact the Dennis Zimmerman or Roger Carey because the Eagle is very responsive.

- Rolf Hudson asked if they are going to fill in the road spots on Forest. Dennis said they are still working on the road on Forest. Anyone can contact the County Road Commission if anything needs else to be fixed.
- A member asked if we test the lakes for pesticides. We don't do a test for this. If you want to test your well: PFA and PFOs, you can take a sample and send it to a place in the county to get tested. Lincoln Township does not handle sampling.

50/50 \$116 \$58 goes to the winner and \$58 goes to the fish fund. Brad drew the winner: Gale White.

Connie Tuck's family proceeds go to the Christmas and Easter party – corn hole tournament after this meeting – starting at noon.

7. Dennis Zimmerman made the motion to adjourn today's meeting and Kent Cousino seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Next Meeting: October, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Troy Kibbey's house.