

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Director's Meeting, May 16, 2016

This meeting was called to order by President Mike Kalstrup at 7:00 PM. Members present were Larry Leafblad, Lorna Denig, Marilyn Henry, Kale Wyngarden, Cindy Mittlstaedt, Dennis Grube, Kate Johnson, Dave Coulter, John Sonnenberg, and Maggie Keefe.

Community members present that signed the attendance log were Terri Wilcox, Rita and Jim Hodge, Gregg Denig, Debbie Vanderborg, John and Debi Hall, Fred Leutowicz, Bob and Anita Miller, Tom and Karlene Runge, Rachel Bird, Cynthia and Jim Lenon, Jeanette Bartoli, Linda Dvorscak, Paul Sherling, Skip Runyon, and Linda Kuntner. Also present were Keith Kaiser, Kevin Harris and Roman Buffer from the Lake County Sheriff's Department and Jeff Werfel, Lake County Board Member, District 6.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Larry to approve them, seconded by Kale. The motion carried.

Items to be added to the agenda: Larry wanted to add signs, the raft, Lake Ave clean up, volunteer for mowing, and Carp Fest. There were no other requests for additions.

Public comments: Enid commended Larry for his continued requests that residents call Sheriff's Dept for any concerns.

Recent Break-ins: Larry introduced Jeff Werfel, Lake County Board Representative for District 6 (Highland Lake). He asked the members of the Sheriff's Department to make their presentation and open up the floor to questions. He would also like to propose a meeting on June 11 to establish a neighborhood watch program. Roman Buffer (sp?) encouraged transparencies among us, that we identify our needs and that they discuss with us what we can reasonably expect from them. The general population outnumbers the police by 600/1. He encourages phone calls for suspicious activity, people or vehicles. He says that for watch programs to work, you need to keep up communication even if things get better. Kevin Harris, detective assigned to our issues, introduced himself and discussed the burglaries. He said they are aware of our occurrences but we most likely will not be getting follow up calls from them. The video footage offered to them was inconclusive for now but could be helpful later on if something else happens. They also recovered foot wear impressions. 2 people were arrested in Round Lake Beach but nothing was recovered from our break-ins. They have increased patrols in our areas, and supervisors have sat here in unmarked cars for several hours. Keith Kaiser, the evening shift officer, said the important thing is to call right away; do not wait. He explained their triage process. Keep lights on and get a security sign or stickers. Videos are not always helpful. If you do have videos, make the setting higher and you will get a better picture but less footage. Most are crimes of opportunity. Lock doors and cars, hide items in your car. Bob Kula from Avon Township is looking into streetlights. Per police, be a good witness and call; do not approach offenders. Motion lights do not work effectively. The non emergency number is 847-549-5200, otherwise call 911. To set up a neighborhood watch (public safety) program a block captain is designated and that person acts as a liaison with the Sheriff's Dept. That is not to say that the block captain is the only one who can call; every person witnessing a problem should call the sheriff. Web pages can then be set up to disseminate information to the community. New residents need to be brought on board. We will then meet with the Sheriff's Dept quarterly.

Additional information: Larry passed out a Consumer Reports article that describes light bulbs and garage doors you can program from your cell phone. Also everyone will need a wristband to use the raft. Get them from your shore rep. Larry talked about Carp Fest that will culminate on Memorial Day in Downey Park.

Boat Storage and access: John is putting another boat storage area at Downey. Possibilities are being explored with Munson Marine to launch our boats in 2 days in the spring and pull them out in 2 days in the fall. Kate and Marilyn will work with Mike on public education regarding zebra mussels; they have 3 pieces of information that may help get the word out.

Lakeside Ave yard waste and other issues: on the S curve; Larry left 2 messages for the owner of the property that hasn't been answered yet. He spoke to Avon Township, Round Lake Park and interested neighbors about the mess on Lake Ave; June 18 will start the cleanup process. Meet there if you'd like to help. The time is TBD. Larry would like a donated old lawnmower to take care of the grass at Hainesville and Lake Ave. We have received 12 new signs from a sign company in exchange for dues payment. Dave reported that the outflow grate is being kept free of debris daily by the Avon Twp roads group. There will be a lock put on it to avoid it being moved and disturbing the level of flow. Washington Street project issues are being handled well with calls to the Lake County Transportation head and the project manager. A Lakeside Dr resident said that the crews are parking their cars on Lakeside close to Washington and obstructing view to traffic. Jeff said he would take care of it. He also said there is going to be an open house regarding a project to be happening on Rtes 83 and 137 at the Round Lake Beach Civic Center on Tuesday, May 24 from 4PM to 7PM. Cathy DeGroh said that you can sign up for Jeff Werfel's updates and Washington St project updates. Updating of the rules on the website is being worked on by Larry and Maggie. They are hoping to be done next month.

Lake Health: Last year 41 acres were treated; this year it will be 18 acres. The survey was done. The chemicals have been ordered and we are hoping to have it done soon. The water is very clear right now. We are hoping to eliminate the mapping fee if we can do our own mapping. The increase in shoreline vegetation on the map is actually desirable plants.

Treasurer's report: Darren sent reports and notes in his absence. The only change from last meeting was a payment to Clarke through the Foundation for \$995.00. There will be several checks to deposit from Carp Fest. He sent out reminders to residents who have paid dues in the past but haven't paid this year. No money submitted so far. Approval will be needed to reimburse Brett Eagen \$227.37 for dock work in Downey Park. We only budgeted \$250.00 for park in the association budget, of which \$175.00 was spent for the tree removal in Chic Park. We have collected \$340.00 towards park improvements in the Foundation this year. Regarding parks, the Foundation has collected \$85.00 earmarked for Szontag Park, which we do not control. Perhaps someone will work on this and we can help with this money. (This remained unresolved). Darren also thanked John and Beth S for stepping up to take care of Downey Park, and Diane Kula for years of tending of the flower beds. So the only thing taken from the Association account was \$65.00 for the signs. Motion made to approve this was made by Kate and seconded by Kale. The motion carried. Motion made by Larry to approve entire Treasurer's report and seconded by Lorna. The motion carried.

Sense of neighborhood: Emails being opened by residents; this issue was tabled.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry and seconded by Lorna at 8:25 PM. The motion carried.

The meeting of the HLPOA Foundation was called to order by Mike at 8:25 PM. Roll call as taken at previous meeting; same members were present. The treasurer's report, see above. Kale identified that the pier at Lake Ave is in bad shape and needs to be addressed. Mike said the retaining wall at Cedar Ln was also bad. Kale will look at putting a plan together. If anyone has suggestions for rules please contact Larry or Maggie. They are only in place via other bodies of government, ie, the county. All boats should have IL boat stamps as well as HL sticker. Motion to approve payment to Clarke of \$995.00 and to B Eagen of \$277.37 was made by John and seconded by Marilyn. The motion carried. Motion to adjourn was made by Larry and seconded by John at 8:30 PM; the motion carried.