

Lee Lake Association Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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: Lisa Grenon, Jack Pyle, Earl & Janet Kincaid, Ben & Sharon Leatherman, Tom & Cathy Constantine, Jim Dickerson, Mike & Kathy Kile, Bob Greenfield, Mike & Diane Axtell, Chuck & Connie Zimmerman, Sam Schultz, Todd Hibbs, the Ungers, Richard Doud, Duane Packer and Kera Rennaker.

Agenda was available to attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Janie Evans presented the treasurer's report. Beginning balance \$1,524.21

831.86
Ending balance \$692.35

Checks written: Mark Casebeer	\$60.17
Attorney Bloom	\$225.00
RLS	\$500.00
KCC Print/Directories	\$46.69
Total	\$831.86

Jack Pyle made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Cathy Constantine seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Diane Inman read the minutes from January 17, 2017. President noted that Diane added handing out directories on March 16 to the minutes. Jack Pyle made a motion to accept the minutes. Sam Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Special Election

Board of Directors seeking one representative from each road. Unfilled positions for LauraLee Lane and I Drive South will be addressed.

Lisa Grenon nominated Duane Packer to represent LauraLee Lane. Bob Greenfield seconded. Duane accepted his nomination. He spoke of wanting to help, to step-up, and of his concern for the lake. Members voted and approved candidate.

Janet Kincaid nominated Mike Kile to represent I Drive South. Seconded by Dr. Doud. Mike accepted his nomination. He agreed with Duane's words. Members voted and approved candidate. Members of our Board of Directors are Janet Kincaid (Clark Rd.), Larry Vitale (Lakeside Dr.), Duane Packer (LauraLee Ln.), and Mike Kile (I Dr. S.).

A future meeting with the Lee Lake Association Officers will be held.

RLS Report

Members were urged to go to our website to see this report. Also check your email which has a link to it. Mark Casebeer read the summary (page 42) recommendations. Concern about three invasive plants (Eurasian Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Phragmites) leads to herbicide recommendation targeting specific plant and areas. There is also a cost projection for the first year (\$15,000) and following years. We may negotiate number of and frequency of lake scans as well as the amount of money we have available for treatment.

Mike read page 7 the Executive Summary which reaffirms the three plants out of control. Today we are looking for feed back from members.

Discussion

A question was asked about other methods of treatment. RLS did not recommend them.

Using a cutting machine to remove phragmites would cost \$1500 for float, cutter, and extra blade. We are working with Brian Huggett and CISMA (Barry, Calhoun, and Kalamazoo Counties) to see if this “drowning treatment” will eliminate the weed patch island on Lakeside Drive. No machine has been purchased to date.

Diver assisted removal of Milfoil has plus and minus qualities. It is time consuming and expensive.

Tom Unger shared RLS Report with his brother, a chemist. We will send his evaluation and questions to Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones. The Ungers concern is that one chemical is agent orange according to Tom's brother. With new members in attendance there was a feeling that we have questions for RLS and would like Jennifer to attend our next meeting.

All of us have septic systems which drain into land around the lake. This eventually gets into our ground water, our wells, and the lake Tom Unger said. The underground springs that feed the lake enter into this problem, too. He spoke of a system wide septic in the future. Our public landing site is also a concern, but it's unlikely that the State of Michigan will close it. Looking at the map on page 13 of RLS Report Tom sees a possible location for watershed drainage to become a community septic site. Water quality is not a problem. Invasive plants are the problem.

Dr. Doud spoke in support of RLS: it's reasonable, Jennifer is a limnologist, a lake specialist and well respected.

Discussion turned to who signs the petition, who pays for treatment, and how much? Our lake is unusual in that we have farms that abut the lake as well as residential properties. If the land is for farming purposes, it could be exempt from the cost. Land used for recreation and/or with a home on it that abuts the lake would be paying. People living across the street from the lake will not be signing the petition, but may choose to pay for the treatment. Some people have access to the lake by an easement. They will not be signing or paying.

Another idea was suggested that owners who have more than one property tax ID may pay once instead of one for each property. We will look into these ideas, count the number of properties fitting the criteria, and figure the cost. Tom Unger said the cost per owner is about \$200 if you divide \$15,000 by 75 (77 properties abutting the lake minus the public landing and township access on I Drive S.). He suggested we find a way to help those who may find this difficult to pay.

Next meeting will be with RLS. We will have a petition to circulate with treatment plan and how to pay for it.

Future Goals for Lee Lake Association

Contact officers with your ideas.

Think of joining a committee: membership; fund raising & events; weed/lake preservation; web site.

Adjourned at 8:01 PM after Jack Pyle made a motion and Tom Unger seconded it.

Respectfully,
Diane Inman