

Highland Lake Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting, October 21, 2019

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Bigalke at 7:00 PM. Members present were Marilyn Henry, Linda Kuntner, Cindy Mittlestaedt, Coleen Benzo, John Sonnenberg and Larry Leafblad. Community member present was Bob Kula from Avon Township Dept of Roads. Linda asked that we add parking on streets to the agenda. John moved to approve the agenda as amended and Coleen seconded. The motion carried. Bob was there to offer information and answer questions. He started out by saying that the pipe in Downey Park that comes from the rain garden and goes to the Lake will be repaired next year. He also said that the Township Hwy Dept will cease to exist next year. Our needs can be handled in one of several ways. In May of 2021 the Board of Trustees will decide what will become of road management. They may have the same people doing the work now continue to do so as a Public Works Dept. Bob's position will be eliminated. If the Township decides it doesn't want to manage this anymore we can be asked to be annexed to a neighboring village. He suggests we start going to Twp meetings and ask questions. We may also need to approach Round Lake Park or Grayslake to get in with them. Linda asked what we should do if someone was parked overnight on the road; Bob said his best advice was to call the Sheriff. He also said, though, that if it wasn't snowing or a dangerous night the Sheriff may not want to take the time to go write tickets because of their staffing issues. Linda said another problem has been construction crew vehicles parking at the access lanes and they're unwilling to move them. Joe said he could sink poles every 4 feet to discourage parkers. Bob suggested we go with split rails; he can help us get them in if we supply them. Larry moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Linda seconded. The motion carried.

Association Rules and Regulations: Coleen said that Ron Jensen was going to update the contributor's list; he suggested we eliminate the rolling list on the website because it's difficult to maintain. Linda said that Verne from Ahlstrand said that at least 4 of the pontoons have 48 volt batteries; the rules limit volts to 36. He also said that lower voltage batteries could be rigged to pull someone on water skis. He said the 48 is more efficient. Linda didn't want to publish regulations that have already been proven to need revision. John suggested we have large boat owners to sign off that they will not exceed 5 MPH. Cindy googled area lakes and found the following from Lake Villa Twp: "No boat should exceed a slow no wake speed. No wake means flat water without any froth behind the boat, a maximum of 5 MPH". John said the way we could enforce it would be to deny access to the lake. John would like to include this verbiage in his letter to the marinas stating our rules to be passed on to boat purchasers. He would also like to see this go out to current pontoon owners and also to post it on the website. There are boats that can get in to the Lake without using Downey. Cindy made a motion to add the above "in quotes" statement to the rules and regs and get them posted on the website, John seconded. The motion carried. Marilyn will make the change and submit it to Coleen for posting on the website. It was agreed that we wouldn't enforce the 36 volt battery rule unless there was a problem with speeding.

New Board Members: Cindy's husband Ron will take over her position. No other prospects discussed.

Communication System: John asked to be updated on what was agreed upon at the last meeting. Marilyn read from last month's minutes: Casey motioned to have Facebook managed by Tracey Bloomer and Maggie Keefe, email blasts by Maggie and Tracey as well (to coincide with the Facebook post), the

website to be managed by Coleen and Lanaya, the Welcome Wagon to be managed by both Rachel Bird and the Treasurer, event flyers by Maggie, and PayPal currently handled by Ron and the Treasurer, to be transitioned to Coleen and the Treasurer when appropriate. The motion was seconded and carried. John felt the directory should be kept up to date; Linda has been doing it when she is made aware of new residents. Linda felt that the proposed texting system should be put on the back burner in light of all changes that were currently underway; agreement was voiced by other members present. Maggie is to have discretion about email blasts with guidance by Board members. Larry asked that we have a list of those managing Facebook, the website, Welcome Wagon, and email blasts with their contact information on the website. Board members should always be able to take concerns of the residents to the meetings as well.

Lake Health: Zebra mussels are now present and thriving in the Lake. Linda said a good approach to sounding the alarm among the residents is to mention that this will have a profound effect on our property values. Frank Hauser and Rick will be at our next meeting to speak with us. Our priority should be addressing the ZMs. We will table that topic until the next meeting. In the meantime, John presented the data he was able to get from his monitoring devices. He recovered 5 of the 10 devices he put out. The ZMs are all over the Lake. Each ZM can produce 200,000 offspring. He has gotten an estimate for whole lake treatment of \$70,000. John would still like to get input from the Lake County Department of Health and the Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources. ILMA wants John to do a presentation; they may be able to help with funding. John will be coming up with plans for treatment with the other Lake Management team members. He is looking for a few more to join the group. We will need to crack down on boats in the water. We will need to identify ways we can monitor boats and address the violators.

Sense of Neighborhood: There was a discussion about the fact that Casey Boomer's dad had passed away. We will find the obituary to get information about the arrangements and memorial gift.

Treasurer's Report: Linda mentioned that the federal taxes were not paid. She was able to find the tax documents. She needs to file by the end of October. The Foundation taxes will get more complicated next year; we may need to hire an accountant. For this year Cindy and Coleen will help her with the taxes that are due now. The balance in the Association account is \$13,951.30; the Foundation account has \$21,007.54.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn and seconded by John at 8:17 PM. The motion carried.

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HLPOA Foundation Meeting was called to order at 8:17 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 Marilyn at 8:18. The motion carried.