

Lee Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lee Lake Community Association was called to order at 07:03 PM on July 20, 2015 at Newton Township Hall by Mike Grenon.

Present

Officers Mike Grenon, President; Janie Evans, Treasurer; Cindy Arizmendi, Secretary, Sam Schultz, Sue Frey, Lisa Grenon, Connie Zimmerman, Diane Inman, Earl and Janet Kincaid, Mark Casebeer, Dave and Gwen Shoff, Tom and Cathy Constantine, Sam and Joanne Henley, Jim Boyer, Larry Vitae, Bob Greenfield, Mark and Nancy Walters, and Richard Doud

Agenda

An agenda was available to attendees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 20, 2015, meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes by Mark Casebeer, seconded by Sue Frey, and unanimously approved.

President's Report – Mike Grenon

Mike stated that the topics he wished to discuss would be addressed by agenda items.

Treasurer's Report – Janie Evans

Checking account: \$1470.79 Savings account: \$232.00

Checking account previous balance: \$1350.79 Credits of \$120.00 in association dues. Savings account previous balance: \$231.95. Credit of \$0.05 in dividends. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Sam Schultz, seconded by Janet Kincaid, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Lake Preservation (formerly weed control): Mike Grenon explained that the committee has met three times and attended two grant proposal planning workshops at Pierce Cedar Creek Institute. Janie Evans, Richard Doud, and Cindy Arizmendi gave a summary of the June 30th workshop. Janie Evans and Janet Kincaid summarized the July 10th workshop. The purpose of attending the events was to find out about applying for the 2015 Michigan Invasive Species grant, and connecting with individuals and organizations to establish collaborative partners. Pre-proposals are due no later than July 31, 2015, and full

proposals are due October 30, 2015. Award announcements will be made in January 2016. After some explanation of the requirements and focus areas of the grant, (see [Michigan DNR Invasive Species Grant Program](#)), Mike Grenon asked the membership if there was support for submitting a pre-proposal application. Mark Casebeer made a motion to move forward with the pre-proposal, and Janet Kincaid seconded the motion. The committee will move forward with submitting a pre-proposal.

Mike Grenon explained that Jim O'Brien is the DNR contact for this area. Mike contacted Jim to address weed growth, bathroom facilities, and dock safety at the public access. Mike reported that according to the DNR's evaluation, the bathroom is working properly and not leaking into the lake. The bathroom is pumped as needed, usually 1-2 times per year. Deodorizer will be applied to help eliminate the odor. The weeds were identified as fragmites. The DNR has a herbicide and a permit to treat this invasive at the public access only. A licensed person is being sought to apply the herbicide.

Fund Raising & Events: Mike Grenon explained that the township charges \$50.00 per day for use of the facilities. This nixes the garage sale at the township hall idea, because the group doesn't want to start with a negative balance. A neighborhood garage sale could be a possibility in the fall.

Ice Cream Social!!! August 16, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm, at 501 Clark Road, Mark and Nancy Walter's. *Thank you!*

Mike asked if there was anyone interested in chairing this committee. If you are interested, please contact an officer.

Membership: Janie Evans counted 39 households with association membership. If you are interested in joining contact an officer. The fee is \$20.00 per year.

Website: Mark Casebeer has the website up. Take a look at: www.leelakemi.com. A discussion was held regarding listing member names and numbers on a password protected link from the website. The group voted not to list membership information on the website. A printed membership directory will be distributed, when it becomes available. Mark showed the group an example of a semi-annual newsletter he has been working on. If you have community events, historical information, or lake-worthy news, please contact Mark.

Bi-Laws: No updates

Old Business:

Lake water level pipe. Mike Grenon explained that new gauges will be installed on the pump this summer.

Speed Limit. Angela Kline was contacted by Mike. Residences can petition for a lower speed limit on the road they live on.

New Business

Calendar –The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 7:00 PM**

General Comments

Janie Evans asked everyone to clean-up Eurasian Milfoil when it washes onto shore. Some of it has been taking root in shallow water in front of her house.

Dianne Inman reported that lake clams were found by some snorkelers. This is an indicator of good lake health.

Mike Grenon asked if anyone knew the type of algae that has been blooming in the lake. No one could identify it. A member mentioned that it appears to be coming into the lake from a drain at the bottom of the hill on Clark Road. Richard Doud will investigate.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Committee reports

Lake water level pipe

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Richard Doud, seconded by Earl Kincaid. Meeting was adjourned at 08:11 PM by Mike Grenon. The next general meeting will be at 07:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at Newton Township Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Arizmendi

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Links

Michigan Riparian Foundation and Magazine: <http://www.mi-riparian.org/>

Michigan Invasive Species Coalition: <http://www.michiganinvasives.org/>

Lee Lake Community Website: <http://www.leelakemi.com>