

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, April 19, 2021

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, Larry Leafblad, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg, Casey Bloomer, and Lorna Denig. Members of the community present included Linda Kuntner, Ann Bidwell, Jenny Harrington, Rose Bloomer, Mandy, and Art Rosiles. Linda moved to approve remote voting, Casey seconded. The motion carried. Regarding items to be added to the agenda, John asked about the possibility of resuming in person meetings. There were people present that were not comfortable with this yet. We may make the May meeting hybrid. Regarding comments from residents, there were none. Joe thanked Ann and Linda K for their work on the Avon Twp Candidate's forum. Linda moved to approve minutes from last month's meeting; Casey seconded. The motion carried.

New Board Members: Jenny was asked if she would consider becoming a Board member; she said she'd think about it.

Lake Health: Coleen asked John if he got any information from Ron Mittlestaedt regarding fish structures. She said it was a plan to stock 1,180 hybrid sunfish, 2-3 inches long this spring from Richmond Fishery. They are requesting approval to spend \$1,120 to do that. They are not the ones that eat ZMs. Coleen moved to approve spending \$1,120 to stock these fish. Casey seconded. The motion carried. Coleen said more stocking will take place in the fall. Joe stated that the muskies will most likely eat a lot of the smaller fish. Marilyn asked if Ron was working with Marc Rosemeyer on the fish stocking, Coleen said he was using past orders that Marc placed. Coleen thinks there is a \$1,540 balance in the fish stocking money. Regarding Eurasian water milfoil, John reports we will treat 10 acres this year. There is \$500 in the budget for lily pads that wasn't used last year. John asked Larry to come up with a plan. Regarding zebra mussels, we saw juvenile ZMs at the end of the season after treatment. This year we will extend the treatment time. John said we need 9 barrels of Earthtec QZ which will increase the cost to \$7,600, and we need to add a 4th treatment by McCloud to total the application cost to \$3,000. Last year our total treatment cost was \$8,200; this year it will be \$10,650. We would pay 3 interns \$13 per hour for 40 hours each to equal \$1,560 to monitor the traps, and \$1,500 to Jim Bland the EPA expert for his work on this project to collect and analyze data. The monitoring devices would be \$200.00 to replace. Further necessity vs ideal desires totals were listed. The ultimate budget totals John presented to Linda were \$11,900 on the low end and \$17,700 on the high end. John offered to answer any questions about this later. Linda asked if there was any grant money available. John is exploring various options. He has also spoken to our State Representative who has agreed to look into available moneys through County, Schools or our Foundation funds. He hopes to hear back on this by the next meeting; hopefully we will see grant money funding part, if not all of this. Joe suggested we also ask our new Avon Twp representative Michelle Bauman if there is any way she can help us with this. John suggested that he and Joe set up a call with her ahead of time to approach her on this.

Treasurer's Report: John asked Linda if she received his proposal for money for the Parks and raft to be added to this year's budget; she stated she had. Ron Mittlestaedt has asked for \$500.00 for fish stocking. Regarding the Treasurer's report, Linda stated that the Association account has a total of

\$23,188.07; the Foundation account has \$17,761.07, to total \$40,949.14. Regarding dues collected was \$6,715.00 for the Foundation, \$7,655.00 for the Association to total \$14,370.00 so far this year. We are in exact balance. There are still quite a few residents that haven't paid dues yet. Marilyn moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Casey seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood: Regarding the raft, John has requested \$300.00 for paint and possible box for a phone and solar panel to power it. Raft readiness project is to occur the first and second Saturdays in May. Launch will be the first good day after that; Linda and Bob have offered their boat to get it out there. Regarding Carp Fest, Coleen reported that they are planning to have it this year May 28 through May 31, with a possible social distance gathering at the Park depending on Covid conditions at the end. It won't be the same event with games and prizes as in past years but will focus on getting the carp out of the Lake. Regarding the Resident Directory, removal from the website was necessary secondary to recent malicious use and harassment of residents. There still needs to be a way for us to get in touch with each other. Coleen stated that the resident contact information was recently updated by Maggie Keefe and sent to Linda Wegge. John suggested a directory with resident's express consent for listing of their contact info on the website. Coleen expressed doubt that the possibility of reaching all residents for their permission was feasible. Marilyn suggested the resident contact information be distributed to Board members. If resident contact info is needed, one can obtain it from a Board member. John suggested we table this topic until the next meeting. Regarding pontoon boat mooring plans, John stated that 5-6 boats have come in to the Lake; he has signed them all in. Linda stated that she has quite a bit of landscaping materials left over from her renovation project that she is willing to donate to the Association. John said he would look at it.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John at 7:40 PM and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

Foundation meeting was opened by Joe at 7:40 PM. There were no changes in the attendance roster, and the financial report was unchanged from that of the Association meeting. Joe asked that we think about the pathway; he counted 58 fence panels that need to be replaced. We are going to need to spend some money there; let's see if we can get the Township involve. John moved to adjourn the Foundation meeting at 7:40 PM, Linda seconded. The motion carried.

