

Lee Lake Association Meeting Minutes September 26, 2017

Opening: Meeting began at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.
Three officers were present. Treasurer was excused.

Members in attendance included: Earl & Janet Kincaid, Michael & Lisa Grenon, Steven Smead, Jack & Brenda Pyle, Diane & Larry Vitale, Tom & Cathy Constantine, Jim Dickerson, Connie Zimmerman, Sam Schutlz, Duane Packer, Thomas & Victoria Unger, Mike & Diane Axtell, Steve & Carol Brooks, and Mark Walter.

Membership Report:

There are 42 association members. The newest ones are Duane & Kara Packer, and John & Kami Hartstein. We recognize Steven Smead in attendance the new home owner of 1381 Lakeside Drive. Diane Vitale made motion to accept membership report. Lisa Grenon seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report read by Diane Inman. We began with \$1,512.98 total savings and checking. During July and August \$160 for dues was deposited. Checks were written for \$100 for Fourth of July prizes and \$500 to RLS for the remainder of 2017 Lake Survey. Account total is \$1,072.98. Victoria Unger made motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Jack Pyle seconded it. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes of July 18, 2017 were read by Diane I. No corrections or additions were made. Larry Vitale made motion to accept these minutes. Jim Dickerson seconded it. Motion carried.

Survey Results: Mike Grenon thanked the Ungers, the Vitales, and all who talked to neighbors encouraging participation and completion of our resident survey.

Of the 74 Lakefront Properties 39 residents returned a survey. The compiled answers to the seven questions follow:

1. Residents have lived at Lee Lake for an average of 24 years.
2. 37 are aware of visual changes in invasive aquatic weeds; 8 are not.
3. Six (6) want to proceed with PA188; 39 said no.
4. Yes 43 to proceed with voluntary treatment control project at control

- and administration of Lee Lake Association; 6 said No.
5. Yes 43 will voluntarily commit to support funding for treatment; 6 said No.
 6. Yes 42 to voluntary payment structure; 3 said No. [Yearly payment (a) lakefront owners \$200, (b) lake owners having access to and using lake \$100, (c) owners of lots across street from lake known as second tier \$50].
 7. Offered to help with fund raising events; Yes 18, No 10.

These will be posted on our website. An email will be sent to those who did not respond. We still want to know your views.

Reflections on survey and its results.

Jim Dickerson questioned the holistic approach to treating the invasive plants. He referred to our motion stating a treatment of Milfoil. Why Purple Loosestrife? Why Phragmites? [June 20, 2017 “Tom/Thom Unger made motion to create a petition for a natural route to manage Milfoil via mechanical means.”] and [July 18, 2017 “Jim Dickerson made a motion to create a survey designed to educate residents around the lake to define interest and support of purposed treatment plan and estimated cost.”]

Mike G. and Mark C. explained it was the board and officers decision to include all three invasives and make the survey holistic. Thom Unger estimates voluntary payments to be \$7,500. He predicts it will grow to \$10,000 once we begin holistic approach and get more residents involved.

Larry V. told of the Board and Officers long discussion on invasive plants. He sees our three roads around Lee Lake coming together where friction once was. Riparian rights mean owners must give permission for plants on their land to be treated, but not for plants in the water.

It was noted that we have future financial burdens: new fire truck, township roads, and local schools may ask for more millage besides invasive plants at Lee Lake.

Mike G. introduced our guest, Newton Township Supervisor Troy Radcliff who was invited to hear what we are doing. When asked to address us he said:

1. this is not the first time weed control has been brought to the township's attention.
2. township board got a “bad rap” we would impose our will on lake

residents using PA 188 because lake association could not get 51% support.

3. Township officers are not lake water or engineering experts.
4. PA188 is an assessment document—weed control is part of it.
5. You (the association) need to give more specifics.
6. Progress is being made on improving township roads, but opportunities can't be given at this time.
7. Pros & Cons of PA188. Pros & Cons of Voluntary payments. On average 3% of property owners are delinquent in paying their taxes.
8. Newton Twp. Attorney, John Macfarlane said supervisor has obligation to support residents' request that is supported by 51% of group. Going smoothly this process takes 3-6 months. Mike G. agreed.
9. Costs of PA188: Notice of an Public Hearing(s), township attorney expenses for consulting fees specific to our request, and other costs.

See #3 & #5: Troy was told we have a lake specialist and engineer in Jennifer J-Jones. She hires a company to treat the problem plants. We have details.

Thomas Unger asked if Troy would support physical natural removal of plants. "If it's recommended, I would," he said. Troy is unsure about support from other officials. Our plan is to hire DART for suction harvesting of Milfoil. They recommend a 5 year plan for \$15,000 a year (\$75,000 for 5 years). We must have funds available before treatment begins. Will we have enough?

Steven Smead has a home next to the public landing and is concerned about Phragmites. He contacted DNR/DEQ and signed up with project manager, Andy K./PLM who will treat invasives at public landing site from September 29 to October 1.

Diane Axtell on I Dr. S spoke of their love for a clean Lee Lake swimming and fishing on friendly residents' property. She suggested we appeal to other visitors who may contribute to weed treatments.

Ideas to inform the public are:

1. Brenda Pyle said buy a Shopper ad for \$64 and get a free advertizement.
2. Thom Unger needs verbage so he can get it to the Shopper and the Ad-Visor & Chronicle.
3. Lee Lake Association website.
4. Newton Township website.

Next Steps: Discussion continued.

Thomas Unger made a motion based on survey results (2017 Lake Survey by RLS) begin a voluntary program to treat Milfoil problem initially recognizing Phragmite problems are now homeowners decision to treat with DNR current available program before first frost.

Seconded by Larry V.

Discussion.

Thomas U. amended the motion “to include public outreach to fund voluntary lake management program.”

Discussion. Thomas withdrew the motion. Larry V. withdrew the second on motion.

Next Meeting needs to answer these questions brought up during discussions.

1. Do we qualify to be a 501(c)(3)?
2. Do we need to be 501(c)(3) to collect funds for treatments?
3. What is cost of treat Phragmites?
4. Who does not want Phragmites on their property removed or treated?

Have names of people from #4 and invite them to come to next meeting

October 17 at

7 pm at township hall.

DNR Treatment Update: none given except what Steven Smead reported.

Larry V. announced the boulders at the public landing are being moved by others. He has been replacing them, but will be going to Florida soon. We need bigger boulders. This will be relayed to Deputy Winder by Mike G.

CISMA Request:

We received a request for a member of the Lee Lake Association to serve on CISMA board (Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo counties). Our contact Sarah Nelson, Executive Director of Barry Conservation District has not told us what the position entails. Janie Evans will report next meeting.

No Old Business.

No comments in Open Forum.

Larry V. motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Constantine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2017

Respectfully,

Diane Inman, secretary



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Statement of Account

From: 8/01/17 to 8/31/17

Save money and time by going online! Pay your bills the easy way using online bill pay. You can set up your bills to be paid automatically using bill pay. Call, click or stop into a branch to learn more.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR MEMBER # 3750189 AS OF 8/31/17

YOU EARNED 200 MEMBER REWARDS; YOUR NEW LEVEL WILL BE: SILVER
MOVE UP TO GOLD OR PLATINUM LEVELS FOR ADDED REWARDS - ASK US HOW!

Suffix	Account Description	Beginning Balance	Total Debits	Total Credits	Ending Balance	Last Tran
000	<u>REGULAR SHARE</u>	964.84	.00	.00	964.84	7/26/17
030	<u>CHECKING</u>	608.14	500.00	.00	108.14	8/02/17

000: REGULAR SHARE

Year-to-Date Divd Paid: \$.63
Divd Rate: 100.00 to 999,999,999.99 = 0.10%

No Activity on Account, Last Trans Date: 7/26/17 Balance: \$964.84

030: CHECKING

Year-to-Date Divd Paid: \$.00

Transaction Detail

Date	Transaction Type	#/ID	Transfer Acct	Deposit	Withdrawal	Balance	** Check Recon **	
							Chk #	Amount
8/01/17	* Beginning Balance *					\$608.14	6001	\$500.00
8/02/17	CHECK 40348514	6001			\$500.00-	\$108.14		
8/31/17	** Ending Balance **			\$.00*	\$500.00*	\$108.14		

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