

## HLPOA Board Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2024

Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes: By President Ann Bidwell at 7:00 PM; Board members present in person were Pat Herendeen (VP), Gregg Denig (Treasurer), Marilyn Henry (Secretary), Trisha Steele, Luke Jian, Bob Slipke, and Joe Yovino. Hans Kribbel was absent. Meeting was announced as being recorded without objection raised. Community members present were Andy Havelly handling audio-visual, Linda Kuntner, Linda Wegge, Lorna Denig, Joe Bigalke, David Oswald, Ed Venner, Alice Leafblad, and Rocky and Hank Fischer. Minutes of April 2024 were reviewed. They were approved as distributed,

Treasurer's Report: Gregg reported the month of April started with a balance of \$42,866. Expenditures totaled \$957; there was \$202 in contributions, none of which was dues. April's ending balance was \$42,112. \$13 was used for boat stickers. For removal of buckthorn and brush \$332 was spent on Downey Park and \$200 on the Lake St access lane. \$224 was spent to print the April newsletter and \$144 for the HL Community website annual renewal fee. \$33 was spent for the 2023 Federal tax payment and \$11 for the IL State tax payment. Gregg continues to have difficulties with the bank setting up the Zelle account but is still working on that. The account address is [hlpoa.zelle@gmail.com](mailto:hlpoa.zelle@gmail.com). Regarding payables, motion to approve payment to Ron Jensen \$300 for Carp Fest prizes, \$125 for sand to be placed at Chic, Downey and Szontagh Parks, \$12 for the property tax bills for the common access areas for the year, and \$1,100 for removal of 3 diseased trees and brush at Chic Park was made by Bob and seconded by Marilyn. The motion carried. Our insurance policy is up for renewal soon. Possible changes were discussed. Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.

Special Presentation: Rocky Fischer, grandson of Larry Leafblad, did a presentation about his grandfather's life accomplishments and work for the good of Lake County and the Highland Lake community. He asked that his proposal to change the name of Chic Park to Larry Leafblad Park be considered. Steps toward exploring feasibility of this were discussed.

Old Business: Regarding the Hartnett Park shoreline project, obstacles to park access have come up. Short term storage of 21 tons of limestone near Hartnett Park is needed and there is a neighbor who is willing to offer it. Ann will speak to the contractor about how property damage will be addressed if it happens. Trisha moved we work with the contractor and/or insurance company to assure liability/coverage and to compensate the homeowner \$100 per day up to 5 days for stone storage, Joe seconded. The motion carried. Regarding the HL water project, the Dept of Public Works has secured private land for the water tank off Lakeside Dr; construction commencement date is uncertain. Regarding the Day of Beautification, the raft was brought out and a description of all accomplishments was given. Joe reported on the boat identification project. Ways of approaching people in unmarked boats were discussed. Regarding the Trash Walk, Ann reported that it was mostly Board members that showed up; next year we need to alert the community sooner. Re the aquatic plant survey, Luke remarked that zebra mussels are noted the raft chain. Re Carp Fest, Luke reported that everything is ready to go. Electrofishing (Carp Fest 2) to eliminate more carp is being considered.

New Business: Regarding the access lanes, clean up was done but shorelines and piers need to be addressed. Regarding community listings, Ann suggested consolidating the multiple community resident contact info lists; ways of getting this done were discussed. Regarding a routine meeting motion, Marilyn suggested it could be eliminated through an update in the Bylaws. A question was raised about having the Bylaws examined by an attorney. No determination was made about this. The Cicada Challenge will be moved to next month secondary to the absence of them so far. Ron J may also plan a Carp Tasting after the Fest, TBD.

Committee Reports: The Social Committee is planning one large event and possibly more smaller ones. Regarding Lake Health, concerns were voiced about the proliferation of weeds, algae and zebra mussels noted. Pat stated that there was a scheduled aquatic plant survey occurring in the middle of the summer. He was advised that this would be the time to get the best picture of the native and invasive plants in the lake. Concerns were voiced by some present that this would be too late to avoid an overgrowth. The Lake County Dept of Health and ILMA are available to us for advice on how to manage these issues. Regarding pontoons, owners need to be notified about regulations for launching and removal of boats ahead of time. Boat owners need to be referred to the rules and regulations posted on the website. Handing out printed copies may be helpful.

Community Comments: A result of the fish study was requested; it was posted on the website and distributed in the newsletter. Interns were not covered by insurance to be involved in the fish study. Questions about Hartnett Park were asked in absentia by a resident. The resident was asked to call Ann for clarification.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:22 PM by Trisha and seconded by Bob; the motion carried.

Submitted by: Marilyn Henry