

## HLPOA Board Meeting Minutes 11/19/2014

The meeting was called to order by Larry at 6:58 PM. Members present were Maggie Keefe, Cindy Mittlestaedt, Dennis Grube, Joe Bigalke, Marilyn Henry, Larry Leafblad, John Sonnenberg, Darren Ruback, and Tom Prusha.

Public Comment: Ann Bidwell had financial and legal questions about the HLPOA Foundation that were clarified later in the meeting.

President's Report: New resident Chris (corner of Lakeside near Washington) was introduced. Some discussion ensued about the disposition of the pillars during the Washington St widening. Plans to preserve and move keep them are in the works. Summer raft management will be discussed at the January meeting, as well as evaluating whether or not our insurance coverage is adequate. The new State of IL boat stickers will need to be present on all boats. Check website for details. Larry requested reports from residents/board members for news of the neighborhood to be added to the website newsletter.

2015 Lake Weed Treatment: John S. stated that 13 weed treatment consent forms have been returned so far by homeowners who have property under the water; the remaining forms need to be signed and returned by 12/31. On December 1<sup>st</sup> the regular board meeting will be changed to a special informational session with the Clarke Company to give a presentation to homeowners on their method of treating Eurasian millfoil weed. All area residents will be encouraged to attend.

Highland Lake Foundation: The 501 C3 has been established, an entity dedicated to improvement of the Lake. Ann B asked if there was legal advice solicited in the establishment process. John and others researched extensively the process, benefits and restrictions of the foundation. He explained it at length. He stated that funds offered to the foundation are tax deductible if the money is used for betterment of the community and the environment. He gave some examples of restrictions on use of the money. A motion was made by Darren to open a bank account specific to the Foundation, it was seconded by Maggie. The motion carried. Motion was made by Marilyn to name all HLPOA board members as members of the Foundation, it was seconded by John. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Darren explained establishment of separate account for Foundation is to ensure transparency in the startup process. The account balance is \$16,512.36. Any money acquired before year's end needs to be deposited in the account by 12/31. It is now possible to make a tax deductible gift. Darren asked for help in getting the acknowledgement letters out to the contributors. Motion to approve treasurer's financial statement was made by John and seconded by Cindy. The motion carried.

Italian Dinner: Darren announced it will be held on 2/7/15 at the State Bank of the Lakes on Atkinson/Center from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. He encouraged those present to give tickets and transportation to residents in need in order to include those who may otherwise not be able to go. He requested volunteers to help set up the food and keep drinks and food stocked and moving. More help would be needed to man the admission ticket table, various donation tables, and after wards for the

cleanup. He asked for research to be done to find deserving groups who could be given the leftovers. He asked for donations of deserts to be brought to the event.

Bob Kula from the highway department was present and talked about the movement of the pillars on Lakeside drive during the road construction. He will work with the new homeowners on this. He stated that many diseased ash trees have been removed on Lakeside Dr and Lake St, and more will be removed next year. He also suggested that in order to avoid salt washing into the lake water, we consider salting only the road intersections and curves. He asked us to get feedback from our neighbors about this.

Motion to adjourn was made by John at 8:07 PM and seconded by Cindy.