

HLPOA BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2023, 7PM
AVON TOWNSHIP AND ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Bidwell at 7pm

Ann moved to install Debi Hall as HLPOA Secretary through the end of this calendar year. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 7 to 1 with Bob Slipke voting “no”.

Roll Call – Members present - Ann Bidwell, Joe Bigalke, Debi Hall, Pat Herendeen, Luke Jian (Zoom), Hans Kribbel, Bob Slipke, and Cathy deGroh. Members absent - Justin Harris and Trisha Steele

Community Members present: Donna Herendeen, Jan Katien, Adrienne Fosberg, Jim Leman, Linda Kuntner, Bruno and Katie Mangiardi, Gloria Ciaccio, and Andy Havelly (working the web interface).

Approval was given to record the meeting and to allow remote voting.

Community Comments:

- Linda Wegge asked when will the fence and pier encroaching on her property would be removed.

The May Minutes were approved as previously distributed to the Board.

May Treasurer’s Report: (Given by Ann in Trisha’s absence)

- Bills Payable: June Newsletter \$100.
- Income - \$150; Expenses - \$479.03; Bank balance \$33,513.48
- Linda Wegge (speaking for Board Member Bob Slipke) had specific questions about this report. Report approval was tabled because of Trisha’s absence. The May report will be re-visited at the July Board meeting.

Community Announcements:

- Highland Lake Oral History Project - Gloria Ciaccio described her idea to collect videos of long-term residents and their memories of living in the Highland Lake community.

Old Business:

- Lake Safety – This is very important and requires significant planning and implementation, particularly in regard to identifying owner’s boats. Boat identification procedures will be re-visited again later.
- Highland Lake Water Project - Ann is working with the County on this. Public Works has plans to put in a 100,000 tank at Hartnett Park. A large tank in a residential neighborhood is not acceptable to the Water Project Sub-committee. The County has agreed to re-visit plans with their consultants.
- Aquatic Plant Survey – Alana Bartolai (Lake County Health Department, Ecological Services) previously advised that an aquatic plant study is a good idea. Pat asked that the Board approve funds to be made available for the study. A motion was made by Pat Herendeen for \$2225 for an aquatic plant survey, for this year or next. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Hainesville Road Widening Project - This project will bring in bike and walking paths with a center left-turn lane. Added run-off from the larger roadway will drain into the Renwood Golf Course area.

- Insurance Update – Debi announced that we received the officers/directors quote, but it is still too early (as of 6/19) to have active quotes since insurance agents get quotes 30 days out from policy issue.
- Path Fence Replacement – To determine if replacement is possible, we will need to obtain quotes for possible repair and/or replacement of the fence separating Highland Lake from the English Meadows neighborhood.
- Newsletter - Three ads have been sold so far, raising over \$100. One community member has committed to a \$500 donation for newsletter support for the remainder of the year.

New Business:

- Highland Lake Records Archive Project - Donna Herendeen's committee is in the process of taking inventory of old HLPOA records and organizing them.
- Bylaws Revision – Current HLPOA Bylaws are 4 years old; it may be time to revisit and perhaps revise them.
- Shoreline Buffer Initiative - Using native grasses and plants as a buffer between the shoreline and lake helps to prevent soil erosion and the introduction of unwanted nutrients into the lake. The possibility of obtaining a grant through the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) to begin restoration work at Highland Lake was discussed.

Reports of Committees:

- Lake Health – Pat explained more about the Aquatic Plant Survey. The Fish Survey report will most likely be obtained this winter from the IDNR. No blue gill nests were noticed during the survey.
- Community – Cathy announced that the Highland Lake community picnic will be August 5 at Chic Park beginning at 4pm.
- Communications – Luke shared that Carpfest was successful, raising \$460 for fish stocking.
- Off-Shore Community – Hans stated that he has spoken to two neighbors in the Hickory access area. He is looking for manpower from nearby homeowners.

Community Comments – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Debi Hall, Secretary