

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, May 17, 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 Mittlestaedt and Lorna Denig. Members of the community present included Linda Kuntner, Nick Sandstrom, Rose Bloomer, Katie Mangiardi, Cathy DeGroh, Vicki Kennedy and Art Rosiles. John moved to approve remote voting, Linda seconded. The motion carried. Regarding items to be added to the agenda, there were none. Regarding comments from residents, Nick stated that all of the residents of Hickory St have agreed to put a pier straight out so that he and George Wisdom (and possibly others as well) have a place to dock their pontoons. He proposed that the pier that was removed be replaced, an extension of it made, and pontoons could be docked on the west side. The east side of the pier could be used for public access. He said that non lakefront residents pay the same dues and should have the same rights as lakefront owners. He said the Hickory residents would fund this pier. Linda W confirmed that there were multiple complaints from residents regarding the pontoon parking at the access area in question last year, and when asked for feedback about this subject earlier this year the only comments received were not in favor of this. She asked that the Board address this issue and get back to Nick by week's end. Joe asked Nick to give a proposal in writing including measurements. John said that all 3 of the piers at the access areas were removed because they were falling apart and not safe. John suggested Nick bring his proposal to Joe and Linda. Larry moved to approve minutes from last month's meeting; Linda seconded. The motion carried.

New Board Members: None have volunteered or have been nominated.

Lake Health: Regarding fish stocking, Ron is awaiting a call back with delivery date from the vendor. Regarding proposed budget for zebra mussel treatment, John stated we would ramp up our treatment efforts as well as attempt to secure grant money. He proposed an extra treatment that would cost \$2,450 for chemical and application. He would like to get 3 interns at \$13/hr; he feels we can ask the Township for 2 of the 3. He would like to get Jim Bland for \$1,500; again asking the Township to pay his fee. This year's proposed treatment will cost \$5,000 more than last year's 15 K but he's hoping to get some help through grants. Larry moved to approve the ZM treatment, Casey seconded. The motion carried. He presented the budgeted limit for spending. This year budgeted 10 acres for treatment of Eurasian water milfoil. Budget for lily pad treatment is \$500. John also submitted budgets for Parks, access lanes and the raft. A vote was taken to remove a rule that was based on the old rules. This will have to be addressed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Per Linda, dues collected so far this year is \$14,670.00. The Association account has a balance of \$23,360.07; the Foundation account has \$17,883.57 to total \$41,243.64. Linda stated there is a service charge from the bank that she is going to talk to them about removing. John moved we approve \$429.94 for raft paint by Justin Harris, Linda seconded. The motion carried. Linda will check into getting our tax exempt status after her tax crush subsidies. Ron asked that \$1,500 be budgeted annually for fish stocking. John asked him to make a motion to approve this at the next meeting.

Sense of Neighborhood: The raft has been launched. Per Ron, they are putting Carp Fest together for Memorial Day Weekend. There will be an entrance fee. John moved to approve up to \$400.00 for prize money, Casey seconded. The motion carried. Dave said that after the Lake Ave project was seeded Bob Kula was supposed to mow it. This hasn't been done secondary to the Highway Dept not having the right equipment. He has a proposal that would cost about \$2,900, including pulling weeds by hand and spot herbiciding, reseeding and mowing so that the project we started a few years back will not be lost. The next year will be \$1,500 then the following year another \$1,700. John suggested we contact the Park District and the Twp and see if they will split the bill with us 3 ways. He offered to approach them if Dave gives him the proposal. Dave said it either needs to be done in the spring or the fall. Dave suggested we just mow it to the chain link fence this year and he will get the proposal to John. Joe said that if the fencing at the path is replaced it will cost \$5,000 for materials alone. Some solutions were discussed but nothing was decided. Cathy asked about the chat items that came up during Nick's proposal. John read them off. Joe stated that anyone using the Lake should have a wristband on, as well as boat numbers.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Larry at 7:54 PM and seconded by Linda. The motion carried.

Foundation meeting was opened by Joe at 7:54 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 7:55 PM, Linda seconded. The motion carried.