

MINUTES, HIGHLAND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AVON TOWNSHIP, MAY 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the HLPOA Board was called to order by President Ann Bidwell at 7pm.

Following the resignation of Board Secretary Sharon Schwaba, Ann Bidwell was approved to serve as Secretary Pro Tem for this meeting.

Roll Call - Board Members present: Ann Bidwell, Joe Bigalke, Cathy deGroh, Debi Hall, Justin Harris, Pat Herendeen, Luke Jian, Hans Kribbel (left early to rejoin on Zoom), Bob Slipke, Trisha Steele.

Board Members absent: None

Community Members present: Andy Havelly, Larry Leafblad, Linda Wegge.

Board Approval was given to record the meeting. Motion by Pat, seconded and approved.

Community Comments: Linda Wegge expressed dissatisfaction with individual Board members and has required that the Cedar access lane decking overlying her property line be removed.

Motion to approve April Minutes with corrections by Trisha, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Trisha Steele.

April Revenue - \$155. Disbursements - \$311.40. Cash Balance 4/30/23 - \$33,842.51.

Accounts Payable – Carp Fest Bounty \$300 and HLPOA yellow boat stickers \$175.53.

Motion to approve Accounts Payable and Treasurer's report by Pat, seconded and approved.

Community Announcements:

- Carp Fest – Luke (for Ron Jensen) announced that T-shirts are in and will be distributed shortly. Information for the generator raffle will be posted online soon. Carp disposal is planned as farm fertilizer in Volo.

Old Business

- HLPOA Foundation Funds Disbursal – The HLPOA Foundation Sub-Committee met and recommended to the Board that funds in the amount of \$6,575.61 be distributed to the Lake County Zebra Mussel Project Foundation. Motion to approve by Trisha and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- Insurance Update – The Board is currently considering changing insurance brokers to a vendor with lake community insurance specialization.
- Highland Lake Water Improvement Project – The installation of a main water pipe along Washington St and Lakeside is projected to begin in late summer. The pumphouse site selected is Hartnett Park, and construction is slated to occur 2024-5. The Board will arrange to host Brittany Sloan, project lead engineer Lake County Public Works for a

Town Hall meeting. A Board sub-committee will be established to facilitate community communications and select a negotiator on our community's behalf.

- Newsletter – There was a lot of positive feedback on the first issue, and Board consensus was to continue with this form of communication.

New Business

- Boat Ingress & Inspection Report – This process is going smoothly. Boats and trailers are inspected on entry and owners are given a copy of HLPOA boating rules.
- Lake Use Monitoring – Boat identification stickers are crucial to identifying lost boats, preventing trespass and helping to mitigate invasive species. This will require an all hands-on-deck approach in order to succeed. Justin Harris and Luke Jian will oversee boat identification requirements in their respective areas.
- Debi Hall has agreed to serve as HLPOA secretary for the remainder of 2023.
- Board members were encouraged to join the Illinois Lakes Management Association.
- Ann had a recent meeting with Avon Township Supervisor Michelle Bauman. Trash pickup, the path fence, food insecurity in the area, and beaver damage were among the items discussed.

Reports of Committees:

- Lake Health – Pat announced that he and Ann had a very productive meeting with Alana Bartolai, water specialist with the Lake County Health Department. A fish survey will be done June 1 by IDNR and an aquatic plant survey is planned. The Board may also apply for a Lake County Stormwater Management Commission grant to improve our shorelines.
- Community – The HLPOA Summer Picnic will be held August 6th. Cathy has requested assistance from the Board and community.
- Communications – There was discussion of Board meeting sign placement responsibilities and Luke noted the need for Mail Chimp upgrades. Password-protected community contact information for the HLPOA website is not a priority.
- Off Shore – Hans has toured the north-side access lanes and discussed planned projects.

Community Comments: Linda Wegge expressed dissatisfaction with the appearance of a neighbor's lawn and a sighting of an unleashed dog.

The meeting adjourned at 830pm.