

## Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, March 15, 2021

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This zoom meeting (to comply with state mandated social distancing) was called to order by Joe Bigalke at 7:00 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Wegge, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg, Casey Bloomer, Lorna Denig and Ron Mittlestaedt. Members of the community present included Linda Kuntner, Ann Bidwell, Jenny Harrington, Cathy DeGroh and the Lehmans. Lily pads were added to the agenda under Lake Health. Marilyn moved to approve remote voting, Lorna seconded. The motion carried. Regarding comments from residents, Jenny asked if a sidewalk from Oak to North Circle on Hainesville had been considered. This would make a walk around the Lake much safer. It was noted that Avon Township may be able to help with that. It was suggested that we wait to discuss this at the next meeting to find out what knowledge Larry Leafblad might have on this subject. Joe thought that if we contacted the Township, they may be able to help us figure out how to proceed with this. Linda moved to approve minutes from last month's meeting; John seconded. The motion carried.

**New Board Members:** Coleen mentioned that she has spoken to Todd and/or Mary Beth, new residents near Downey Park when dropping off welcome bags; they expressed a possible interest in joining the Board. She said she would follow up with them once the weather improves.

**Avon Township Supervisor Candidate Forum:** Thanks to Ann and her efforts to set it up; technical problems prevented its occurrence. Both candidates have agreed to answer our questions in a written format.

**Lake Health:** Regarding fish structures, Ron has not made them up yet. John is getting numbers together for the zebra mussel treatment this year. He is working with various groups and individuals to finalize plans. McCloud will apply the EarthTec QZ for the same price as last year. He will have more information to present at the next meeting, along with the Lake treatment budget. He also hopes to secure grant money to cover some of the costs. Regarding Eurasian water milfoil and lily pads, John hopes to assess what types of plants are growing at this time this weekend. Regarding lily pads, treatment costs were obtained last year. Treatment should concentrate where the largest growth is but not to eliminate all. Linda suggests we post on Face Book or the website information about how projects or problems are being addressed to keep everyone up to speed. Lily pads were last treated in 2019. Joe mentioned that the white ones are invasive and some areas protect yellow ones. He said they can also be removed by dragging a dredging rake along the lake bottom using a boat. It rips them up by the roots. John said he would get a price from McCloud and Dave Coulter for getting some of the clusters thinned out. A discussion of fish stocking occurred; species, prices and how much money we have to spend. It will go on the agenda for next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Foundation reconciled balance is \$17,411.07; the Association account has \$22,308.07 for a total in both accounts of \$39,719.14. We have collected \$12,165.00 for this year. \$975.00 was donated as extra towards special areas (ie fish stocking, parks). The only expenses we've had so far this year is cost of getting the dues letter out. Linda asks that people submit projected expenses to her so she can get a budget together for the next meeting. John voiced concern that it seems like contributions are down this year. Linda mailed out letters to everyone; she wondered if the

pandemic is affecting dues payments. Jenny Harrington suggests we come up with a way for people to pay online. Linda sent in paperwork to the State regarding our NFP status in hopes of being able to avoid paying sales tax but we were denied. She said that working with the State is very difficult right now because of Covid; you can't reach many and it takes a long time to get routine transactions completed. Lorna moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Marilyn seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood: John looked into the 911 program that Larry mentioned at the last meeting; our area is not being covered for this yet. Regarding the directory, Joe asked if the harassing phone calls have stopped since the directory was removed from the website. Coleen said she removed the directory immediately when the calls started but they continued. Most likely the person downloaded the information. Regarding pontoons, Marilyn reported that respondents to the email blast soliciting feedback about boat mooring were against it. It was suggested that owners of large boats find docking areas before bringing their boat in. Colleen remarked that the posted rules and regulations do not match the signs posted in the parks and access lanes regarding boat parking/usage. Marilyn said she would revise the rules to match the signs. Ron is concerned that the condition of the docks is dangerous and unsafe. John moved that the docks be removed from the access lanes, Casey seconded. The motion carried. Casey noted that if the docks are removed that something else needs to be put in (like stairs) so the water can be accessed. Joe said that would be cost prohibitive. Coleen said that Jason, who just moved in across from Downey Park, offered to work on the access lanes to get the water accessible. She will talk to him about it.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John at 7:47 PM and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

Foundation meeting was opened by Joe at 7:47 PM. There were no changes in the attendance roster, and the financial report was unchanged from that of the Association meeting. John moved to adjourn the Foundation meeting at 7:48 PM, Linda seconded. The motion carried.