

Lee Lake Association Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Mike Grenon at 7:02 PM. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike noted all officers were present.

Members in attendance included: Dave & Gwen Shoff, Steve & Carol Brooks, Lisa Grenon, Diane Vitale, Tom & Cathy Constantine, Jim Dickerson, Duane Packer, Kera Rennaker, Rick Plunkett, Den & Pam Reed, Mike Kile, Earl & Janet Kincaid, Connie Zimmerman, Sam Schultz, Steve Elsey, Barry Noora, Jodi Lubis, Stan & Julie Katz, Thomas J. Unger, Pat Mikolajczyk, Art & Marian Herriman, Sussie Frey, Bob Greenfield, Jim Boyer, and Jack Pyle.

Agenda was available to attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Janie Evans presented the treasurer's report. Beginning balance of checking & savings on March 20, 2017 was \$692.35 with no bills to pay from April to June. Memberships added. Ending balance of checking & savings on June 20, 2017 was \$1,512.64.

Diane Vitale motioned to accept the minutes. Duane Packer seconded it. Motion accepted.

Approval of Minutes

Diane Inman read the minutes of March 20, 2017. Tom Unger made motion to accept them. Janet Kincaid seconded it. Motion accepted.

Diane read minutes of the Special Informational Meeting of April 13, 2017 with RLS Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones. Mike said it was a past recap of what we have done, as we have visitors tonight. This will help us come up with a plan to avoid further deterioration of Lee Lake.

Discussion followed. Could we charge the public at the fishing site? Diane Vitale recalled how the DNR told her they would allow us to man the site. There are too many boats, trailers, and vehicles at the launch. Which weeds will we work to control first?

Old Business: Eurasian Milfoil

Mark Casebeer began by saying we have options at this stage/time. Which ever treatment we choose will not eradicate the Milfoil. Lee Lake is a deep basin lake so we have other options. Sherman Lake tried chemical treatments for years. The

story is in a hand-out by John Tucci, president of Lake Savers called Chemical Lake Treatments Gone Bad. Aeration transformed Sherman Lake a shallow lake into a healthy lake. This treatment would not work for us.

Discussion followed.

DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) was described by Mark. Company called DART suggested digging up Milfoil by the root one area of the lake which may take 2 weeks. What do they do with the removed plants?

There are 2 options: chemically treated plants are hazardous waste disposal; untreated plants can be bagged like onions and dumped on shore for volunteers to remove and give to farms that want the organic fertilizer.

Now the densest Milfoil is along Clark Road at drop-off.

Cost for a crew working 2 weeks/80 hours estimated at \$16,000.

Phragmites

Jack Pyle has his pontoon boat set-up to grab clumps of phragmites, cut underwater, and remove the cuttings. Jennifer J-J suggested stabbing the stalks as well. He is looking for volunteers to help him.

More discussion followed.

Tom Unger made motion to create a petition for a natural route to manage Milfoil via mechanical means. Jack Pyle seconded it. Mike Grenon noted “The majority said yes.”

RLS Lake Management Plan sets-up scans twice a year for \$4,000 total. Maybe we could have it done once a year. Watershed group may help and address our run-off issues. More information needed.

New Business

Residents of Lakeside Drive are to call law enforcement if their mailbox is blocked. Deputy Winder had a plan to add 2 spots and boulders last summer by September 2016.

Friday July 21, 2017 MSU Boat Wash Initiative at our public landing 8am-1pm. Tell Mark Casebeer if you want to participate.

Mike told us of labor/volunteers needed to learn about and help the DNR remove phragmites at the landing. Long ago there was no interest on this matter from the DNR. Now the plant has spread along the shore on both sides of the landing.

Fourth of July Boat Parade will begin at 7pm Southside of the lake led by Barry Nora, our Grand Marshall. Motion was made and seconded to spend \$100 for three prizes. Motion passed. Judges our Board of Directors will meet on Dave & Gwen Schoff's dock.

Diane Vitale made motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Seconded by Tom Constantine. Passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Diane Inman