

Lee Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lee Lake Community Association was called to order at 07:00 PM on June 21, 2016 at Newton Township Hall by Mike Grenon.

Present

Officers Mike Grenon, President; Mark Casebeer, Vice President; Janie Evans, Treasurer; Cindy Arizmendi, Secretary, Art and Marian Herriman, Pat and Jim Mikolajczyk; Carol Brooks; Lisa Grenon; Diane Inman, Dave and Gwen Shoff, Earl Kincaid, Bob Greenfield; Jim Boyer; Diane Vitale, Tom and Cathy Constantine, and Jim Dickerson

Agenda

An agenda was available to attendees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 26, 2016, meeting were available for review. Motion to accept the minutes by Jim Mikolajczyk, seconded by Diane Vitale, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Janie Evans

Checking account: \$50.00 Savings account: \$2182.89.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Jim Mikolajczyk, seconded by Cathy Constantine, and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Lake Preservation (formerly weed control): The next step in addressing the aquatic invasive species is education of the community and to provide information regarding the establishment of a Lake Board by petition.

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

Events: A fall picnic is being planned for Sunday, September 18th. Lisa Grenon, Carol Brooks and Gwen Shoff volunteered to head this event.

Membership: None

Website: Take a look at: www.leelakemi.com. Mark reported that the site has meeting minutes as well as a video of the DNR presentation and powerpoint.

Bi-Laws: No updates

Old Business:

DNR involvement with treatment of fragmites at public access: Mike reported that the DNR has made a commitment to treat the public access launch area, and would like cooperation from neighboring property owners to treat the surrounding area as well. The DNR is willing to meet with property owners to discuss this treatment.

New sign at launch site: The DNR is posting a new sign to inform users that parking is limited to 5 vehicles. The DNR is responsible for enforcing this limit. Please contact the DNR to report concerns and/or violations.

Lake Board Petition status: The Newton Township Board is reviewing the language of the proposed Lake Board creation. The county assessor, Joyce, is reviewing the properties that would be included in the assessment district, and verifying the current property owners. All deeded property owners will have a vote regarding the establishment of a Lake Board. The petition would include the recommendation to use the same lake survey company to perform another lake survey, if the lake board decides that a second survey is needed. Also, the petition will define the goal of the lake board as the treatment of aquatic invasive species.

An educational packet is being prepared for distribution to property owners. The goal is to inform the community about aquatic invasive species, the impact on lake health, and the parameters of a lake board. **The next association meeting, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, will be an information meeting regarding these topics.**

Lee Lake Directory: Thank you for the updates provided for the new directory. We are expecting the artwork for the cover to be completed soon. The directory will be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

New Business

Parking at public access – There have been reports of vehicles being parked outside of designated parking spots. Please report unauthorized parking to the DNR.

Website – The website is wonderful! Great information and links to community resources are available at: www.leelakemi.com. Thanks MARK!

Landing Blitz – The landing blitz is a collaborative outreach campaign to raise awareness about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) through recreational boating and related activities. (The original date, Friday, July 8, 2016, has been changed

to Friday, July 15, 2016, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm) MSU will be bringing their mobile boat wash to the public access. We have information to distribute to boaters. **Volunteers are needed.** Please contact Cindy at 269 420-9182, or show up on Friday between 8-12.

July 4th: Boat parade at 7 pm. Theme is ‘Celebrating Uncle Sam’. \$50 gift certificate to the best decorated boat. Judges will include Mike Grenon and 2 others.

Fall Picnic: Sunday, September 18th. More information to follow.

Calendar –The next meeting will be **Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 7:00 PM**

Agenda for Next Meeting

Informational Meeting regarding establishment of Lake Board. Water Resource Commissioner will be present to answer questions.

Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Tom Constantine, seconded by Pat Mikolajczyk. Meeting was adjourned at 07:36 PM by Mike Grenon. The next general meeting will be at 07:00 PM on July 19, 2016, 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>