

**The Highland Lake Property Owners
Association (HLPOA) Minutes**
Monthly Board Meeting, May 16, 2022

Call to Order

The Association Annual meeting was called to order by Linda Wegge, President at 7:00 pm. Requested that all attendees sign in. Zoom functional.

Roll

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Linda Wegge, Ron Mittlestaedt, Cathy de Groh, Laura Drummond, David Oswald, Joe Bigalke, Sharon Schwaba, Trisha Steele, Larry Leafblad, Lorna Denig, Vicky Kennedy
via zoom

General Membership and Guests in Attendance:

Enid Anton, Jian Lucien, Patrick Herendea, Linda Kuntner, Adrienne Fosberg, Jan Katien, John Sonnenberg, Andy Havely

Approval of recording and remote voting via zoom.

Comments from Residents

It was reported that the book library on W. Lake has been fully repaired with plexiglass.

A resident raised concern over parking and late day use of Chic Park and noted that a temporary toilet may have been brought in. Residents reminded to contact Lake County Sheriff to report activities continuing later than 10pm.

David Oswald proposed that concerns from audience run 3 minutes and then be added to next meeting agenda so proper discussion and resolution can take place.

Request for items to be added to agenda

None

Lake Management

Due to personal commitments, John Sonnenberg requested that he be moved earlier in agenda and presented extensive report*:

Raft: Very little damage over winter. Storage remains a concern and this summer options will be explored.

Stocking: Should be done as in past by raising funds from events.

Parks: Improvements underway but biggest issue is repair/replace all docks by next spring.

Lake Junk: Successful removal of a lot when water was low last year but hopefully more will be removed later this summer.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM): Infestation has been managed but monitoring continues. Please budget for another 10 acres this year but may not use funds. Possible treatment will be determined later in the summer.

Lily Pads: Continue to be problem and will have better understanding further into growing season and will make determination at that time.

Zebra Mussels: Project has grown rapidly expanding to other area lakes and concerns were raised over the program operating for other lakes through the HLPOA. Since the actual legislation that funds the research and education project was specifically to fund the Lake County Zebra Mussel Project, a separate foundation (Lake County Zebra Mussel Foundation or LCZMF) has been established to channel these funds. HLPOA anticipated cost for 2022 season is estimated at \$13,000 with hopes of \$3,000 from Avon Twsp reducing net cost to \$10,000.

*Complete report can be viewed on website

Vice President's Report

Laura Drummond: She created budget format with proposed expenditures and Trisha Steele added actual available dollars. Some items were cut due to lack of funds. Laura noted monetary reserve was added and that budget was balanced.

Lake Health

Ron Middlestaedt: Most lake health items had already been included in John's report but added that no new beaver activity found at inlet. It was also noted that there was a dead beaver on the side of Washington.

Avon Township is working on sinking cement at outlet.

Fiscal Responsibility

Treasurer's Report

Trisha Steele: Szontag Park removed from budget and funds added to Downey Park. Hartnet is owned by HLPOA but surrounding 12 houses of subdivision need to approve any changes/construction unanimously. After minor changes, budget* is approved.

Approval of bills:

1. Lake County Collector \$12 property taxes (covers three drainage properties)
2. Professional Insurance Agency \$5,150 (July 31, 2022 to July 31, 2023)

Discussion regarding payment to John Sonnenberg for Downey Park repairs with had gone over budget. Linda Wegge donates \$200 to cover these expenses and payment approved.

Linda Wegge proposed Jim Harman from McGee & Hartman in Round Lake to be used as Attorney for Association if needed. He would be \$300/hr for consultations. Discussion tabled at this time.

Community

Cathy de Groh presented motion and board approved establishing standing committees to be chaired by at least one board member with at least two community members:

Lake Health: Weed control, fish stocking, ecological balance, lake management, inlet, outlet (Ron)

Fiscal Responsibility: Bank accounts, budget, bills payable, membership dues/list (Trisha)

Communications: Website, Facebook page, mailing list, signage, email notices, directory (Lorna & David)

Community: Raft, parks, events, cleanups, neighbor relations, community cohesiveness (Cathy & Sharon)

Rules and Enforcement: County violations, raft wristbands, boat stickers, boat launching, motors, park hours & rules (Laura)

Trisha Steele presented and board approved motion regarding 48-V trolling motor owners for 2022:

- A) The restrictions on launching boats with a motor that is greater than a single 36-volt electric trolling motor be temporarily waived for the four current owners of single 48-volt electric trolling motors who had been previously allowed by the HLPOA Board to launch their boats on Highland, and
- B) The Board will form a committee to actively address Highland Lake Property Owners' concerns regarding boats with greater than a single 36-volt electric trolling motor, including the formation of a Water Safety Committee.

Communications

Website updates needed.

Welcome new residents Michael & Tiffany Weidners (W. Wilmar on east side of the lake)

Rules & Regs

Better notes regarding water and boat (fishing, pontoons, catamarans, sailboats) rules/safety should be added online:

- No wake
- Tranquility
- No pollution
- Noise
- Environment

You-Tube DNR boating safety video recommended.

Motion to adjourn Annual meeting made by Linda Wegge, 2nd by Sharon Schwaba. All aye.

*Copy of budget on website