



Lee Lake Association

Association Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by Tom Parker at 6:36 p.m. 18 persons were in attendance per sign-in sheet signatures filed with the minutes. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
 - a. Name badges were provided for tonight's meeting; Tom requested each person introduce themselves.
 - b. Tom reminded attendees to pick up an agenda, June 19th meeting minutes, treasurer's report and any pamphlets they may be interested in.
2. Guest Speakers:
 - a. Beth Clawson and Kathy Fischer from Michigan State University Extension Service provided an informative presentation regarding prevention of erosion and native plantings. Some key information points:
 - MSU Extension is a community outreach of experts. Need an expert? Call MSU and they will find an answer. 269-781-0784 is their Marshall office and website is www.canr.msu.edu/calhoun/contact
 - Native plants increase lake quality and property values
 - Control of invasive species is imperative to promote lake quality
 - Nuisance animal habitat such as geese, are reduced with native plantings
 - Determine your lake front "ordinary high-water zone" by noting the highest point water or ice reach in early spring
 - A permit is needed when altering the lake shore below the high-water zone; no permit is needed above the high-water zone

As a thank you, Tom presented each speaker with a Lee Lake mug.

 - b. Andy Tomaszewski from PLM will speak at the Association's August 21st meeting on lake weed treatment options.
3. Secretary's Report: The minutes were available as a handout and were attached to the emailed meeting notice. There were no changes voiced. Tom Unger made a motion to accept the June 19, 2023 minutes as written; seconded by Teresa Humphreys-Oswalt. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: As of June 30th, additional revenue of \$270 was collected from dues and the sale of last year's Lee Lake gear. Cindy reported the Association has three separate accounts; a checking account where money is transferred for bill paying, a savings account and a separate weed account. Available balance is \$3449.28 in savings account and \$4,396.06 in the weed account. Diane Inman made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Janie Evans. Motion carried.
5. Committees and Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership/Welcome: Tom reported the Board's recommendation to merge these two committees since their activities tend to overlap and the Road Reps are active in each. A chairperson is needed for this committee. Tom is drafting the scope of the committee.
 - b. Events: Teresa Humphreys-Oswalt reported on the 4th of July boat parade. 1st place: Elaine Feasel with the igloo design. 2nd place: Nora and Jesse Vaughn in the red, white and blue speed boat with Tube Man and 3rd place to Theresa Humphreys-Oswalt in the camo with military flags. 12 boats and a kayak participated. Teresa stated she circulating



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- the parade instructions on Facebook, forgetting not all persons utilized the site. Options for next year were discussed.
- c. Road Reps: No report at this time. A lead or chair has yet been named.
 - d. Fundraising: No report at this time. A chair is also needed for this committee.
 - e. Lake Quality: Chris Gallagher reported the committee is focusing on phragmites treatment for this fall. A timeline for resident education has been drafted. A question regarding where the phragmites are present was answered by recommending persons review the 2020 lake survey posted on the LLA website. An informal lake inspection is forthcoming from PLM to assess the location and types of weeds. A question was raised as to residents who refuse treatment and the impact to the lake. Considering individuals own the bottom land of the lake and not the water, expert advice would be needed. PLM will be presenting in August and this question could be presented at that time.
6. Old Business
- a. Boat Launch Signage Update: Cindy Parker is continuing to research options for signage.
 - b. Boat Parade Feedback: Circling of the judges twice was a bit time consuming and boats tended to wander off without completing the two laps around the lake shore. Having the boats congregate at the north end of the lake seemed to work well. Teresa Humphreys-Oswalt stated that next year, four judges will be stationed on land around the lake to encourage circling of boats for viewing by residents. Also, a complaint regarding water balloons will be addressed by only allowing biodegradable balloons to be used in float decorations.
 - c. Newton Township Roads Committee Update: Chris Gallagher reported on a positive meeting today with the County. The County suggested 45 miles of roads be improved. The cost may increase when roads need to be widened and trees removed to safely travel at 55mph. Chris explained the method of prioritization are those most traveled and with the highest population. Therefore, the northwest corner of Newton Township will most likely have a “leg up” with their location being closer to Battle Creek. For more information and meeting minutes, signup for the Facebook private group “Newton Community Watch”. We all agreed the road improvement on 8-mile road was truly a great improvement!
7. Association Bylaws: Tom reported that the Association does not currently have Bylaws; there is a 1950s document entitled Articles of Corporation. He has drafted Bylaws for review by the Board in August with the plan to have an Association vote in October.
8. Public Comment: The theft on J. Drive South was announced. The exact location or home owner was not known as reported by the County Sheriff’s office. All residents need to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior or thefts to the Sherriff.
9. Thank You’s:
- a. Lee Lake Road Reps who helped sell the LLA gear, board members who managed the orders, volunteers Diane Inman and Janie Evans who helped sort and package were life savers in a tight timeframe. Nora Vaughn and Shelly Densmore for delivery to their roads. Chris Gallagher for providing the items at his cost. Thanks to all.
 - b. Boat Parade volunteers and participants. Another great parade with increased participation. A thank you to Teresa Humphreys-Oswalt for coordinating this event.
10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.