

## Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Director's Meeting, June 20, 2016

This meeting was called to order by President Mike Kalstrup at 7:00 PM. Members present were Darren Rubach, Lorna Denig, Marilyn Henry, Joe Bigalke, Cindy Mittlestaedt, Dennis Grube, Dave Coulter, John Sonnenberg, and Maggie Keefe. Community members present were Marc Rosemeyer, Gregg Denig, Adrienne Fosberg, and new residents Matt and Itzel Carlson.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Darren to approve them, seconded by Dennis. The motion carried.

Items to add to agenda: Darren requested board approval for payment of a few invoices during the financial report.

Public comments: Marc commented that he saw kids swimming in dangerous conditions trying to retrieve a float, using overall poor judgment. Cindy said that there have been times when people have needed to be rescued. All present were encouraged to monitor raft activity and check wristbands. There has also been damage to the raft ladder. There was rust and bending. Marc repaired it. Then Adrienne stated that a motorized pontoon came dangerously close to a group of children that were playing in the water by her shore. She requested a note be placed in the newsletter that boat traffic be aware of swimmers and stay further out when they are present. She also asked about the weeds near her shore that are getting worse every year. Mike said it is pond weed; the primary target for our weed treatment this year was Eurasian Milfoil Weed. He said up until now it hasn't been treated in order to conserve money. He said next year we can look at the maps and treat some of the larger beds. Darren noted that we don't want to kill all of it; there will then be a proliferation of algae blooms. Marc stated that the water is clearer than it has been in years. Discussion ensued about this season's weed treatment and goals. Joe stated that the weed amount and water condition changes from year to year. Mike told Adrienne he would go to her area and check it out.

Boat Storage and lake access: Mike and Kale worked on the Hickory access because it was so dangerous. Dennis felt that the cost to remove the dead tree there was high (\$700.00). Mike invited others to get different estimates as the work hasn't been done yet. Dennis suggested that we get someone to drop the tree and that we could chop it up and use it. Mike said it is very tall and leaning towards a house, we need to get a professional to get it down because of its proximity to buildings. Since the tree is dead, and we are aware of it, it is our responsibility to take it down. Mike would like to keep going on clearing the access lanes. He also identified the one at Oak Ave as needing work. He would like to get that done in the fall when the weather is cooler and there are fewer insects. Mike will see if Bob Kula from Avon Twp would be willing to come by and pick up the debris after the work is done. Cedar access will be a massive project. A big part of the project is to get residents to help with the work, possibly those who live nearby.

Debris at Lake Ave: It would be easier to do this in fall or winter. This was tabled for now.

Washington St Project: Marilyn reported that the street closure scheduled for the track work has been postponed. Also, Matt Emde from Lake County and Darren Franzen the project manager have been

pretty responsive to resident needs when problems are identified. The expected completion of the project is the end of construction season this year (November).

Lake Health: Discussed earlier in the meeting. Resident education about invasive zebra mussel discussion was tabled until next meeting. There was another treatment done last Wednesday. Lake County Environmental Services is having an aquatic plant identification talk for anyone interested. John will be going.

Treasurer's report: Darren reported that \$1,365 in dues was taken in since the last meeting. This includes \$210.00 Darren paid to the tax bill. Carpfest brought in a total of \$872.37. \$310.00 of this is entry fees, which is subject to taxation. The donations made for T shirts and the Chipper raffle are not taxable and were recorded as contributions for fish stocking (\$562.37). The Carpfest "Bounty" came to \$350.00 and will be a deduction for our tax liability this year. \$5,526.15 was paid to Clarke for weed treatment. \$277.27 was paid to Brett Eagan for dock float repairs in Downey Park. \$9.00 was paid for County property taxes for Parks. Motion to approve the above was made by Mike and seconded by Maggie. The motion carried. Upcoming expenses to expect are \$700.00 for the dead ash removal and around \$5,000.00 for insurance. Motion to reimburse Marc \$80.48 for repair to the ladder on the raft was made by John and seconded by Joe. The motion carried. Cost for work done on the dock at the Hickory Fire Lane was \$348.96; John made a motion to approve payment to Mike for this and Cindy seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of neighborhood: Emails are being opened by residents 50-52% of the time; if there is something of particular interest this can increase to 60-61%. There is a problem with emails going out to Gmail accounts bouncing back or going into their spam filter. If this happens three times it will stop sending out to these accounts. Darren made a change to rectify this problem and has followed up with some of the affected people. The usage of the website has increased dramatically in the past few years. Larry has not heard from anyone wanting to institute the neighborhood watch program. There has been a lot of Sheriff presence noted recently.

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Darren at 8:05 PM. The motion carried.

The meeting of the HLPOA Foundation was called to order by Mike at 8:05 PM. Roll call as taken at previous meeting; same members were present. The treasurer's report is the same as above. John and Darren explained the Foundation to the new residents.

Motion to adjourn the Foundation meeting was made by John and seconded by Marilyn at 8:08 PM. The motion carried.