

**The Highland Lake Property Owners  
Association (HLPOA) Minutes**  
Annual Board Meeting, March 21, 2022

**Call to Order**

The Association Annual meeting was called to order by Cathy deGroh acting as pro tem President at 7:00 pm as an in person meeting pending arrival of Linda Wegge with Zoom capabilities. Requested that all attendees sign in. Linda Wegge arrived shortly after but Zoom was not functional - in person only meeting to continue.

**Roll**

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Vicky Kennedy, Ron Mittlestaedt, Cathy de Groh, Linda Wegge, David Oswald

Absent: Larry Leafblad, Lorna Derig

General Membership and Guests in Attendance:

Joe Bigalke, Trisha Steele, Sharon Schwaba, Laura Drummond, David Lenihan, Linda Kuntner, John Wasik

**Guest Speaker**

John Wasik, Lake County Board ([jwasik@lakecountyl.gov](mailto:jwasik@lakecountyl.gov) 224-406-6357)

John presented and explained new burning ordinance. Details are posted on community website.

Open discussion of east-side out of county water system and possible Federal grant assistance. He asked for the emails of impacted residents to keep them apprised of updates.

Concluded with Hainesville Rd. recreational path and possible lake impact with proposed September 2023 construction.

**Public Comment**

Regarding Northside lake water outlet crumbling, Bob Kula, Avon Township has been contacted and is being worked on.

**Board Nominations**

Current nominees: Linda Wegge, President; Laura Drummond, Vice President; Trisha Steele, Treasurer; Sharon Schwaba, Secretary.

Vicky Kennedy noted that the whole community needed to be notified of an Annual meeting. This, in addition to lack of zoom capabilities, Linda Wegge motioned that board member nominations/voting be tabled and proposed a Special Zoom meeting be held March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. This was seconded by Ron Mittlestaedt and all aye.

Motion to adjourn Annual meeting made by Linda Wegge, Seconded by David Oswald. All aye.

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Monthly Board Meeting, March 21, 2022

**Call to Order**

The Association Monthly meeting was called to order by Linda Wegge acting as pro tem President at 7:30 pm as an in person meeting with Zoom not functional.

**Roll**

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Vicky Kennedy, Ron Mittlestaedt, Cathy de Groh, Linda Wegge, David Oswald

Absent: Larry Leafblad, Lorna Derig

General Membership and Guests in Attendance:

Joe Bigalke, Trisha Steele, Sharon Schwaba, Laura Drummond, David Lenihan, Linda Kuntner

Motion to accept March 14 board minutes by Linda Wegge, seconded by David Oswald. All aye.

**Vice President's Report**

Need expense categories for Foundations vs. Community. Linda Wegge and Trisha Steele to develop list.

**Lake Health-no report**

Lake health will continue to be monitored by John Sonnenberg and reported in April.

**Fiscal Responsibility**

Treasurer's Report by Linda Wegge

In particular, dues update: \$4,600 to Foundation and \$6,712 to Association. She is going to compare to last year. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Ron Mittlestaedt, seconded by Vicky Kennedy, all aye.

Audit Update by Trisha Steele

2018-2019 completed

2020-2021 almost completed and will send once done

She emphasized that audit should be done every year and proposed an audit committee to ensure completion.

John Sonnenberg bills presented for Downey Park tabled to next monthly meeting.

2022 Budget

Only Downey curb cut (\$400), mesh (\$500) and dock (\$300) approved by motion from Vicky Kennedy, seconded by Ron Mittlestaedt, all aye except David Oswald abstained. Remaining Budget items tabled until next monthly meeting.

**Sense of Neighborhood**

Call for formation of Committees to increase and improve community involvement and communication. Suggestion made to open doors for meeting at least 15 minutes early with refreshments allowing time for informal conversation and introductions. Also proposed gathering at park for hot dog cook out and possible Venetian night to promote community involvement. It was noted that a lot of these opportunities were missed due to recent pandemic and hope is to be able to restart missed events as well as promote new ones

#### Hartness Park

Dave Coulter's park survey resulted in a \$13,000 proposal. Discussion surrounding solution to beaver infestation and tree destruction as well as shoreline restoration. Could involve CLC Agricultural Program and master gardener interested in working areas needing clean up. Bob Kula has been contacted regarding securing grant money. Policy needed for maintenance and restoration of all parks.

Monthly Meetings to be held the third Monday of each month. Cathy de Groh will check on availability of room at the library as would provide better sound, etc.

Special meeting to be held via Zoom March 28 7:00 pm to finalize board member nominations and voting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by David Oswald, seconded by Cathy de Groh, all aye.