

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Director's Meeting, January 15, 2018

This meeting was called to order by Executive Vice President Larry Leafblad at 7:05 PM. Members present were Cindy Mittlestaedt, Marilyn Henry, Lorna Denig, John Sonnenberg, Maggie Keefe, and Colleen Benzo. Community members present were Greg Denig, Trisha Steele, Marc Rosemeyer, and Ron Jensen. Approval of the November 2017 minutes will occur at the next meeting where a quorum is reached.

Jeff Werfel, Lake County Board: Larry began by saying that he has noticed that the County Buildings Department has been addressing the problem with homeowners who collect multiple vehicles on their property by issuing warnings. He introduced Jeff Werfel, who went on to say that he had the inspectors look at two properties on Hainesville Rd in particular; one of them has fixed the problem and he asked for feedback regarding the status of the other. He asked if Highland Lake has rules about such issues; Larry replied that we have lifted ours out of the County's regulations. Jeff said he has the exact language regarding rules of vehicle collection that he will forward on to Larry, who in turn said he would pass this along to the other board members. Larry mentioned that our bylaws need to be revised and posted. Jeff then asked those present for feedback about the finished Washington St expansion project. He mentioned that Washington St from here to Waukegan is part of the Passageway system that has the traffic lights synchronized. He stated that they will be voting on decreasing the speed limit on Washington St east of Hainesville Rd to Lakeside Ave to 35 mph. Larry mentioned that some new street signs on Washington St are not labeled properly. Jeff can get the signs changed. Trisha mentioned the fact that the water outflow is different after construction completion. She said that when the Lake level rises and leaves are blocking the outflow screen the water goes under her house. She cleans the leaves out herself, as does Marc and Bob Kula's team. John said that there are signs on Hainesville Rd that are marked "North Circle Dr", however the north sign in question is marked East Indian Trail on Google Maps and the Lake County map system. He asked that, should there be a Hainesville Rd expansion project, a way should be included to facilitate a left (southbound) turn from North Circle Dr. John also asked about the choice of design of the walls going under the tracks on Washington St. Jeff replied that it was chosen by Grayslake, who contributed money to the project. John wanted to applaud Alana from the Lake County Health Department for the help she has given us in planning our lake treatments.

Eskimos on Ice: Ron Jensen reported that it will be on January 27th, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and January 28th from 7:00 to noon, at which time all will meet at Chick Park for awarding of prizes. Anyone wishing to bring food and beverages may do so. There will be a bonfire. All fish caught must be measured with photograph and sent to website. Catch and release is encouraged (all musky must be released). Extra money earned will be put towards fish stocking. Ron brought the trophy for longest fish to show us. He is confident the ice will be thick enough to support the event. We have about \$2,300.00 in the fish stocking account. Marc needs to know the exact amount so he can contact the fish vendors. Ron will send out a blast regarding safety issues for the event. Ron is getting plans together for this spring's Carp Fest. He will also take care of getting URL through Go Daddy renewed and paid for. It should be \$75 to \$85 for 5 years. He'll send the invoice to Linda Kuntner.

Lake Avenue Habitat Restoration: Kate updated us on the work she has done in researching how to begin. We need to start with a plan about what we have, what we want and how to maintain it. We need to have a map of everything we already have. She feels it would be worth our while to have a professional do our plan, and go with low maintenance native plants. Larry asked Jeff to facilitate a meeting between Trish and someone from the Forest Preserve Department for some ideas. So far there is no money budgeted for this.

Lake Health: John is getting estimates from 3 different companies, including the one who did the treatment last year. He is asking them for quotes for spot treatments of milfoil and lily pads. It should be well under the budget set at \$14,000.00. John and Mike will reach out to the County, and with their help do the survey this year, to save us \$1200.00.

Treasure's Report: Linda submitted her report by email as she was unable to attend this meeting. John summarized it. We were about \$474.00 off of our revenue goal and \$4,000.00 under projected expenditures. No fish stocking was done last year and we spent less on the lake treatment than anticipated. He feels we should be tracking our in-kind contributions (such as Lakes Disposal doing free garbage pickup for events). The line items budget totals will be cleaned up and discussed at the next meeting for approval. Trish again voiced concern that the fish we're stocking are ending up on the golf course due to fluctuating water levels. We had approved \$4,000.00 for raft renovations; we've gotten \$750.00 so far. Larry suggested we issue new ID bands for those using the raft and increase the price to \$10.00. The budget needs to be discussed and approved at the next meeting. Marilyn received an ad from an HVAC company asking that it be posted on our community board. She asked if we were still putting ads on our website. She and Larry will discuss this before the next meeting. John observed that it remains to be seen how the new tax laws will affect donations to the Foundation. He said the staff at the County Treasury Department did an outstanding job dealing with the crowds of people wanting to pay their taxes early.

Sense of Neighborhood: Maggie distributed to those present tickets for the Italian Dinner and flyers for it to be sold and delivered, respectively. Child age is 12 and under. Maggie asked if anyone had capability on their phone to accept PayPal payments. John said he would talk to Ron about getting this set up.

HLPO Foundation: Larry asked those present to think about ways to set up acceptance of legacy gifts.