

**Lee Lake Association Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2017**

**Opening**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Grenon at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance**

Roll call was taken by Diane. All elected officers were present.

Members in attendance included: Duane Packer and Kera Rennaker, Dennis Casey, Nancy Arbogast, Earl & Janet Kincaid, Jim Dickerson, Chuck & Connie Zimmerman, Lisa Grenon, Mike & Suzy Frye, and Barry Noora. Visitor: Troy Radcliff, Newton Township Supervisor.

**An agenda was available to attendees.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Janie Evans presented the treasurer's report. Current checking balance \$100 with \$0.52 dividend. Current savings balance \$1223.92 with \$0.30 dividend and \$60 deposited for dues. Total account balance \$1,384.24.

Received bill from Mark Casebeer for maintaining our website \$60 annually.

Earl Kincaid made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and to pay Mark for our website.

Seconded by Lisa Grenon. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Diane Inman read the minutes from October 25, 2016 meeting. Janet Kincaid made a motion to accept the minutes. Connie Zimmerman seconded it. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Last week we received Attorney Bloom's draft of Petition PA188 designed for Lee Lake. Mark Casebeer read the petition without cost numbers because that requires input from RLS (Restorative Lake Sciences). Costs will be on our petition once they are known.

Bloom would represent the township if requested. Bloom currently represents the lake association. Newton Township does not have to go along with our plan but would handle collecting payments to cover costs.

Those people on the property deed are valid signatures on the petition. We have 79 properties abutting the lake. Two (DNR public landing and Newton Township land with dry hydrant on I Drive S.) would be exempt. The other side of each road has option to help pay for the treatment at a charge to be determined.

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of RLS offered to create a new plan with more detail including multiple ways to deal with invasive plants thus giving us options from which to choose. The cost is \$1,000. She would accept \$500 down with the rest paid from PA188.

Troy Radcliff agreed with Clarence Township (Duck Lake) approach. Troy was provided a copy of our draft petition. He had issue with third paragraph wording. He favors the will of the majority of the people.

Earl Kincaid made a motion to pay \$500 for a Lake Management Plan. Seconded by Barry Noora who shared information from an owner who was happy with the treatment on Union Lake. Earl amended the motion to include "to contract with RLS". Seconded by Barry. Unsure of time line to begin treatment since PA188 requires public meetings set by township. Motion carried, not opposed.

**Board of Directors** has open positions of one (1) each on I Dr. S. and LauraLee.

Contact a board member if you are interested.

**Potluck** March 5, 2017 at township hall was changed to a warmer month upon Connie Zimmerman's comments. It will be April 23, the Sunday after Easter from 2-5pm. Details to follow.

**Directories** are being worked on by Cindy A., Janie E., and KCC's print shop. We hope to have them by the next meeting in March 2017.

**Website changes** give members more individual control to add, or delete information. Mark Casebeer says we have 60% of residents' email addresses. Newsletters in paper form will continue to go out especially for those without computer/internet access.

### **Open Forum Discussion**

Open forum was held with Troy R. present several topics were discussed. Potholes continue to plague our township. Our roads have no base: catastrophic damage to all Newton Township roads. Troy R. invited us to join Keith Eyre and others on a road committee to get information on cost of fixing our roads, challenges, no state funds, Act 51 matching funds, number of residents, and to create a comprehensive road plan. They will meet in March hopefully at Harper Creek auditorium.

Cattle on Nottawa tributary are crowded on Ziegler (Mary Rice) farm. Mike Frye voiced his concern that E-coli could reach Lee Lake by the water ways. Troy will look into this situation. Chicken/Poultry farm south of G Drive S. is a dry manure system Troy told us. It meets township zoning, DEQ, EPA, Drain Commissioner regulations. There is another Free Range set-up across from LauraLee on J Drive S.

Other terms mentioned were CAFO (Confined Animal Farm Operation) and RFA (Right to Farm Act) which protects farmers from paying too much for improvements like PA188 based on acreage. According to Troy, RFA was amended in 1998 to exempt farm property. They may choose to pay. We will check with Attorney Bloom.

Nancy Arbogast voiced concern about the noisy, messy geese on her property. Loud booms or gathering eggs (with DNR help) were shared solutions. Ziegler's were shooting geese in January during scheduled hunting season. Mark C. contacted the DNR who said hunting and using an aerator on your own property is allowed.

Next meeting March 21, 2017.

Lisa Grenon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Kincaid seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully,  
Diane Inman, secretary

Up-date: March meeting will be Monday, March 20, 7 o'clock at the township hall.