

President Tom Parker called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a welcome extended to all.

The sign-in sheet reflected 19 attendees present.

Kathy Doud introduced our speaker for the evening, David Maturen, from Michigan Lakes & Streams Association (“MLSA”). David has been on their board for ~7 years and was also Michigan’s 63rd District State Representative. His presentation was titled “Protecting Your Water.” David explained what MLSA is, what they do and suggested using their website [Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, INC | protecting the inland waters of Michigan](#) which hosts a wealth of information available to everyone who is a member of MLSA. Lee Lake Association is a member.

Mr. Maturen encouraged folks to stay involved supporting our local association, going to township meetings and getting to know our state representatives and senators realizing that state and federal policy impacts our local lakes. He said, “We are privileged to enjoy the waterways of Michigan and have a great responsibility to protect those waters for future generations.”

David’s presentation was followed by a Q&A session where he responded to questions concerning the top issues for inland lakes which are wake boats, invasive species and harmful algae blooms. Concerning invasive species, he emphasized the “clean, drain & dry” initiative being promoted throughout the state as well as treatment options. The most common and most effective being chemical treatment. Treatment is a multi-year process and is typically funded through a SAD (Special Assessment District).

A token of our appreciation was presented to Mr. Maturen at the conclusion of his portion of the meeting.

At this time, we honored the memory of Bonnie Andree who recently passed with a moment of silence. Rebecca O’Brien, her daughter, invited everyone to attend Bonnie’s memorial mass at St. Mary’s in Marshall on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and the luncheon to follow at their home from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Association Business

1. Secretary Report – Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting and hard copies were also available at the meeting. As there were no questions or comments, Cindy Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Jodi Lubis, the motion was approved.
2. Vice President’s Report – Kathy Doud will discuss her updates further into the agenda.
3. Committee Reports – Peg Burkey, chair of the Welcome Committee, reported a new neighbor on Lakeside Drive, Muhamed Omerovic, who has been welcomed to the lake and invited to join our association.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Rebecca O’Brien highlighted that we are currently at 41 members which is just shy of our goal of 55. She also reported that we are trending much above budget due to the success of our gear sale fund raiser. Memorial donations have also increased with over \$1,000 coming in during May alone. Rebecca also noted that ~20% of the revenue came in through Venmo which is new this year. There being no further discussion or questions, Chris Varvatos made a motion to approve the report as presented which was seconded by Shann Leatherman, the motion was approved.

Old Business

1. Bylaws approval—After much discussion concerning voting rights, a friendly amendment will be made to that section before approval to change the wording “resident” to “property owner” and household voting limited to 2 votes per household. Tom Parker recommended we approve the bylaws except for

the voting rights section which would come back to the members in July. Motion was made by Richard Doud to table the discussion on voting rights until July. Cindy Parker seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

2. A motion was made by Chris Gallagher to approve the remaining portions of the bylaws which were seconded by Lisa Cooke, the motion was approved.
3. Phragmites removal – Due to the time of year, not much can be done to remove dead plant materials. A motion was made by Richard Doud to table this discussion, which was seconded by Shann Leatherman, the motion was approved.
4. LLA Gear Sale – Kathy Doud reported the sale this year was very successful and thanked everyone involved. She also was hopeful products might be available by the end of this week for potential delivery next week. It was requested that we offer a crew neck sweatshirt without a hood next year.
5. Bandemehr Memorial Fund— After a brief discussion led by Tom, it was agreed that the Board will come back to the members to approve a final recommendation for the best way to honor Mrs. Bandemehr. Pat Pejakovich suggested bench at the public landing which will be considered along with the other suggestions. The Board will follow up with the DNR about the option to place a bench at this location.
6. Stop the Bleed Seminar— Richard Doud has offered to conduct this training. If anyone is interested, please contact him. A sign-up sheet was also available at the meeting.

New Business

1. “Making Waves on Lee Lake” – A social event announcement was made to invite everyone to participate on Friday, June 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to see how many boats we can get out on the water.
2. Boat Parade – All agreed that we would conduct the parade on Saturday, July 4th with a patriotic theme in keeping with the 250th birthday of the country. Kathy Kile, Peg Burkey, Chris and Ann Gallagher will help with the event this year.
3. Fireworks— In spite of family issues, Matt Cole will once again be putting on a fireworks display. Thank you Matt for lighting up our skies in such a grand fashion! We appreciate all that you do.
4. September Block Party— Shann Leatherman is trying to coordinate this event to occur on Laura Lee Lane, parking is a concern so she will come back with recommendations. Save the date of September 12 for this event.
5. Upcoming Guest Speakers will include someone to talk to us about natural shoreline management and our Newton Township assessor.
6. Additional Comments/Questions— Tom asked for any additional comments or questions at this time. Concerns were expressed about the overfishing of the lake and possibility of approaching the DNR to restock the lake. Tom will contact the DNR to explore these issues.
7. Chris Gallagher reported the roads are not scheduled yet for paving but was sure it wouldn't happen before the July 4 holiday.
8. At this time, Tom Parker presented Chris Gallagher a “King of the Road” award for his untiring efforts to improve our roads and recognize all the work he has put in.

There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Richard Doud which was seconded by Lisa Cooke to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.