

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, August 17, 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, Larry Leafblad, and Casey Bloomer. Members of the community present included Cynthia and Jim Lehman, Linda Kuntner, Gregg Denig, and Don and Nancy Dorsch. Regarding items to be added to the agenda, John requested that we add payment approval to the Treasurer's report for hours for James Kennedy (5 hours = \$50.00). James will also have a concert on 8/29 at 4PM with his band. More info will follow. Motion to approve the agenda was made by John and seconded by Coleen. The motion carried. John asked community members present if there were any issues they'd like to voice. Gregg asked for an update regarding the efficacy of the zebra mussel treatment. John will address this shortly. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 2020 meeting was made by Linda W and seconded by Lorna; the motion carried. Linda moved that permission be given to make and approve motions and votes by Zoom using the proper quorum, Larry seconded. The motion carried.

New Board Members: There has been no one interested in becoming a Board member.

Lake Health: John reported that the first of three treatments happened on 7/22/20. Inspections of the traps since then revealed that 65% of the zebra mussels in the traps were killed. Another treatment occurred on 8/7 showed that 41% of the remaining ZMs were killed. The question remains: what percentage of eradication will make treatment effective enough to make it worthwhile? We are halfway through the planned treatment; samples were sent which will tell us if another treatment is indicated. Linda W asked if there was a chance that they could be eradicated for good. John replied that there would need to be an ecological balance for that to happen. The treatment does not appear to harm other larger mussels (clams). There are 3 bills from McCloud submitted for payment. Third, Miltmore and Druce Lakes have also started using our monitoring traps, which may help our chances of getting grant funding. John spoke with Ron Mittlestaedt regarding fish structures; they would like to get some of these placed in the Lake. Ron will submit a proposal for money needed.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported balances of \$15,800.40 in the Association account and \$11,885.28 in the Foundation account (after the bill payments we should approve tonight). Both accounts total \$27,685.68. In the Association account we have a profit of \$1,724.00. She noted that there remains in the budget \$1,600.00 for raft maintenance, and \$750.00 for signage and property taxes, some of which has not been spent, which accounts for our profit. Linda's company is working on all of this and her plan is to give us a monthly profit at the meetings. She asked that if a resident requested a treasurer's report, is she allowed to give it. Linda Kuntner clarified that the treasurer's report used to be posted on the website when Ron Jensen was managing it but in recent months that has stopped. Linda W said the not for profit will be posted on a special website managed by the IRS. Regarding bills to be paid, there are 2 to McCloud for the ZM treatment at \$750.00 apiece, \$5,385.50 for weed management, and \$30.79 submitted by Casey for signage for Szontagh Park. Casey is managing a group of neighbors who will be building a boat storage structure and lock up, and a fire pit which should amount to about \$600.00. James Kennedy needs to be paid \$50.00 for 5 hours worked. John made a motion to pay the

aforementioned bills, Larry seconded. Coleen asked about the fact that Association money is being used to pay for a private park. Casey researched and found the only record about Szontagh stated it was for use of the use of the development east of Lakeside Dr. He states that many of these residents do not have a problem with other HL residents using the Park but there are a few that do. Discussion occurred stating the money be spent with the agreement of the Szontagh residents that all of the HL community be allowed to use the Park. Marilyn pointed out that money had already been voted on and approved to be earmarked for Szontagh improvements without demand of easing of restrictions of its use. Joe proposed that a group of longtime residents such as himself, Larry and Casey approach the few people who have objections to other residents using the Park and talk to them. Casey asked that if this is to happen it be soon; the work has been scheduled to happen already. Don Dorsch said that legally we would have to have approval of all 19 Eastlake residents for permission for other community residents to use the Park since it was deeded to all 19 of them. Casey pointed out that the tax bill is charged to the "association"; there IS no formal Eastlake resident's Association. Per Casey, the tax bill is still being sent to the brother of Bov Schror, who is deceased. Szontagh Park was formerly known as Highland Lake Heights Park. Regarding John's earlier motion to approve payment of all bills including the \$600.00 for improvements to Szontagh Park, the motion was voted down unanimously. John made a new motion to approve the \$600.00 for improvements for Szontagh Park contingent on a letter of support from the Eastlake residents that all Highland Lake residents be permitted to use Szontagh Park; Lorna seconded. Casey abstained, the motion carried. A letter will be drafted to the Eastlake residents by Joe and John regarding this change. Linda W asked that the other Board members see a draft before it is sent. Don stated that there was no insurance policy carried on that Park; neither by Eastlake group nor HLPOA. John suggested we check with HLPOA's insurance company about a rider for Szontagh. Don remarked that a policy or rider would be difficult to secure on Szontagh by HLPOA, especially because it isn't owned by us. He said we could be held liable for something we paid to have installed should someone get hurt. He said in order to protect and cover Szontagh HLPOA should take responsibility for it and cover it under our insurance policy. He said the other alternative is to close our eyes and hope nothing happens. John asked Linda W to check with Gallagher for our insurance about coverage for Szontagh. So to recap, Linda will issue a check to Casey for the \$30.79 now and we will hold off on any further money to be paid for Szontagh renovation. Marilyn moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Coleen seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood:

1. Regarding the raft: Linda W remarked that there is no light on it at night. Her husband has 3 solar lights that he could install on it. After discussion it was decided not to go this route; the raft closes at dusk and all night lighting would most likely not be accepted by residents. John reminded those present that after Labor Day, on a calm day, the raft is pulled to shore.
2. Regarding Downey Park: Marie Caviness' memorial bench has been placed and looks great. John suggested that post Covid we plan a dedication for the memorial. There is free pre split firewood available at Downey Park; come pick it up. Contact John to open the gate for you.
3. Chick Park: John called Bob Kula to request sand be put there. Larry will have a plan to present at the next meeting for improvements to be done next year.

4. Hartnett Park: Will be tabled until next month's meeting. Larry will have a walk through for Saturday, 8/29 at 9AM to assess the needs. Joe said that there are a few objects in the Lake that are causing problems with propellers; please let them know if you can help to get them out. Coleen said her husband Jim would be willing to help with that. Linda alerted us that there was a submerged pier in the Lake. John said that he and Joe would mark it and try to get it out.
5. Regarding pontoon boats: Linda reported that a letter draft was emailed to all Board members. In summary, it states that all pontoon owners need to be educated to abide by the no wake no froth rule; that a 40 foot distance needs to be kept between their boat and piers, swimmers, floating devices and smaller crafts. These rule letters should be given to boat owners in the spring when they launch at Downey; if there are any violations the boats will not be allowed to relaunch the following year. If there are any violations during the year the owner will be contacted by one of the pontoon group by letter. John recommended that the letter state that despite of the 36 volt ruling made by the judge, up to 48 volt motors be allowed as long as the owners sign off that they will adhere strictly to the rules set forth. He made a motion to allow this if they sign off on the rules. Linda stated that Bob Slipke as the Pontoon Chair would handle any disputes, pointing out that the owner had signed off on the rules. Don was reluctant to allow in writing the 48 volt motors since the 36 volt was what the judge approved. John countered with the fact that the ruling said trolling motor and no wake. Don didn't want to have it in writing that 48 volts was permitted. Coleen suggested the 48 volts motors be grandfathered in. John suggested we keep 36 volt in the letter but ignore 48 when they come through; that as long as they acknowledge or sign off on the letter they be allowed to launch. For any new boats that come in with higher than 36 volts they will need to remove some. The only 48 volt motors will be the current ones that are grandfathered in. Linda said she would talk to Verne at Ahlstrand about our rules so that no further boats would be sold with higher voltage. John suggested we send him another formal letter. Marilyn said that we would need to alert the HL community somehow that 36 volt motors are the limit for any people considering the purchase of a pontoon. Don said we should send out an email to all pontoon owners reiterating the 36 V limit. Casey said we need to do a better job of getting these rules out to people before they buy a boat. John said that the court ruling is posted on the website; Casey felt that people wouldn't see that prior to their purchase. Coleen moved that the letter submitted to pontoon owners retain the 36 volt limit, John seconded. The motion carried. Next, Marilyn asked those present to consider options as to where residents without lakefront property could dock their boats. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
6. Highland-Lake.com website domain was instituted by Linda Dowling per Mail Chimp only. Do we want to keep it? It would cost \$12.00 a year to maintain it. John moved to keep and maintain Highland-Lake.com website, Linda seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Association meeting was made at 8:30 PM by John and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

HLPOA Foundation Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM with the same members present. Treasurer's report was without changes. Motion to adjourn the Foundation meeting was made by John and seconded by Linda at 8:31 PM. The motion carried.