

Lake of the Pines ASSOCIATION INC.

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LAKE OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING September 14, 2019

President Dave Pohoda called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 39 Association members present. Dave asked everyone to rise and face the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

2017-2020
Bob Eckardt
John Mitten
Rick Sieg
Tim Beckett

2018-2021
Vicki Brauner
Rick McCombe
Dave Pohoda
Geri Shaw

2019-2022
Steve Andrews
Jennifer Jerore
Don Mann
Dennis Woodward

Roll Call was taken and all Board of Directors were present except Don Mann, Dennis Woodward and Jennifer Jerore, all were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- 1.) Motion by Bob Eckardt, seconded by Steve Andrews, to approve the August 10, 2019 Board Meeting minutes changing low to long on page 3 under #2 Future Planning. Vote taken.
MOTION PASSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) Dave Pohoda announced Carl Parks, the Clare County Drain Commissioner, was here to give a presentation about our dam. Carl has received many calls concerned about the level of Doc and Tom Lake. On August 19th, Rick McCombe and Carl met with Alan Craighead from Lapham Associates. At the time of the meeting, the lake level was 1065.5. The legal level for Doc and Tom Lake is 1065.0.

There was significant water discharging through the dam structure during the inspection. The lower stop logs were not replaced when the top stop logs were replaced and are showing significant deterioration. This is allowing for the excessive amounts of discharge. If the dam is not repaired there may be a chance of losing the lake. There are three different options to repair the dam.

(a.) Replace all the existing stop logs with new logs made out of metal or treated wood. It can be designed for greater efficacy through the use of gaskets, keys and other methods.

(b) Replace the stop logs with steel sluice gates. As this drains the lake from the bottom, rather than the top, more supervision of the discharge is required to ensure that the lake level does not drop lower than desired. The sluice gates are more expensive to install and maintain.

(c.) Add a plastic or rubber seal to the existing stop logs to try and seal any leaks between and through the stop logs. This option has the shortest life span and would need to be replaced more often. However it is the cheapest option.

Carl suggested option (a)~ replacing all existing stop logs with new logs. There are no emergency repairs required to be done at this time. However, repairs or replacement should be scheduled to prevent the excessive discharge through the deteriorating stop logs or a catastrophic failure of the stop logs.

Carl was not sure of the price yet but it would require permits and coordination with Michigan DNR and MI-EGLE . A cofferdam would also have to be installed in order to allow for removal and /or replacement of dam material. The engineering and permits would be around \$6,000 and would be paid by a special assessment. Carl is hoping to do the work sometime this Fall but it may have to wait until Spring.

Dave Pohoda stated that the special tax district is nothing new. It was established in 1974. It is nothing that we had anything to do with, the county set it up. There are 1,200 lots in the special assessment district that will share the cost of fixing the dam.

Tim Beckett added that just the stop logs at the dam need replaced. The levee and the concrete are all intact.

Connie Crawford, Woodland Heights, Lots 200-202. Connie wanted to know how big the assessment area is and did it just include Lake of the Pines. Dave said it also includes the Schaff property.

Carl will keep the Board of Directors advised of what is going on. If anyone has any questions you may call Carl on his cell phone @ 989-429-4936.

The cost of the repairs will be on your tax bill.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Dave Pohoda~

- 1.) Dave reminded everyone that October 13th is the day that all pontoon boats have to be off Pontoon Island so the docks can be pulled.
- 2.) Dave reported that Lincoln Township hires police to patrol their township 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Dave gets a copy of their police report every week. It has been getting worse. This week the report stated there has been an increase in breaking and entering activity in the township~ Cedar, Arthur, White Birch and also in Surrey and Garfield townships and Isabella County. They are stealing washers, dryers, clothes, weapons and motorcycles. Keep your eyes open.
- 3.) Dave also reported there is a scam going around the area. People are going door to door asking you to sign up for Direct TV or Dish TV. If you sign up chances are you will get bills from both of them and they are sending bogus checks.

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 August in the amount of \$19,919.84. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE: Dave Pohoda~ No report.

ARCHITECTURAL: Don Mann~ Absent. No report.

ECOLOGY: Rick McCombe

- 1.) Rick reported the orv trails within LOP are now closed until January 1st. This is safety precaution during hunting season.

MAINTENANCE: Steve Andrews~

- 1.) Motion by Steve Andrews, seconded by Geri Shaw, that we do not accept any more equipment for the gym, and the cleaning of the gym except for the bathroom and trash removal will be up to the gym. Also starting Oct 1st there will be a \$5 per person per month fee to use the gym with the money going to Lake of the Pines. Tim Beckett thought that the Board should accept the equipment that has been donated. Steve added that if we do that we are responsible for all the equipment and we would have to get rid of all the equipment if the gym doesn't make it. Tim questioned if it was our equipment. Steve stated it was donated for the use of the gym not to Lake of the Pines. Tim wanted it to be clear who owns the equipment. Dave stated that the equipment was donated for use in the gym and the Board does not want to take possession of it. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.** Dave stated the new lock for the gym with the push button code was now in. The use of the gym would not be restricted to Office hours now. You may use it any time as long as you pay your \$5 and have your code.
- 2.) Steve reported there are nine trees in the Campground that have oak wilt and are dead. Steve will get bids for the removal of the trees.
- 3.) Motion by Steve Andrews, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to accept the bid of \$18, 325 to get the pool sandblasted and painted. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

NOMINATING/BALLOTING: Rick Sieg~ No report.

PERSONNEL: Bob Eckardt ~No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John Mitten ~ No report.

FUTURE PLANNING: Tim Beckett ~

- 1.) Tim reported in his goal to plant some trees around the playground he discovered Clare County has a forester who will come out and consult on things like that. Tim thought it was a good idea to talk to her. He would also like to get advice on planting trees on Pontoon Island.
- 2.) Tim asked if anyone knew if there a septic field around the playground area because of the pool house. Tim was told to check with Clare County Environmental Health.
- 3.) Tim stated our financial situation in the last year or so have occurred a number of large expenses. Things seem to come to the end of their useful life all at the same time~ the seawall around Pontoon Island, the stop logs in the dam, the pool and some other things. We are either going to have to pay more money or start doing without some really essential things to our community. We need to start talking and thinking about it now before we have a true emergency. Tim welcomes all comments, assistance plus or minus.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Jennifer Jerore~ Absent. No report.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VOLUNTEER SECURITY PATROL: Leo Stevens~

- 1.) Leo reminded everyone to keep an eye out and if you see anything suspicious call 911.
 - 2.) Leo reported the Casino trip is October 1st to Little River. The cost is \$30 and you get \$20 back. This is Security's main source of funding. The Board does not pay for Security. The total budget for Security is \$1,200 a year.
- Tim Beckett stated he was a part time resident and he relies on the Security Patrol to keep a lookout on his property. He was so thankful that he made a contribution to the Security Patrol and he encouraged others to donate too.

FIFTY YEAR CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

- 1.) Geri Shaw reported there is a meeting directly after today's Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

WOMEN'S CLUB: Geri Shaw-

- 1.) Geri reported there is an adult hay ride September 28th at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Office. There will be a bonfire in the Campground after the hay ride if it doesn't rain. Bring a snack to share at the bonfire. Dave stated that if people show up who didn't sign up and the wagons were getting full that the ones who sign up will be the first ones on the wagons. There are three tractors and wagons available if needed.
- 2.) LOP Euchre starts October 1st at 6:30 in the Rec Hall. Euchre is every Tuesday from October through March.
- 3.) Geri reported there is going to be a Trunk or Treat. Geri had April Schmelter report on it. April reported the Trunk or Treat is October 19th at 2:00. It will be in the LOP parking lot. You open your trunk up and pass out candy from your car trunk. You can decorate your car if you want. The kids will come around to your trunk to trick or treat. Please sign up in the Office if you are going to pass out candy. If it is raining it will be in the Rec Hall.

MEN'S CLUB: Bob Eckardt~

- 1.) Bob reported there were 165 people at the Labor Day breakfast buffet.
- 2.) Bob reported the Men's Club Board discussed it and they will be selling wine at the Beer N Brats next year.

ASSOCIATION TIME:

- 1.) Lyle Stampski, Pinehurst Estates, Lot 30. Lyle was the Campground host this year. He thanked the Board for looking into the trees there. We are losing a lot of trees to oak wilt. You need to dig around the roots and put chemicals in to kill the roots after cutting down a tree with oak wilt. The water was high in June and we lost a foot of beach land in the Campground. He suggested looking into preserving the beach line.
- 2.) Connie Crawford, Woodland Heights, Lots 200-202. Connie asked Tim that since money is so tight would it be to our benefit to put a shelter with a picnic table in it for the playground instead of planting trees. Tim answered that he has a budget but he hasn't decided if planting the trees is the best way to go. He is waiting for input from some experts.
- 3.) Kris Bayle, Woodland Heights, Lots 113 & 114. She is going to have a hunting widow's craft weekend Friday November 15th, Saturday November 16th and Sunday

November 17th in the Old Lodge. There will be scrap booking, knitting, crocheting and any other crafts people want to do. Everyone is welcomed to come and just hang out if you want.

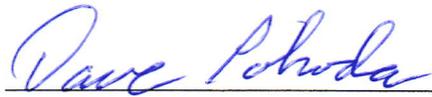
Motion by Bob Eckardt, seconded by Steve Andrews, to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken.
MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

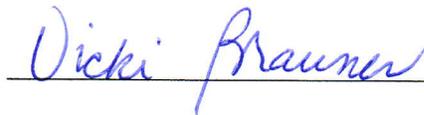
Respectfully recorded and transcribed by,

Vicki L. Brauner, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the October 12, 2019 Lake of the Pines Board of Directors Meeting.



Dave Pohoda, President
Lake of the Pines Board of Directors



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