

Lee Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lee Lake Community Association was called to order at 07:00 PM on November 5, 2015 at Newton Township Hall by Mike Grenon.

Present

Officers Mike Grenon, President; Janie Evans, Treasurer; Cindy Arizmendi, Secretary, Sam Schultz, Connie Zimmerman, Earl Kincaid, Mark Casebeer, Sam and Joanne Henley, Jim Boyer, Bob Greenfield, Carol Brooks, Jim and Pat Mikolajczyk, and Kristi Pejakovich,

Agenda

An agenda was available to attendees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 20, 2015, meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes by Jim Mikolajczyk, seconded by Joanne Henley, and unanimously approved.

President's Report – Mike Grenon

Due to personal and work commitments, Mike stepped down as president. He explained that he will continue to be involved in the association.

Mike stressed the importance of the association acting upon the invasive species because of the rapid growth. He suggested the group consider options such as coordinating with Chris K., the water resource commissioner; joining the Coordinated Invasive species management association (CISMA); and/or forming a lake board to address the issue.

Treasurer's Report – Janie Evans

Checking account: \$1470.79 Savings account: \$352.09.

Checking account previous balance: \$1470.79 no change from previous balance. Savings account previous balance: \$231.95. Additions from association dues and a bank credit of \$0.09 in dividends. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Mark Casebeer, seconded by Joanne Henley, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Lake Preservation (formerly weed control): Mike Grenon explained that the group met several times to develop a grant proposal for treatment and control of the invasive plant species (fragmites and milfoil). In the end, the group decided that the association does not

currently have the financial resources nor the grant writing knowledge to apply. Mike suggested that the association consider joining a CISMA, forming a Lake Board, and/or asking the township for assistance. He has talked to Chris K., the water resource commissioner, and she is willing to offer her support of potential projects.

Mike asked Janie Evans to give the group more information about CISMAs. Janie explained that a CISMA has been created to support Barry, Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties. The state of Michigan is recommending that CISMAs be created to address invasive species control, identification, and education. CISMAs can apply for grant monies. Janie contacted the group responsible for the Barry, Calhoun, and Kalamazoo CISMA. It was suggested that a letter of support be sent from the lake association to acknowledge our interest in participating with the CISMA. A letter was drafted and sent. Janie read this letter to the association members at the meeting. The CISMA for our area submitted a grant proposal to the state of Michigan and made it through the first round. If the grant is approved, then Lee Lake could receive support for addressing invasive species. Janie stated that it would be important that if this occurs, that the association support actions to address the invasive species at Lee Lake.

Mark Casebeer asked about progress on weed treatment and removal at the public access site. Mike stated that he has not heard from Jim O'Brien, the DNR supervisor for our area. Mike will follow-up. Mark asked if it would be helpful for individuals to contact the DNR. Mike shared Jim O'Brien's contact information: 1 517 780-7866.

Fund Raising & Events: None. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact an officer.

Membership: Four households have been added to the association membership since July. If you are interested in joining contact an officer. The fee is \$20.00 per year.

Website: Take a look at: www.leelakemi.com. Mark is asking for assistance with the semi-annual newsletter. The proposed date for the release is early spring. Mark thinks that boater safety would be a timely topic since many families will be putting in their boats. 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 a new gauge has been purchased. The water commission is deciding where to place it. Mike suggested that the gauge would be easily accessible if placed by the fire hydrant on I Drive. No other suggestion were proposed. We are waiting for the commission to decide on the placement.

Picture/drawing contest for cover of directory. There has been no response to this request. Mike will ask Barry Noora if he is interested in this.

New Business

Nominations – Mike asked if there were any nominations for the president position. There were none. The election will be tabled until the next meeting in January.

Calendar –The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 7:00 PM**, pending no conflicting events at the Township Hall.

General Comments

Jim Boyer asked if there was a possibility of having a community garage sale. Mike said that an around the lake sale could be a planned for May. This could be a way to raise funds for the association, if households would be willing to donate money from the sale to the association.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Nominations and elections for President and Vice President

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Pat Mikolajczyk, seconded by Bob Greenfield. Meeting was adjourned at 07:41 PM by Mike Grenon. The next general meeting will be at 07:00 PM on January 13, 2016, at Newton Township Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Arizmendi

Officer Contact Information:

President – available

Vice President - available

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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>