



Lee Lake Association

Association Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Parker at 6:37 p.m. 19 persons were in attendance per sign-in sheet signatures filed with the minutes. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
2. Topic: Water Resources and Lake Monitoring. Ron Smith, the Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, was the guest speaker. He explained his position is elected and he serves a four-year term. Key information provided:
 - Monies from the Covid Pandemic were utilized to purchase lake monitoring equipment for nine lakes in Calhoun County with Lee Lake being one of the nine.
 - The monitor will measure the lake level and the water temperature
 - Once installed, the Internet website will be provided; anyone may access it to see the monitoring results
 - Mike Kile will work with Mr. Smith to determine the location of the monitor
 - The monitor for Lee Lake has been ordered; awaiting signage to warn persons not to handle the monitor.
 - His position also includes monitoring of twenty-four watersheds and inlets for weed control and beaver dams.
 - A “no wake” request and a requirement that wake boats remain 500 feet from inland lake shorelines has been filed in the Michigan Legislature and is pending approval. Contact your local representatives if you wish to express support for such legislation.

He was asked about periodic monitor of County lakes for water quality and responded that PLM does such monitoring but not the Calhoun County Health Department (CCHD). Water samples may be taken to CCHD for testing and the testing is performed in Kalamazoo with a contracted lab.

3. Announcements/Quick Items:
 - a. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and provided the length of time they have lived at Lee Lake
 - b. Thank You's for the boat parade included the judges, boaters, musician, winners and Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt as the coordinator.
4. Association Business:
 - a. Secretary's Report: Kathy Kile made a motion to approve the June 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeff Delaney. Motion carried.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: As of June 30th, a total of \$754 in operating revenue was obtained from dues, gear sales, and the bake sale. Total expenses of \$620.82 included a gift card for the July 4th musician and \$570.82 Lee Lake gear costs. Ending operating balance is \$3381.61. There were no expenses or revenue from the Lake Quality Fund. Final balance remains at \$1712.06. Cindy Parker voiced an adjustment in the report which will be provided at the August meeting. Mark Walter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the adjustment noted in August. Seconded by Nancy Walter. Motion carried.



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5. Open Items:

- a. Water Testing: Richard Doud reported the Calhoun County Health Department will perform the water testing at the cost of \$20 per sample via a Kalamazoo lab. He could not do the sampling in June but will obtain the samples during July and August. Pat Pejakovich provided information available on the EGLE website ([Michigan BeachGuard System - Home \(state.mi.us\)](http://MichiganBeachGuardSystem-Home.state.mi.us)) regarding beaches which were closed due to high E-coli counts. Beaches have been previously closed in Yankee Springs and Thornapple River which are both in Barry County.
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. Block Party: In place of the October potluck, it was suggested to have a block party on a Saturday afternoon which would include a potluck and the subsequent annual meeting would be for business only. A location, date and time, parking and the meat menu would need to be decided. Persons who have coordinated the potluck in the past are Carol Brooks and Sussie Frey. Kathy Kile volunteered to help. Cindy Parker will talk with Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt, Events Coordinator, for assistance with the Block Party.
- c. Boater Safety Class: Kathy Doud reported the Coast Guard Auxiliary will provide boater safety classes at our designated location for free. Following the class, an online test will need to be taken to receive a boater safety certificate. The cost of the test is \$30. A signup sheet was provided to determine the number of persons interested in a class. An October date is being considered for the class.

6. Additional Comments/Questions:

- a. Mike Kile asked if others were noting an increase in duck weed. Richard Doud explained duck weed is a parasite and the amount increases during periods of heavy rain. Previously, residents on Clark Road had reported itching occurred after swimming. **Action:** During the AVAS lake survey by PLM, they will be asked about the control of duck weed.
- b. Diane Inman shared information about American Stewards of Liberty, a 503(c) (3) organization working to restore local control of land and conservation easement. The group was formed in 1992 in Texas. For more information, their website is www.americanstewards.us

7. Adjournment: Richard Doud made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Janie Evans seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.