



Lee Lake Association

Association Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Parker at 11:20 a.m. 36 plus persons were in attendance per sign-in sheet signatures filed with the minutes; some persons did not sign-in. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
2. Approval of September 18, 2023 minutes: The minutes were available as a handout and were attached to the emailed meeting notice. There were no changes voiced. Jack Pyle made a motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Janet Kincaid. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: As of September 30th, Cindy Parker reported the Association has an available balance of \$2,283.91 for operations and \$4,396.06 for weed management. Two invoices were paid: \$425.00 for liability insurance and \$7.42 for a Lee Lake t-shirt. Jack Pyle made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Shann Leatherman. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership/Welcome: Greetings to a new land owner on 1591 Lakeside Drive, Chris Varvatos. A welcome basket will be prepared and delivered to Chris.
 - b. Events: A thank you to all who helped coordinate today's potluck. Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt could not be with us today due to her father's illness in Florida. Healing prayers for her father.
 - c. Lake Quality: Chris Gallagher reported the Committee met on October 4th. Phragmites and purple loosestrife spraying will occur on October 11th. "What's next" is still being discussed. Consideration of water testing by lake volunteers versus a vendor is one future topic. Brenda Pyle asked if the Committee could research the volume of marrow in the lake. Chris responded that years before, marrow was used by farmers as a fertilizer.
 - d. Township Roads: Chris Gallagher reported it has been six to eight weeks without further progress on the funding of road repair. The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 11th. A recommendation of funding will be submitted to Newton Township and subsequently to Calhoun County for placement on the ballot, most likely in February 2024. Currently, only \$1.60 of each \$100 paid in property taxes remain in the Township. A question regarding how our taxes are utilized for road maintenance was raised by an attendee. Pat Pejakovich stated a document previously placed on the Newton Watch Facebook page was very informative. Action: Pat will attempt to locate the article and share the information with LLA members.
 - e. Fundraising: Our Lee Lake Gear sale is the most profitable for the Association. However, more fundraising is necessary. Also, a committee chairperson and committee members are needed. Please contact any Board Member if you are interested.
5. Old Business



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- a. Boat Launch Signage Update: This item is still be researched by Cindy Parker. She will continue to work on this and report at the first meeting in 2024.

6. New Business

- a. Association Bylaws: A copy was attached to the meeting notice and additional copies were provided at the meeting. A clarification was request on Article IV Dues, Section 2 A: Did each adult member 21 and older within household get a vote even though membership dues is \$20 per household and not per adult? The answer was yes, as long as the adult resides at the home. Another question was raised of whether the Board considered only one person per household could serve on the Board at the same time. The answer was that due to a limited number of members volunteering to run for Board positions, it was necessary to accept same household members. However, this could be considered as a Bylaws amendment when membership volunteering increases. Jodi Lubis made a motion to approve the Bylaws with a possible amendment at a future date as described above; Diane Vitale seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. 2024 Budget: Cindy presented the proposed budget. \$1900 is estimated as the opening operation account balance for 2024. Revenue is based on 64 members paying \$35 in annual dues. It was noted the dues has not been increased for many years even though costs have escalated. Line-item amounts are from operating costs generated this past budget year. New line items include a Zoom meeting license, cost of copying, signage and speaker gifts which were mostly paid by Board Members without reimbursement. The dues increase would also allow the Association to build a reserve for unbudgeted costs, should they occur. The \$50 line item for Township Hall rental was moved to the Lake Events category. An additional \$25 was added onto the insurance premium paid this year, anticipating a possible premium increase. The weed fund opening balance will not be known until after receipt of the invoice from October weed spraying. A vote was delayed until the agenda item of increased dues was discussed.
- c. Dues Increase: A significant increase is needed to cover operating costs and to create an Association reserve. One attendee verbalized \$35 was very reasonable and perhaps those who desired could donate more. Another suggestion was for persons participating in the garage sale to donate a small portion of their sales. Richard Doud made a motion to approve the proposed budget, including the increased dues; Larry Vitale seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Lake Treatment Program: Weed spraying will occur on Wednesday, October 11th, weather permitting. The seven-day notification has occurred so if the date is rescheduled, notification is not required by law but riparian's will be notified by Tom via email. This is an ongoing program; options for funding future treatments will need to be addressed by the Association. **Action:** The Lake Quality Committee will address this topic at their future meetings.
- e. Open Committee Positions: In addition to Fundraising, a chairperson is needed for the Membership/Welcome Committee. Tom is serving as interim chair but his plate is full with the position of President and would welcome assistance. Road Reps are members of this Committee and are welcome to volunteer as the chairperson.



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7. Public Comments/Questions:
 - a. Richard Doud announced plantings for shoreline development are selling for an estimate of \$2.50. Members may place orders with Richard and he will pick up the plantings.
 - b. Larry Vitale praised the improved involvement by LLA members and land owners. He acknowledged the interaction with the Township, the Committee Activities and the Board's organized meetings and guest speakers. Thank you, Larry!
 - c. Tom verbalized a thank you to the persons who coordinated the potluck and decorated the Hall.

8. 50/50 Raffle: Raffle tickets were offered at one dollar for one ticket or six tickets for five dollars. Steve Smead won the raffle and graciously donated his winnings to the Association; a big thank you to Steve.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.