

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, February 20, 2020

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Bigalke at 7:00 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Kuntner, Lorna Denig, Ron Mittlestaedt, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg and Larry Leafblad and Dave Coulter. Cleve Caviness was present for the community.

Association Rules and Regulations: Reviewed and approved at the last meeting. They have been posted on the website.

New Board Members: None have been recruited yet.

Lake Health: Frank Hauser was not at the meeting. Flyers had been placed in resident's mailboxes by his company that could lead us to believe that our water quality was not fit to use. Water sources were discussed and this insinuation was deemed to be inaccurate. It was also stated in this flyer that the company was on retainer to do cleanup work in our Lake, which is not true. The claim of a compound being built on the Lake was misleading. John stated that Frank texted him that he and someone from the IL EPA managing invasive species were coming to our Lake with a group on 4/8 to remove the zebra mussels. He has been difficult to communicate with. We are a self governing community and we should have final approval of any treatments that occur. John attended a County meeting. It ranks Highland Lake as 4th out of 177 lakes in water condition, which is very good. Our lake management is getting high praise. Regarding ZM initiative, John and committee have been in contact with County and other resources to get grant approval and money to treat this problem. Dave's company will not work on this project; it could be seen as a conflict of interest. The ILMA meeting is coming up 3/12-3/14 in Champaign, it is unclear at this time if anyone is going to be able to go. John submitted his proposal handout for weed treatment and discussed it for the upcoming year. We have not treated for several years so will most likely do it this year. Joe has been approached twice by the HOA at Loon Lake. They have populated their lake with red crested sunfish and have spent \$130,000 on a weed cutter. They would like to come to our monthly meetings to share information. Those present felt that would be fine.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported that the Association account balance was \$17,950.09; the Foundation account has \$24,617.54. There are 4 contributors who are in limbo on Pay Pal. Pay Pal will not let Linda take this over from Ron and are requiring much information, proof, numbers etc that she is having trouble finding. We discussed other payment options than Pay Pal. Linda asked Coleen if she could update the contributor's list on the website. She has done the taxes for this year. Linda Slippke is considering taking over the Treasurer position. Regarding the Italian Dinner, we did not lose money, but we only made \$70.91. We had only about 30 in attendance; last year 65 came. She invited those present to give her suggestions or thoughts to bring to the post evaluation meeting. Linda has updated the resident list and found new residents that have been here for over two years. She asked if we should give them welcome bags; it was felt that they should get them. Lorna is taking this over. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by John, Marilyn seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood: Maggie has taken over email blasts. Joe said we have one bid for removal of the oak in Chic Park for \$1,400.00. Linda feels we need a minimum of two bids for a project like this. Larry got a bid for \$1,700.00. We will revisit this at the next meeting. Joe and John took out the fallen

tree at Hartnett Park. Larry discussed some improvements he'd like to see done at Chic Park. Linda stated there is a regulation that you must park on an approved pad. There is someone violating this. It was suggested that a letter be sent to them letting them know they are in violation. Cleve Caviness asked about the memorial bench to his wife that is being purchased by the book club. He would like to see it in Downey Park.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn and seconded by John at 8:02 PM. The motion carried.

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HLPOA Foundation Meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM with the same members present. There was no new business to report or discuss. Treasurer's report was without changes. Motion to adjourn the Foundation meeting was made by John and seconded by Coleen at 8:03. The motion carried.