

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, October 19, 2020

This zoom meeting (to comply with state mandated social distancing) was called to order by President Joe Bigalke at 7:00 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Wegge, Lorna Denig, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg, Ron Mittlstaedt and Larry Leafblad. Members of the community present included Ann Bidwell, Art Rosiles and Don Dorsch. Regarding items to be added to the agenda, Marilyn wanted to discuss how the Downey Park gate could be opened in case of emergency if John wasn't available, as he is the only one that has the lock combination. John stated that there are 3 phone numbers listed on the sign at Downey of people who have the code; he said if it was the police or fire department they would just rip the gate open. Don said the pier at the Hickory access lane is still in the water with a pontoon and a row boat tied to it. The pier should be removed to prevent winter damage to it. There were no comments from community members present. Linda moved to approve the August meeting's minutes, John seconded. The motion carried. Linda moved to approve the September minutes as amended (with the addition of the Foundation meeting), Ron seconded. The motion carried. John moved we approve remote voting, Marilyn seconded. The motion carried.

New Board Members: There has been no new interest by anyone in becoming a Board member.

Lake Health: John is still gathering data regarding zebra mussel treatment so this report will be tabled until the next meeting. Joe remarked how successful the treatment appears to have been. Regarding fish structures, Ron reported that in researching them with the State of IL it appears that cinder blocks are preferred over wood, as the latter releases too much phosphorus. He will take care of this in the spring time. He thought he would fund the cost through donations from fishers rather than a budgeted line item as the materials are inexpensive. He plans on starting with 3 to be placed before next fall.

Treasurer's Report: The Association account has a reconciled balance of \$15,770.40; the Foundation account has a reconciled balance of \$11,882.05. She asked that we approve the final payment to McCloud of \$750.00 for the zebra mussel treatment. John made that motion and Marilyn seconded. The motion carried. John pointed out that this treatment came in \$6,470.36 under budget. Linda said that there was also money budgeted but not used for the raft and parks. John moved we approve the treasurer's report; Coleen seconded. The motion carried. Linda said she would follow up again with the IL Dept of Revenue regarding our tax exempt status.

Sense of Neighborhood:

1. Pontoon Boats: Linda reported that she and Marilyn are still soliciting ideas for boat docking for residents with pontoons who do not have lakefront property. Marilyn asked John if he was giving the pontoon rules and regulation letters to pontoon owners as their boats were removed this fall. He has, telling them they will be required to sign off on this in the spring when the boat goes back in. He also gave one to Verne from Ahlstrand Marine. Joe asked if anyone heard of people going to other vendors than Ahstrand; no one has.
2. Fire Lanes: Joe voiced concerns about boats being docked at access lane piers and are not leaving room for others to use them. There is also a question about liability for the HOA. Joe said

he would check with Loon Lake and see how they handle this problem. As a side note Marilyn mentioned that at the last meeting both Larry and Bob Lehman came up with good ideas for funding of renovations of the walking path at the northeast part of the lake. \$60.00 was approved for a segment of fencing but that is not going to be enough for a permanent fix. This discussion does not have to happen tonight but we should explore this. Larry said we would need to figure out how to have phone taps be connected to bank accounts.

3. Welcome Committee: Coleen reported that she and Lorna went to Tom and Jeanette Eilers at 34386 Lakeside Dr and dropped off a Welcome Bag. Another new resident family is Mary Beth and Todd at 34335 Circle; she was able to meet them and drop off a bag. Marilyn was contacted by potential owner's attorney regarding dues for a property on Hickory that was under contract. She updated them about dues and other things.
4. Additional Information: Larry reported that his daughter Kate Wicklander is selling her pontoon boat and pier arrangement; contact either of them for more information.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Linda at 7:31 and seconded by Larry. The motion carried.

Foundation meeting was opened by Joe at 7:31PM. There were no changes in the attendance roster, there were no new issues up for discussion and the financial report was unchanged from that of the Association meeting. John moved to adjourn the Foundation meeting at 7:32 PM, Coleen seconded. The motion carried.