

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, November 18, 2019

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Bigalke at 7:03 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Kuntner, Dave Coulter, Lorna Denig, Casey Bloomer, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg and Larry Leafblad. Community members present were Gloria Caccio, Gregg Denig, Maggie Keefe, Dave Monihan, Ron Mittlestaedt and Alana Bartelma from the Lake County Health Department. Ron stated an interest in joining the Board to help manage the Lake health issue. He will be replacing Cindy Mittlestaedt as a Board member. Motion was made by Casey to approve October's meeting minutes, Linda seconded. The motion carried. Another motion was made by Casey to approve Ron as a new Board member, Larry seconded. The motion carried. Ron can be reached at 773-447-0270.

Association Rules and Regulations: Marilyn stated that the new rules and regs have been placed on the website under "downloads". John requested that the outdated rules be removed.

Lake Health: Casey updated the group regarding Frank Hauser that the proposal to clean up the channel at the Hartnett Park inlet still stands. Joe thought that when the Lake freezes it may be a good time to get rid of the downed tree there and see what else we can do to clean it up. John has some questions about Frank's proposal; Casey said he would ask Frank to call him. Joe said that runoff (fertilizer, etc) from the manmade lake in the development south of Washington Street is finding its way into our Lake. Alana gave her report. The County goes to lakes every 5-8 years to take water samples. They came out recently to sample Highland Lake; it had been 10 years since our last one. Joe video recorded her power point report. They came out monthly from May through September to collect samples of water and plants, and make shore erosion observations. She will write up a formal report and send it to John; she can come back to do a presentation if requested. They have noted a slight increase in water clarity; with the introduction of zebra mussels we can expect to see a spike in clarity, which will encourage the overgrowth of plants. This may offer an advantage for invasive plant growths. Total suspended solids are at 2.6 mg/liter, County average is around 8. Lower numbers are better. Phosphorus level was decreased which is good. Chloride is low and needs to stay that way. This occurs from road salt. She went on to discuss the plants found. Shoreline buffers (rain gardens and native plants) were discussed. Putting in the proper plants can help prevent erosion. Contact her for a list of the plant species that will work. She asked that we call her to come out if we see something concerning. She will email this information to John for posting on the website for residents to see. If we want info about the fish we should contact the IL DNR. John went on to talk about zebra mussel treatment and proactive measures to prevent infestation. John will work with Alana and Dave Coulter to formulate a plan.

Marina Letters: John updated them with the new rules. Linda suggested substituting the word 'safe' for 'quiet'. But more importantly she feels that the burden of knowledge for the rules of our Lake should fall on the boat purchaser, not the vendor. Prospective boat owners need to be educated before they buy a boat regarding battery voltage and rules. John asked Linda to email him with the changes she'd like to see on the letter. He will pull "Ahstrand as the preferred vendor" from the letter.

Treasurer's Report: Per Linda we have in the Association account \$14,076.54. The Foundation account has \$21,007.54. Regarding the Italian Dinner, she met with Maggie, Marilyn and Kate Johnson. She

spoke with Jeanine from Renwood Golf Club and confirmed the date for Sunday, February 9th, 2020. We will not be selling tickets before the event. All sales will happen at the door. We had agreed that the dues letters will be sent out in January to make book keeping easier. We would like to send out an Italian Dinner flyer with the mailed dues letter. She asked John if he could get her the dues letter by the end of December so she could get them out in January. John asked her for an updated mailing list. As a reminder, we will need to do the budget in January. Joe and John would like to see budget allowances for improvements on the Parks. John moved to approve the financial report, Casey seconded. The motion carried.

Sense of Neighborhood: Casey's mom is going to move forward with the house construction. Her contractor asked if they could use the fire lane next to her property to store their materials; they would clean up, grade and seed it after they were through. Linda said it would be good to put "No Parking" signs on the fire lanes. John moved that Joe respond to the contractor's letter with approval of their request; Linda seconded. The motion carried. Larry suggested we offer to alert the community when a house on Highland Lake goes on the market to see if we know anyone who would like it before they list it with a realtor.

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Casey at 8:22 PM. The motion carried.

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HLPOA Foundation Meeting was called to order at 8:22 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 Casey at 8:23. The motion carried.