

HLPOA Board Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call: By President Ann Bidwell at 7:04 PM; the meeting was conducted via Zoom, all participants were remote. Other Board members present were Pat Herendeen, Trisha Steele, Bob Slipke, Hans Kribbel, and Debi Hall. 5 were needed for a quorum. Community members present were Andy Havelly, Gregg Denig, Janet Katien, Adrienne Fosberg, Gloria Ciaccio, Linda Kuntner, Roseann Rendl and Marilyn Henry.

Approval of recording the meeting and remote voting: Motion was made by Ann and seconded by Trisha to do so. There were no objections raised.

Secretary Pro Tem Appointment: Debi's term of acceptance as Secretary expired at the end of 2023. Marilyn Henry has agreed to serve as secretary temporarily until the 2024 Board has been elected and seated. Motion to approve this appointment was made by Trisha and seconded by Pat. It was understood that this would be a non-voting position. The motion carried.

Approval of November 2023 Minutes: They were reviewed and approved with no changes requested.

Treasurer's Report: Reported by Treasurer Trisha, this includes November and December 2023. There was very little activity. In November there were 4 transactions; there were a couple of donations totaling \$270.00, and an expense of \$220.00 for a newsletter. The November ending balance was \$29,155.44. In December our beginning balance was \$29,155.44. There were 4 more transactions including revenue of a newsletter ad (\$50.00) and sale of boat numbers to David Oswald (\$10.00); there were also bank fees charged then reimbursed. The year was ended with \$29,232.94. Regarding the 2023 budget, the year started out with about \$15,025.28. Anticipated revenues were at \$14,310.00, expenses were higher at \$17,062.00. In reality, revenues turned out to be \$23,258.36 and expenses were at \$9,050.70. Some projects were put off that were budgeted for (access lane and park improvements, aquatic plant survey). Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Pat and seconded by Bob; the motion carried.

Accounts Payable: The January newsletter is going to cost \$230.00, \$150.00 for stamps and \$30.00 for envelopes to mail out the dues letters. Total expenses at this time should be \$410.00. Motion to approve expenses payable was made by Bob and seconded by Trisha. The motion carried.

Old Business

SMC Grant and Bids: HLPOA was one of 2 organizations in the Fox River Watershed to be granted funds for shoreline improvements, ours to be used at Hartnett Park. We have 2 bids for shoreline rip rap. The first will charge us \$75.00 per linear foot; it would be 128 feet at the Hartnett shoreline. The second bid is from a company with great reviews; their charge would be double at \$150.00 per linear foot. If we went with the second vendor we would need to raise about 8K more than the grant will provide. The other issue with this company is that they want to remove the black alder and black locust at the edge of the shoreline to create a more gradual slope. Open Lands did a survey awhile back and recommended the trees be left to stabilize the steep shoreline. A discussion ensued about this with Pat, Debi and others weighing in. Ann is waiting to hear back from the second company to find out if they would be willing/able to work with us on this. Ann and Pat will explore other options/companies to address these issues. Ann reported that the concrete chunks have been removed from Hartnett Park by Avon Township.

HL Water Project: Regarding the pumphouse well on Lakeside Dr, the zoning change has been approved by the zoning board. Now it is in the hands of the Grayslake Village Board, the Public Works Department, and a private land owner.

2022 Audit Report: Reported by Marilyn Henry; the HLPOA Foundation was found to be not recognized in the State of Illinois this past year; it was audited none the less. Regarding the Association audit, it was determined that the yearend financial report gives a true and fair view with the exception of specific matters noted in the report to be posted on the website. The late filing of the Secretary of State Annual Report incurred a small penalty. Most expenditures were Board approved. Those without evidence of approval appeared to be reasonable expenses. It was recommended that there should be evidence of Board approval of all expense payments. It may be helpful to set up protocols to assure that routine reporting requirements set by Federal, State and local governments are adhered to in a timely and efficient manner.

Elections: For the 2024 slate of prospective Board members there are 9 applicants; 6 are current Board members and 3 are new applicants that could replace the 3 positions that are being vacated. Those applying to continue from the 2023 Board are Ann Bidwell, Trisha Steele, Pat Herendeen, Bob Slipke, Hans Kribbel and Luke Jian. The new applicants are Gregg Denig, Joe Yovino and Marilyn Henry. The original plan was to have an election. Mailing costs to do this would amount to about \$200.00. Since there are 3 interested candidates to replace the 3 members leaving the Board, would it be fiscally more responsible and acceptable to approve the slate as presented without holding a formal election? A suggestion was made to notify the community of the slate of applicants to see if there any objections. After discussion a motion was make to accept the 9 aforementioned applicants to the 2024 HLPOA Board of Directors by Bob and was seconded by Pat. The motion carried. This will be effective March 18, 2024.

Annual Letter: Ann asked if there were any people interested/able to print some copies to save costs to our budget. Hans offered to print 50 copies.

New Business

ILMA Conference: To be held March 4-6 in Champaign IL. Pat will try to go, Ann may as well.

Aquatic Plant Management Presentation: This will occur at the April Board Meeting. Bring Nature and Life to Your Yard talk will happen at next month's Board Meeting. Please offer other suggestions for topics that will interest the community so that it can hopefully be set up.

Reports of Committees

Lake Health: Pat has received John Sonnenberg's Zebra Mussel Foundation 2023 report; he is reviewing the results. We had agreed to do one more season of ZM treatment last year so that John could complete his data collection on the grant he received. We will be pausing on treatments this year. A fish survey was done last year by the State; we should be getting the results of it hopefully before June. Pat discussed how much Earth Tech ZM chemical was used last year, when it was done and where in the Lake it was placed. Pat will research which company will do the aquatic plant survey and when it needs to be done so it can be set up at the right time.

Community: Cathy DeGroh was not at the meeting to report.

Communications: Luke Jian was not at the meeting to report.

Off-Shore Community: Per Hans there is nothing new to report.

Other Notes: Per Trisha the Aldo Leopold Foundation is having a weeklong virtual presentation on native planting and landscaping on March 1-7 at a cost of \$150.00 Info is available online.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:06 PM by Trisha and seconded by Bob; the motion carried.

Submitted by: Marilyn Henry