

Lake of the Pines ASSOCIATION INC.

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LAKE OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING April 10, 2021

President Dave Pohoda called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were 52 Association members present. Dave asked everyone to rise and face the flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

| <u>2018-2021</u> | <u>2019-2022</u> | <u>2020-2023</u> |
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| Vicki Brauner | Steve Andrews | Bob Eckardt |
| Dave Pohoda | Jennifer Jerore | Pete Wedesky |
| Rick McCombe | Don Mann | Tim Beckett |
| Geri Shaw | Steve Berry | Bill Timmer |

Roll Call was taken and all Board of Directors were present. Jennifer Jerore was present via blue tooth with Steve Berry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1.) Motion by Rick McCombe, seconded by Steve Andrews, to approve the October 10, 2020 Board Meeting minutes. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

2.) Motion by Steve Berry, seconded by Steve Andrews, to approve the phone/email poll taken on Wednesday November 11, 2020.

On Wednesday November 11, 2020 motion by Geri Shaw, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to allow Scott Carr to run the gas line to the pole barn for \$1,000. The poll was done in a phone poll and email. The results: Pete Wedesky~ Yes, Geri Shaw~ Yes, Don Mann~ Yes, Tim Beckett~ Yes, Rick McCombe~ Yes, Bob Eckardt~ Yes, Vicki Brauner~ Yes, Dave Pohoda~ Yes, Bill Timmer~ no answer, Steve Andrews~ no answer, Jennifer Jerore~ no answer. **MOTION PASSED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Dave Pohoda~

1.) Dave Pohoda reported the increase for assessments was voted down last year. There is enough money to treat the lake this year and maybe next year. After that there will be no money to treat the lake. The Board is looking into making a Special Tax District same as the County has for the dam. Don Mann will head up the committee. Once a proposal is made up, it will have to go to the Township for approval. The Township lawyer will have to approve the proposal, LOP's lawyer will also have to approve it. The proposal will be taken house to house. There are 832 families in LOP a majority of

the families will have to agree to the proposal. By law the Township will collect the money and turn the money over to a Board. The Board would like to have a Lake Board for the Special Tax District. The money has to be accounted for and every penny has to be used for the lake, it can not be used for anything else. Steve Berry stated a Board of Directors Newsletter was sent out that explained the Special Tax District.

VICE PRESIDENT: Steve Berry~

- 1.) Steve Berry reported he has been working on insurance. In the Board of Directors Newsletter the insurance issue was explained. Our dam is fine, it passed inspection. Due to what happened with the dams in Sanford and Wixom, our current insurer Auto Owners will not renew any of our insurance because they will not insure our dam. If LOP finds someone else to insure the dam, Auto Owners will renew the rest of our policy. The major insurance companies are not insuring any private dams. We have been rejected by 4 companies so far. We are still looking for others. The Drain Commissioner's office is working with us. The County Attorney wants to schedule a meeting with three members of the Board to discuss the issue and see what the County can do to help us out.
- 2.) The Adopt a Highway will be a week from Tuesday April 20th. Meet in the pavilion at 9 am to review a short 6 minute safety video. There will be a pizza lunch after the highway pickup. There is a sign up sheet in the Office.

SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE: Vicki Brauner~ Report given after Nominating report.

TREASURER: Geri Shaw ~

- 1.) Motion by Geri Shaw, seconded by Steve Andrews, to pay the bills in the amount of \$11,603.91. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**
- 2.) Motion by Geri Shaw, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to approve the 2021 budget. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE: Dave Pohoda~ No report.

ARCHITECTURAL: Pete Wedesky~ No report.

ECOLOGY: Rick McCombe~

- 1.) Rick reported there is a beaver and beaver dam problem. There are currently 5 beaver dams that Rick is aware of. Rick will contact the DNR to find out what our options are.
- 2.) PLM, the company that sprays our lake, will be here in April to do a water quality survey.

MAINTENANCE: Steve Andrews~

- 1.) Steve Andrews stated the people who work Maintenance should be applauded for all the work they do around LOP. Since Steve came onto the Board 6 years ago Maintenance has built a bridge to the Campground, roofs on the shelters, new roof on the pavilion, the bath house on Pontoon Island, purchased a tractor, purchased a backhoe, new roof on rear entrance of the Office, new air and furnaces in the cabins, and got the gas line connected back up to free gas. Steve resigned at this point and recommended Larry Gibson to be appointed to fill the remainder of his term. Motion by Steve Andrews,

seconded by Rick McCombe, to appoint Larry Gibson to fill the remainder of Steve's term. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.** Bob Eckardt thanked Steve for all his work on the Board and everyone applauded.

NOMINATING/BALLOTING: Don Mann~

- 1.) Don reported there will be a vote to change the By-Laws in Nominating. There are 3 members who count the ballots. When Don first was Chair for Nominating only one person was elected each year. In 2011 the Board had a special meeting to make the change to elect only 1 person a year instead of 3 each year. The Board forgot to have the membership vote on it. Motion by Don Mann, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to vote to change the By-Laws Article VI Nominations and Elections 6.1 Nominating Committee to read "one Member shall be elected at each Annual Meeting of the Association for a three year term." For 2022 the person who has the highest amount of votes will get the three year term, the 2nd highest will get a two year term and the lowest amount of votes will get a one year term. This will allow one new member every year. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**
- 2.) Don introduced all the candidates that were present and running to be on the Board or Nominating Committee.

SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDENCE: Vicki Brauner

- 1.) Motion by Vicki Brauner, seconded by Geri Shaw, to accept the Notice of Annual Membership packet containing 9 candidates for Board of Directors and 5 candidates for Nominating & Ballot Counting Committee as presented to the Board. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**

PERSONNEL: Bob Eckardt~ No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bill Timmer~ No report.

FUTURE PLANNING: Tim Beckett~ No report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Jennifer Jerore~ No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.) Geri Shaw reported the 50th Anniversary Celebration was cancelled last year due to COVID and there was a possibility of having the celebration this year. Geri is not interested in doing the celebration this year, nor is Vicki Brauner and Jan Mann. Geri and Vicki were Co-Chairs and Jan was a committee member. If anyone else is interested in taking it over they can, but Geri suggested not having it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Steve Berry reported 830 surveys were sent out to members. As of last night 264 surveys have been returned. A link is being worked on to get the results out for the members to see. The survey reflects the lake is the number one concern with members.
- 2.) Motion by Don Mann, seconded by Bob Eckardt, to cancel the May Board of Directors Meeting as the Annual Meeting is at the end of May. Vote taken. **MOTION PASSED.**
- 3.) Don Mann reported he attended the Township Meeting on Thursday. The Township is going to put a hard surface on Pinehurst this year. It will look just like asphalt and it is experimental.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Geri Shaw~

- 1.) Geri reported the Women's Club Meeting will be Tuesday at 12:30. This will be the first meeting since November.

MEN'S CLUB: Bob Eckardt~

- 1.) Bob reported the Men's Club first indoor meeting will be Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the Rec Hall.

VOLUNTEER SECURITY PATROL: Leo Stevens~

- 1.) Leo Stevens reported there were only 2 break-ins this winter.
- 2.) Security is ready to start up again at the end of the month. One more team is needed. If interested contact Leo.
- 4.) Between the drive-in movie and donations Security is fully funded for the year. If COVID permits Security will go back to having casino trips again.

ASSOCIATION TIME:


- 1.) John Machnak, Tamarack Trails, Lot 53. John asked if a special tax district is voted on would the taxes be added onto property tax. Steve Berry answered it would go on the Winter tax.
- 2.) Don Borle, Woodland Heights, Lots 291 & 292 Don asked if Schaff's would be included in the special tax district. Steve Berry answered yes. Don also asked if Women's Club is going to have a garage sale this year. Geri Shaw answered it all depends on COVID.
- 3.) Ruth Boerner, Birchwood Heights, Lots 202-204. Ruth asked if all the private dams in Michigan are not being insured. Steve Berry answered that is what our insurance agent is telling us.
- 4.) Nancy Wilamowski, Tamarack Trails, Lots 68 & 69. Nancy wanted it clarified that if a special tax district is made it will be \$60-\$80 on our winter taxes every year.
- 5.) Connie Crawford, Woodland Heights, Lots 200-202 Connie wanted to know what happens if all the dams can't get insured. No one could answer.
- 6.) Paula Andrews, Villa, Lots 130 & 131. Paula asked what can be done about neighbors who have blight in their yard. Dave said to report it to the Township.
- 7.) Charles Kroesing, Birchwood Heights, Lots 453-456. Charles wanted to report a theft. He had a big stone on his property by the road and someone took it. He would like it put back no questions asked.

Dave Pohoda announced there will be a workshop on May 5th for the Board of Directors strictly for the Special Tax District. There will be another workshop for the Board before the Annual Meeting.

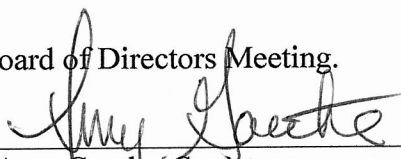
Motion by Steve Andrews, seconded by Don Mann, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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Vicki L. Brauner, Secretary
LOP Board of Directors

These minutes were approved at the June 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.



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LAKE OF THE PINES BOARD OF DIRECTOR PHONE/EMAIL POLL April 21, 2021

On Wednesday April 21, 2021 Motion by Geri Shaw, seconded by Bill Timmer, to proceed with the Special Assessment District for treatment of the lake starting 2022.

Dave Pohoda~ YES
Rick McCombe~ YES
Bob Eckardt~ YES
Larry Gibson~ YES
Bill Timmer~ YES
Geri Shaw~ YES
Vicki Brauner~ YES
Pete Wedesky~ ABSTAINED with no comment.
Don Mann~ YES
Steve Berry~ NO
Jennifer Jerore~ NO
Tim Beckett~ No response.

MOTION PASSED.

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