

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, June 21, 2021

This hybrid zoom/in person meeting was called to order by Joe Bigalke at 7:00 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Wegge, Larry Leafblad, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg, Casey Bloomer, Dave Colter, Ron Mittlstaedt and Lorna Denig. Members of the community present included Linda Kuntner, Ann Bidwell, Don Dorsch, Nick Sandstrom, and others present in person at the Avon Township Building. Casey moved to approve remote voting, Linda seconded. The motion carried. Motion to approve the May 2021 minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Casey. The motion carried.

Comments from Residents: Nick addressed the group regarding a proposed pier to be placed at the Hickory St access lane. A lengthy discussion ensued about overnight parking rules, safety of floating piers, sunken boats that have never been removed from the water, and liabilities, among other things. John requested that the interested parties submit the proposal in writing, and that we check on the insurance liability, look at the rules and make a motion to change rules and create new structures. He also suggested looking at Hartnett Park for mooring and launching. An email blast can be posted to fully inform other community members of these issues.

Michelle Bauman, Avon Township President: She addressed the group in person. She would like to be seen as a hands on leader and meet people in the community. The Food Pantry has moved. Please call the Township office for any help or resources needed. She went on to list other important Avon Twp leaders and responsible people. She invited us to Twp meetings. The next will be the second Tuesday in July (the second Tuesday of the month). She encouraged donations to the Food Pantry in money or unexpired food items. School supplies are also needed. John thanked her for the \$3,000.00 for the zebra mussel internship program.

Lake Health: The weeds on the east shore are very bad at this time. John has set up treatment with McCloud at the end of June or early July. Extra donations have been made for specific spot treatments. John asked for \$200.00 to pay Kelly for sample analysis of zebra mussel (to be taken from the budget "testing" line item), with this company we will develop our own local testing technique. The \$3,000.00 from the Twp will be spent to pay the interns. Casey motioned to approve the \$200.00 requested by John, Coleen seconded. The motion carried. The Lake level is extremely low; we have lost about a fifth of our water volume. Vegetation and algae growth can be expected to increase. Ron spoke about his work on fish cribs; he would like to do a fund raiser to pay for materials. He can make 3 for a hundred dollars. ZM treatment product has been ordered, the data collection plates are all deployed. Treatment method was explained. EWM is very bad everywhere this year in Lake County.

New Members: Please contact Joe if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. He is also willing to give up his role of president. New members foster new ideas.

Treasurer's Report: John moved to approve last month's Treasurer's report, Casey seconded. The motion carried. The reconciled balance for this month is \$36,488.20. We took in \$3,275.00 (\$3000.00 from Avon Twp), dues payment of \$125.00, and a donation by Scott and Angie Corde for weed control. We spent \$7,920 to Earth Science Labs for weed control. John Moved to approve the Treasurer's report,

Casey seconded. The motion carried. A request was made to Linda to bring the numbers of paid dues to the next meeting. There is no new report of the sales tax exemption yet and the 2021 budget was included with the report handout for this meeting.

Sense of Neighborhood: Carp Fest participation has been waning the past several years and needs a redesign facelift. One of the problems was the pandemic, another is the fact that there has been a gap in leadership planning. Dave spoke about the Lake Ave restoration project started a few years ago that is going to need maintenance work. John said he would talk to Avon Twp about getting help and possibly more money but feels we need to continue the work we started. He moved we approve the \$1,900.00 budgeted to spend to continue the project. He will also approach Grayslake HS Environmental Club to get help from them. John will talk to Bob Kula from Avon Twp regarding our plans and not to mow it. Coleen seconded John's earlier motion about the \$1,900.00. The motion carried. Per Larry, he has cases of old records in his possession that he would like to send to a better place. This will be tabled for now. Regarding Hainesville Rd construction project, today is the last day to submit comments/requests. We need more boat stickers and bracelets. Linda will take care of ordering them. John moved to approve spending \$200.00 for this, Casey seconded. The motion carried. Regarding Chic Park unclaimed boat, we will auction it off on Face Book. Marilyn stated that there was a plan in the works for a Fall Festival on 9/12; this was OK'd by those present. Details will follow as they are made available.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John at 8:16 PM and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

Foundation meeting was opened by Joe at 8:16 PM. There were no changes in the attendance roster, and the financial report was unchanged from that of the Association meeting. John moved to adjourn the Foundation meeting at 8:17 PM, Casey seconded. The motion carried.