



## *Lee Lake Association*

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### **Association Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2023**

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Parker at 6:38 p.m. 32 persons were in attendance per sign-in sheet signatures filed with the minutes. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
  - a. A special thanks to Duane Packer, recognizing him for his work as the Association's past-president. An engraved insulated cup was provided to him.
  - b. Attendees were questioned regarding the methods of contacting them with meeting dates, minutes and other communications. The consensus was that the five methods of email, Facebook, website, street signage and road reps were working.
  - c. Association Bylaws: Tom announced that a draft of the Bylaws was being reviewed by the Board and would be ready to distribute to the Association members before the September Association meeting. A formal vote of acceptance will occur at the October Annual meeting.
  - d. Liability Insurance: Instead of waiting until budgeted in the next fiscal year, the Board is investigating coverage beginning this year in either September or October. The annual cost is between \$300 - \$500. This item will be on the Annual meeting agenda.
2. Secretary's Report: The minutes were available as a handout and were attached to the emailed meeting notice. There were no changes voiced. Richard Doud made a motion to accept the July 17, 2023 minutes as written; seconded by Tom Unger. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: An Association account has been opened at the Kellogg Community Credit Union. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, Cindy Parker reported the Association has an available balance of \$3412.04 for operations and \$4,396.06 for weed management. Diane Vitale made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Janie Evans. Motion carried.
4. Invasive Species Treatment: Tom introduced Keith TerHost from PLM Lake & Land Management Corporation. Keith has worked for PLM for 5 years and has a biology degree from Grand Valley State University. He provided the following information:
  - a. Milfoil is present on the northwest and west side of Lee Lake within the "fingers" on LauraLee Lane. It breaks off when hit by boat motors or razors, spreading via fragmentation and grows exponentially each year, if not treated. Milfoil is controlled with the use of a targeted herbicide Diquat which breaks down rapidly after destroying the species. Best treatment time for Milfoil is late spring.
  - b. Phragmites are present along Lakeside Drive frontage especially around the boat launch and the southeast corner. The south side, southwest and west side also have phragmites present. Phragmites spread from wind, waves and runners from the roots. Phragmites are able to grow in water up to 4 feet deep and they invade land. They will double in 1 year if not treated.
  - c. The homeowner is responsible for removing the dead phragmites. PLM has cut them off during the winter as they protrude above the lake ice. When questioned about the root balls remaining along Lakeside Drive, Keith indicated this was unusual as they typically disintegrate. When he is reassess the location of weeds, he will look at these.



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- d. Lakefront property owners must sign a permit before PLM may treat their weeds. 51% of lakefront property owners or those with lake access is required before PLM may apply for the permit to treat. It may take up to 8-10 weeks to obtain the permit. PLM will utilize GPS to determine property lines at the time of treatment. 7 days' notice of treatment will be provided to property owners.
- e. By Michigan Law, PLM may not spray if the wind is greater than 15 mph as drift of the chemical may occur outside of property lines.
- f. Keith stated that Michigan's regulations are over and beyond what is recommended on the product's label.

It was announced that the DNR are willing to work with PLM to treat the weeds within the public access. Tom reiterated there would not be a cost to property owners as the money in the weed fund would be utilized for this fall's treatment. Other options will need to be researched for next year to continue to treat and keep the weeds.

5. Public Comment/Questions: None were verbalized.
6. Next Meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup> with a DNR representative speaking about fish population.
7. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Vitale and seconded by Duane Packer. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56p.m.