



Lee Lake Association

Association Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Parker at 6:32 p.m. 21 persons were in attendance per sign-in sheet signatures filed with the minutes. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
2. Announcements: Thank you to Kathy Doud for coordinating the garage sales and the food truck. To Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt, a thank you for holding the first bake sale during the garage sales and to those persons who donated baked goods. Road Reps for the annual dues signup and collections; thanks for a great job. Kathy Doud will be preparing a grant request this fall for a washing station at the public access.
3. MLSA Conference: Kathy and Richard Doud presented key items.
 - a. Septic tanks often contaminate lakes with E-coli and should be pumped every 3 to 5 years. Proposed legislation would require more frequent checks in place of only being examined when a house is sold.
 - b. Persons born after July 1, 1996 must have a boater safety certificate to operate a motorized boat over 6 horsepower on Michigan lakes. The LLA will be sponsoring a free local class this fall; online testing costs \$30. Boat insurance is typically less costly when operators are certified.
 - c. Artic char became extinct in Michigan, (extirpated) during the logging era due to habitat destruction and over fishing. They are now being reintroduced with the parent stock coming from Alaska as eggs carried back in suitcases. It will be a few more years before this brood stock reaches maturity at which time their eggs will be used to start populations in a few limited areas up North. This is a unique cooperative effort between Native American tribes, Michigan DNR and sports person groups.
 - d. Lake shore plantings can be located by Googling "shoreline woody structures". Some plants will grow in sand.
4. Association Business: Larry Vitale made a motion to approve the May 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Richard Doud. Motion carried. Cindy Parker presented the Treasurer's report. As of May 31st, operating revenue was \$2,332.00 with total expenses of \$1,221.28. Ending operating balance was \$3068.43. The annual permit for weed treatment was \$225 and paid from the Lake Quality Fund. Final balance was \$1712.06. Larry Vitale made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Sussie Frey. Motion carried.
5. Open Items:
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Boat parade: Discussion ensued regarding date of July 4th or July 6th. Chris Gallagher made a motion to hold the boat parade on July 6th. Seconded by Steve Burkey. Motion carried with one (1) nay vote. Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt is to write a memo to include parade information and Cindy Parker will email it to LLA members. Kathy Doud will post the same information on Facebook.



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- ii. Fireworks: Matt Cole will not be providing fireworks this year.
 - iii. Potluck: On the calendar for October 5th annual meeting at 11:00 a.m.
 - b. Ideas for Future Events
 - i. Block Party: Tom will call Steve Smead to see if he is willing to coordinate the party at his residence on Lakeside Drive in September. It was suggested that a potluck could occur at this time instead of the annual meeting in October.
 - ii. Duck Race on Lee Lake: One concern is boat traffic interfering with a rubber duck race. Another suggestion was a duck toss and to combine this with the block party.
 - iii. Ice Cream Sale: No discussion
 - iv. Music on the Lake coordinated with the boat parade: Kathy Doud stated music was historically provided by a trumpeter and was enjoyed by many.
 - v. Food truck from Foxes Pizza. Tom Parker will research.
 - c. Possible Future Topics
 - i. Lake Treatment Programs: Board members are researching local lakes for information on how their associations instituted weed control.
 - ii. Shoreline Protection: No discussion
 - iii. Native/Natural lakefront landscapes: Tom Parker suggested a speaker for this topic.
 - iv. Lee Lake Aquatic Survey: To be completed in August with results presented by PLM.
6. Additional Comments/Questions: E-coli Lake Water Testing: Richard Doud suggested such testing be conducted with a water sample being taken from the four sides of the lake. (Lauralee Lane, Clark Road, I Drive South and Lakeside Drive) Some attendees question the necessity of testing and how to interpret the results. High levels of E-coli may cause illness; property owners would be informed and subsequently decide whether to swim or not. Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt offered her son as a resource for testing. Richard was unsure of the cost through the Calhoun County Health Department. Richard made a motion to obtain 4 water samples for each month of June, July and August to test for E-coli with a limit of \$400 for the testing. Larry Vitale seconded the motion. Motion carried with 12 persons voting for the motion and 4 against.
7. Adjournment: Larry Vitale made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sussie Frey seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.