

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, March 16, 2020

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Bigalke at 7:03 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Kuntner, Lorna Denig, Ron Mittlestaedt, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg, Larry Leafblad, Casey Bloomer and Dave Coulter. Three of the Board members were present by Zoom conference. Todd and James Kennedy were present from the community. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting was made by Larry and seconded by John. The motion carried.

New Board Members: John nominated James Kennedy as a Board member starting after the next meeting (April 2020), Larry seconded and the new member will be installed at the next meeting.

Lake Health: John provided handouts to those present and posted materials from the IL Lakes Management Association meeting on the Face Book page. John met with the McCloud group, who is interested in working with us on the zebra mussel research project long term, as is Alana from Lake County. He spoke with Representative Sam Yingling who said he would look into getting us some funding, although projects in Springfield have slowed down secondary to the corona virus problem. The current pricing for the total treatment the Lake Management committee would like to see done this year is \$9,000.00 for the chemicals and \$2,500.00 for each of 3 applications (\$16,500.00 total). The Eurasian water milfoil treatment will cost \$5,385.50, the treatments together totaling over 21K. Joe remarked the EWM treatment cost would depend on what weeds grow this year; John has been swimming already and can tell that a treatment will be necessary. We have budgeted only \$15,000.00 for Lake management so we are in excess of 5K short. John is hopeful we will be able to secure grant money to help with the cost, and that we could perhaps get by with only 2 weed treatments, lowering our cost. Marilyn moved to approve the EWM treatment by McCloud for \$5385.50; Larry seconded. The motion carried. At the next meeting John will bring request for budget adjustment and/or news of grant money approved for treatment of the zebra mussels. The ZM treatment will have do no harm to the fish. Regarding lily pad treatment, Dave is no longer handling that. He will bring the name of someone who can handle that along with their fee to the next meeting. Regarding the marina letters and locking down the parks, we will table that until the next meeting. Finally, John asked that in light of the schools being closed and James having free time, we hire him at \$20 per hour to set up ZM traps, do samplings needed to determine treatment, perform scanning for EWM that John has already taught him to do, scrape ZMs off the raft and possibly paint the bottom of it, among other things. If he works for less than 60 hours we will not have to do a 1099 form for him. Linda asked if it was a good idea to have a Board member being paid. John said that he would be through working for pay before he was officially instated as a Board member at April's meeting. John moved to hire James Kennedy to work during the next 3 weeks on environmental projects, not to exceed 60 hours, before he is instated as a Board member. The motion was seconded by Casey and carried after a vote.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported that in the Foundation account we currently have \$26,416.61, in the Association account we have \$19,006.43. These totals do not include contributions to the Pay Pal account, which she and Ron were able to get running again. So far this year 75 residents have made contributions (dues); last year at this time 93 had. We received a letter from the IRS requesting penalty payment for unpaid 2018 Association taxes for the amount of \$88. She spoke with Linda Slipke, CPA who

agreed to write a letter to the IRS on our behalf to lower or waive it; Linda sent them a check for \$8.01 on her recommendation. She offered to make up the difference if they are not satisfied with this. We made \$120.19 on the Italian dinner. She noticed on the website that the Ice Fishing Derby made \$140.00 but she has not received this money. Coleen said that she has it and will drop it off this week to Linda. A check was issued to John for \$25.66 for zebra mussel monitoring devices. Linda received a request from a dues payer asking for a discount for seniors on a fixed income. No determination was made on this question. Linda asked Coleen if she wanted the list of contributors for the website; Coleen replied that the previous format is no longer working and declined it. Linda mentioned as segue into the next topic that there are still residents in violation of the parking ordinance. She didn't have any luck finding the County regulations that our regulations refer to and have adopted. She wanted to alert the group to the fact that she didn't act on the issue as there are too many more pressing matters to attend to. Marilyn moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Coleen seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood: John suggested that in light of the Covid 19 pandemic, this would be a good time to update our resident contact information base. This would enable us to check on at risk residents and also facilitate them asking for help. He said we need to have a way other than address to contact people (Face Book, email, etc). Door to door is not the best way to handle this right now. Casey suggested we deliver to mail boxes by hand or PO requests for resident contact info along with emergency contact person. This could be something held by the Board only and not published on the website if preferred. John's suggestion to Larry was that instead of going door to door during this time of social distancing, he contact people by phone. Whatever gaps needing to be filled can be done so by mail. Coleen asked who would be responsible for calling emergency contacts. John noted that people may have more free time now if their work situation has been altered. Some may be able to use increases in free time to help others. Linda remarked there's a place on the portion of the letter to be returned with the dues to note contact information. Many people, particularly new residents, do not submit this information. Casey suggested a phone tree; names to be split up among the Board members. Lorna was asked if she has been distributing welcome bags. She replied in light of social distancing she has not, but also wanted to discuss what was being placed in the bags. She remarked that it was mainly just business cards. Joe suggested we talk about this via text, email or Face Book outside of this meeting. Joe would like Larry to make some calls and update the list in the interim. Joe asked Linda to get the resident list to Larry and John; they will try to clean it all up. Larry mentioned that people should be assured that they will not be bombarded with unwanted emails and calls. Regarding Park renovations, Larry reported that he'd like to get the big tree down ASAP, as well as 3-4 big dead trees on the north property line in Chic Park. The split rail fence will need to be pulled up. Griff Winter has offered to pay for a replacement for the big tree. Larry would also like to see identified the owners of the pile of boats left there. We should then remove unclaimed, unidentified boats and dispose of them. Then a rain garden can be installed. Dave got a quote from Lagunas foe \$1400 to take down the big tree and \$200 to remove the stump. Larry got an estimate for the some project that was more money. Joe said that he and others could take down the smaller trees. Larry motioned we spend \$1600 (the lowest bid) to get the large tree and stump removed; John seconded. The motion carried. Larry remarked that next year is the 20th anniversary of Hartnett Park; work needs to be done there. There is a new lock there; Joe has

the combination. Marie Caviness' bench will be discussed at the next meeting when we talk about Downey Park.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Marilyn at 7:58 PM. The motion carried.

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HLPOA Foundation Meeting was called to order at 7:58 PM with the same members present. There was no new business to report or discuss. Treasurer's report was without changes. Motion to adjourn the Foundation meeting was made by John and seconded by Marilyn at 7:59. The motion carried.