

Lake of the Pines ASSOCIATION INC.

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LAKE OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING August 10, 2019

President Dave Pohoda called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 51 Association members present. Dave asked everyone to rise and face the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>2017-2020</u>	<u>2018-2021</u>	<u>2019-2022</u>
Bob Eckardt	Vicki Brauner	Steve Andrews
John Mitten	Rick McCombe	Jennifer Jerore
Rick Sieg	Dave Pohoda	Don Mann
Tim Beckett	Geri Shaw	Dennis Woodward

Roll Call was taken and all Board of Directors were present except Dennis Woodward, who was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- 1.) Motion by Steve Andrews, seconded by Rick Sieg, to approve the July 13, 2019 Board Meeting minutes. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) Dave Pohoda announced the Tiki Party is tonight.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Dave Pohoda~

- 1.) Dave reminded everyone the Board is here to help everyone. The Board is not on anyone's side nor are they against anyone. The Board tries to represent what everyone wants. Sometimes the Board has to make hard decisions. The Board would appreciate it if everyone at the meetings would remain civil and keep their tongues clean. No one wants to hear foul language. Under Association Time everyone's comments are limited to 3 minutes. Everyone who wishes to speak is asked to use the podium for two reasons (1) the microphone is there to use (2) it makes it easier for Vicki to take the minutes. Dave also reminded everyone the Board is made up of volunteers. A lot of the Directors spend a lot of their time and energy for the Association. There are still a lot of people who expect the Directors to do things like the Directors owe them. Let's all be respectful.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis Woodward ~Absent no report.

SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE: Vicki Brauner~ No report.

TREASURER: Geri Shaw ~

- 1.) Motion by Geri Shaw, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to pay the bills for the month of July in the amount of \$32,182.27. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE: Dave Pohoda~

- 1.) Dave reported a while ago after the generator was installed that Lake of the Pines could be considered an emergency center. We had some questions for the Red Cross. Leo Stevens got some answers for us. Dave let Leo report his findings.
- 2.) Leo Stevens reported he got a call back from The Red Cross. If we do make Lake of the Pines an emergency center it is up to Lake of the Pines when it would be opened. Leo asked how long would we have to keep it opened two or three weeks or what. Leo was told Lake of the Pines would determine how long we would be opened for. Lake of the Pines would be reimbursed for all the food, utilities or any damages to the hall. Leo told the Red Cross rep that the final decision would be up to the Board. The Red Cross still has to tell us if we qualify.
- 3.) Dave reported that when the Red Cross comes to meet with the Board the date and time of the meeting will be posted in case any members want to be at the meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL: Don Mann~

- 1.) Don reported in the last month there have been 2 permits, one for a 30x40 pole barn and one for a 12x16 shed.
- 2.) Don also reported the Old Lodge is still going to be rented out. When the Old Lodge is rented out there is a dead bolt that can be latched so no one will be able to go in and exercise during the time it is rented. Don suggested that the members using the gym part of the Old Lodge start paying \$5 per month starting next month. Don reported a lock allowing members to key or punch a code in so they can use the gym part of the Old Lodge is being looked into. We are still on the 6 month trial period for the gym part which started in July.

ECOLOGY: Rick McCombe

- 1.) Rick reported the purple strife has a test plot where the beetles were put in. The plot is at the south end of the lake in a marshy area. It is too early to tell if the beetles are eating enough. The test period is a year. For those members who have purple strife on their lake front property Rick encouraged them to take care of the problem themselves. There are multiple ways to deal with it. Rick can get the information to the members or they can look it up on line. If you are unable to take care of the purple strife on your own contact Rick.
- 2.) Rick also reported on the lake level. Rick will be in contact with the Drain Commissioner and DEQ during the next week. The dam is designed to let water always flow over it.
- 3.) Leo Stevens reported Carl Parks, the Drain Commissioner, was in the Office yesterday. Carl stated we are 7.2 above the normal level for our lake.

MAINTENANCE: Steve Andrews~ No report.

NOMINATING/BALLOTING: Rick Sieg~ No report.

PERSONNEL: Bob Eckardt~

- 1.) Motion by Bob Eckardt, seconded by Steve Andrews, to cap full time salary at \$15.50 an hour and also to eliminate the annual cost of living increase every year. Vote taken. 10 ayes Tim Beckett opposed. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John Mitten ~ No report.

FUTURE PLANNING: Tim Beckett ~

- 1.) Tim reported he mentioned planting shade trees for the playground at the last meeting. Tim has been looking into the type of trees to plant. Tim reported the best time to plant the trees was 20 years ago, but now Fall is the time. Tim is going to look into finding the person with a tree spade that would take trees off our property and transplant them for \$100 a tree and see if that offer is still good.
- 2.) Tim also reported lot 63 in Birchwood Heights was donated or offered to Lake of the Pines but he doesn't know if we have the title yet. Also lot 264 in Woodland Heights has been offered to Lake of the Pines which is swamp and can't be built on. Tim is looking into having a lot raffle for the lot in Birchwood Heights with the profits going into Future Planning. Tim explained he interprets Future Planning as being medium to long term planning such as the trees, the dredging of the canals things like that. Things that we need to think of now to figure out how to get the resources to be able to pursue them. Tim welcomes all comments.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Jennifer Jerore~

- 1.) Jennifer thanked everyone who put together the pergola. Jennifer would like to replace the pool furniture a couple pieces at a time.
- 2.) Dave Pohoda reported that the furniture will have to be put on hold due to the budget. Dave reminded everyone the pool has to be sandblasted and repainted this Fall, which will be a big expense.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VOLUNTEER SECURITY PATROL: Leo Stevens~

- 1.) Leo reported the tentative date for the Fall casino trip is Tuesday October 1st.
- 2.) Leo reported last week there was a situation on Pontoon Island and he found out the cameras are not working.
- 3.) Leo is going to get in touch with MMR to see if they will come to Lake of the Pines to give a class on CPR.

FIFTY YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

- 1.) Geri Shaw reported there is a meeting directly after today's Board Meeting. The celebration will be three days July 24th, 25th, and 26th. Friday night there will be a band. Saturday there will be games and a band. Sunday there will be activities. This is still all in the planning process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

WOMEN'S CLUB: Geri Shaw-

- 1.) Geri reported the MMI picnic is Friday August 23rd. We need cookies, and if you want to help with the games be here at 8:30 am.

MEN'S CLUB: Bob Eckardt--

- 1.) Bob reported there was a power outage on July 20th. The new generator kicked on at 1 am. until 7:30 am. It was the fishing contest day and everything worked great.
- 2.) Bob reported breakfast buffet is tomorrow 8:00 am until 11 am.
- 3.) Bob reported Beer N Brats on August 31st from 4 until 6. Karaoke is 7 until 10. Fireworks at dark.
- 4.) Bob reported the last breakfast buffet is Sept 1st from 8:00 am until 11 am.
- 5.) Dave Pohoda reminded everyone the fireworks are all from donations. There is still time to donate.

ASSOCIATION TIME:

- 1.) Pat Kowalske, Tamarack Trails, Lots 130 & 131. Pat stated Ladies Club holds the license for the lot raffle. A lady from Women's Club would have to run your raffle for you. Pat did a raffle before. Tim Beckett stated the lots have been offered but we haven't gotten the deeds yet. Pat offered to tell Tim her information and volunteer to help. Pat also mentioned the spots on the ceiling in the hall where water had leaked and asked if the leak had been fixed. Dave Pohoda answered it was from all the ice in the ice storms. Kilz will be put on the spots and the ceiling painted.
- 2.) Dick Meitz, Tamarack Trails, Lot 03 Dick wanted to know if the Board heard about the curbside pick up. Dave Pohoda stated the Board has nothing to do with the curbside pickup. Tim Beckett explained the rules for assessment and protest are really strict and really short. If you want to protest the fact that your property is being assessed you have to do it in writing before they confirm the roll. They will confirm the roll at the meeting on August 15th. You have to submit your protest before the meeting. You don't have to give any reasons you just have to say you protest. That secures your right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal which has the legal power to hear the appeal to either deny it or accept it. If you get a hearing with the Tax Tribunal then you have to come up with the reasons why it is unfair.
- 3.) Brian Bouwens, Tamarack Trails, Lot 138. Brian wanted to know if the Association could do a protest letter about the curbside trash pick up. Tim Beckett answered the Association will not be hit with the assessment so the Association has no legal standing. It does not include businesses or associations as they pay for their own trash.
- 4.) Don Schmelter, Birchwood Heights, Lots 137 & 138. Don wanted to know if you could protest and not have it taken out of your taxes.
- 5.) Ben Downer, Pinehurst Estates, Lot 77. Ben stated he can see the campground very clearly from his house. Last Saturday he watched a 26 year old man walk across the dam. It was before 9 so he called the Office and left a message. He saw the same guy in a boat with his girlfriend fishing in the cove. Ben also stated he sees kids on 4 wheelers going down the road all day long some with helmets on and some don't and these kids are not 16 years of age. Dave Pohoda stated that Pinehurst is a county road. Lake of the Pines has no say in it. If you see this going on just call the police. Dave stated the campground host is suppose to monitor the dam and the campground host will have to start enforcing the dam.
- 6.) Ken Waryas, Tamarack Trails, Lot 106. Ken questioned that the lake level is normal. Dave told Ken the Drain Commissioner said our lake is too high right now. Ken stated

he has been here 21 years and his pontoon boat is sitting on the bottom right now and he can't use his boat.

- 7.) Pat Woodward, Tamarack Trails, Lot 71. Pat asked Rick McCombe if Silver Lake culvert was checked to make sure it wasn't blocked. Rick stated he did not but Gary Clark did. Pat asked if all the beaver dams had been checked over. Rick said that Gary also checked that the same day but Rick was not sure how far down the creek Gary went. The creek was flowing that day.
- 8.) Gary Clark, Tamarack Trails, Lots 44 & 45. Gary reported the creek is flowing but not like it is suppose to. Gary stated there could be a beaver dam between the pipeline and Silver Lake. Gary didn't have boots on that day to check that area out.
- 9.) Karen Wells, Villa, Lots 102-105A. Karen stated that down on Lindhaven there are a lot of trees and logs laying across the creek there and maybe that could be part of the problem too.
- 10.) Todd Warren, Birchwood Heights, Lots 315-317. Todd stated he just moved down on Havenwood Circle and at the end of the canal the mud is getting thick and needs to be addressed. There are a lot of trees down there too and the water isn't flowing like it should.
- 11.) Pat Kowalske, Tamarack Trails, Lots 130 & 131. Pat stated when her husband Don and Dick Rissman were on Ecology they went to Lansing and talked to someone about the dam and they got a lot of information about the dam.
- 12.) Pat Harris, Tamarack Trails, Lot 79. Pat stated just so he understands this dam business we have a dam and water flows over it, but apparently there is a slot or something well under the top level of the dam that pees out a certain amount of water to feed the streams down below. Pat asked is there any water going over the top board in the dam right now. Rick McCombe answered no.
- 13.) Connie Crawford, Woodland Heights, Lots 202 -202. Connie stated the culvert on Silver Lake is opened and it is flowing but not like it usually is.
- 14.) Brian Bouwens, Tamarack Trails, Lot 138. Brian asked if we could get a DEQ person in for a meeting or someone from the drain commission to answer our questions.

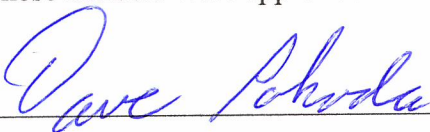
Motion by Bob Eckardt, seconded by Steve Andrews, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

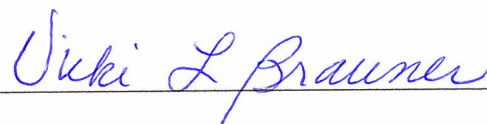
Respectfully recorded and transcribed by,

Vicki L. Brauner, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the September 14, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.



Dave Pohoda, President
Lake of the Pines Board of Directors



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