

**LAKEVILLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING – March 14, 2018**

President Wayne Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and Board member attendance was as follows:

Officers

Wayne Hodges, President (2016) - Present
Tom Maliszewski Vice President (2017) - Excused
Jeff Banaszynski, Secretary (2017) - Present
Paul Hosner, Treasurer - (2016) - Present

Directors

Chuck Sargent (2016) - Excused
Michael Cattane, (2016) - Present
Paul Woodring (2017) - Excused
Marc Van Hoogstraat (2017) - Present
Michael Bartlett - (2017) - Present

Approval of Agenda

- Michael Cattane asked to add a discussion he had with Paul Steen from the MLSA related to the CLMP report for 2017 and stated the topic was too important and urgent to wait. Wayne Hodges agreed to add the topic to the New Business portion of the agenda and asked that it be limited to five minutes. Michael Bartlett moved to approve the agenda as revised and Michael Cattane seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with the addition.

Announcements

- None

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the February 27, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Michael Bartlett moved to approve the minutes as presented and Paul Hosner seconded the motion. The February 27, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- There was no treasurer's report prepared for the special meeting.

Unfinished Business

Marine Patrol Funding

- Wayne Hodges offered to put the topic in perspective by stating that the topic had been discussed in previous meetings and needed to be decided at this time to prepare for the Lake Improvement Board meeting scheduled for March 22, 2018. Since the proposed spending exceeded the Board's spending limit on any single item it required member approval. Wayne indicated that we had reserves in the Education Fund SAD account but that it didn't mean we needed to spend it. Wayne suggested that it was an opportunity to try things out and see what worked. Wayne stated that last year we funded six hours of marine patrols per week from voluntary contributions most coming from the marina's. Wayne indicated that he has received concerns from the members stating that the marina's were not contributing a fair share. Wayne felt that six hours a week was not effective and that we had enjoyed 20 years of free patrols obtained through a relationship between one of the residents and the County Commissioner. Wayne suggested that if we weren't willing to contribute why would the township.

Wayne reported that out of 19 lakes in Oakland county, 16 were funding marine patrols privately, two had a shared cost arrangement and one was funded by the county. Wayne indicated that the marine sheriff only enforces marine regulations and that Clifford Bloom suggested working with both the marine and road patrols. Wayne suggested the need to work with the township.

A motion was presented to request a member vote on funding the Oakland County Marine Sheriff for the summer of 2018 using monies from the Education Fund SAD collections. Paul Hosner approved the motion and Michael Bartlett seconded it. Wayne Hodges asked for a roll call vote from the board. The vote was as follows; Wayne Hodges - yes, Jeff Banaszynski - yes, Paul Hosner - yes, Michael Cattane - yes, Michael Bartlett - yes. The motion to request a member vote passed.

Wayne Hodges read the motion to be voted on as follows;

LLPOA members are requested to authorize the purchase of Oakland County Marine patrol coverage for Lakeville Lake between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Said coverage is anticipated at an average of

16 hours per week focusing primarily on the period from late afternoon until dusk, Thursdays through Sundays. The cost of the 2018 proposed coverage is estimated at \$8,120.00 to be paid from existing funds collected and held in reserve from the Education Fund SAD. The current Education Fund SAD balance is estimated at \$28,722.

Member comments were requested prior to the vote.

Robert Kanas asked if the Education fund could be used from a legal perspective and suggested the biggest need for patrols came from the public access launch. Robert stated that this is a public lake and that it was incumbent on the township to protect the lake. Wayne Hodges indicated that he felt the proposal fell within the definition of the Education Fund SAD.

Bonnie Cattane asked what other things the Education Fund was used for and was told the fund was used for newsletter mailings, web-site fees, periodic fish stocking, CLMP enrollment, MLSA conference attendance and professional education related services among other things.

Michael Cattane stated that the fund had never been used to fund the marine sheriff in the past.

Gary Labbe asked how the sheriff would be funded if it did not come from the Education Fund and was told that it would fall back on voluntary contributions.

Greg Smith suggested there were two issues, do we need expanded patrol coverage and if so how would we fund it if it wasn't approved at this time. Jeff Banaszynski offered a clarification on the timing stating that the March 22 deadline only applied to Lake Improvement Board approvals for SAD spending and that funding from other sources did not need to be resolved at that time.

Sue James suggested that the sheriff provided education but that in the past she observed the sheriff on the lake and not doing anything. Wayne Hodges offered the need to increase interaction with the sheriff and build a relationship.

Jay Bird asked if the proposal was for one year or ongoing and was told this was a one year proposal that could provide input to future needs. Wayne Hodges stated that there was a township meeting scheduled for March 19th and that the proposed coverage amounted to \$35 per household.

Paul Tobian stated that he had organized a fundraiser for a number of years and that the sheriff spends personal time on the lake and takes notes and addresses issues.

Ellen DeLater stated that she spends over \$1000 per year for lake maintenance and that we were being asked to cover everyone else that uses the lake. Ellen offered that the Education Fund was a non-profit and that spending on the sheriff could jeopardize the status. Additionally, Ellen indicated that we didn't need to spend the money just because it was available and suggested giving some back and was concerned that if we spent the reserves we would need to increase the SAD.

Jeff Lawrence suggested the marine patrol doesn't directly translate to safety and that education was the key. Jeff disputed the claims that kids were in danger and that there were lude acts going on.

Diane McQueen suggested the visitors to the lake didn't know the rules.

Chris Tanana stated that there had only been one accident on the lake in the last 20 years and that the police weren't the factor for safety.

Jeff Dymm asked if there has been an increase in accidents with the reduced coverage. Paul Hosner stated there was an increase in traffic.

Michael Pardonoff asked if we were going to ask for an increase in the taxes in the future. Paul Hosner stated that the reserves would last for a couple years.

Rick Cerdoni stated that Paul Tobian had been successful in the past fundraising.

Linda Hodges stated that she didn't want one of her grandchildren to be the next accident.

Kathy Bartlett stated that she has attended most of the recent meetings and that people needed to follow up on proposals presented.

Ballots were collected and the meeting continued as the votes were counted. The resulting votes came in 21 in favor and 57 opposed. The motion failed. Any marine patrol for this season would have to rely on donations at this point. The Marine Sheriff was described as the only unit licensed to cover DNR rules. Wayne Hodges suggested inviting both the Marine Sheriff and Road Sheriff to a future meeting to foster communication. Paul Tobian suggested that anyone could submit a donation for the marine patrol to the township.

New Business

MLSA Annual Conference

- Wayne Hodges announced the upcoming MLSA conference and indicated that it was an opportunity to interact with experts and officials related to lake management. Wayne stated that representatives have been

sent in the past and presented a motion to send someone this year. Michael Cattane supported the motion and Marc Van Hoogstraat seconded it. Marc indicated that he had attended and felt it was a good activity.

Boat Stickers

- Wayne Hodges reported that in past years boat stickers were provided to lake owners who voluntarily contributed to association membership and suggested it might be a way to demonstrate property ownership on the lake. Paul Hosner proposed a motion tying the stickers to marine fund donations. A roll call vote of the board was requested with the following results; Wayne Hodges - yes, Jeff Banaszynski - no, Paul Hosner - yes, Marc Van Hoogstraat - yes, Michael Bartlett - yes. The motion passed.

Meeting Schedule Adjustment

- Wayne Hodges proposed adding a December meeting to the regular schedule based on typical timing of the receipt of the AVAS report for the end of the weed season. Paul Hosner presented a motion to add a meeting to be scheduled the third Tuesday of December and Michael Bartlett seconded the motion. The motion was passed with all board members in favor.

CLMP Report Discussion

- Michael Cattane reported that he had talked to Paul Steen about the recently issued CLMP report for Lakeville Lake and asked Paul specific questions related to the reduction in clarity. Michael read the questions he posed and Paul's responses as follows;

What could be contributing to the loss of transparency in the last couple of years? Since your chlorophyll and phosphorus aren't going up, it doesn't seem like an algae problem. Some possible explanations: An incoming river bringing in high suspended sediments. Excessive boat activity stirring everything up. A volunteer using sunglasses while taking a secchi measurement. Basically, my guess would be some kind of physical disturbance rather than chemical or biological.

How do we detect what the loss of transparency source is? I suppose to be mindful of these possible explanations, and spend this coming summer looking for them. Are boats more active? Are they bigger than they used to be? Watch the incoming water, if you have any. (I don't know your lake so I don't know if this is a problem for you.)

What are the risks of using a harvester long term? You shouldn't use a harvester. It is a temporary fix and then it just spreads the plants around more and causes more growth in the future. You probably know this because you asked the question. If it is a matter of convincing other people, you can tell them that there is pretty much universal agreement on this among scientists. It is the people who make money off of harvesting who think harvesters are a good idea.

Michael finished by stating that we were spending \$102,000 on repairs of harvesting equipment that was ruining our lake that he had told us that at last June's meeting. Jeff Banaszynski referenced the summary page on the CLMP report that described overall lake health and reported that out of five categories of lake health, Lakeville Lake was rated between the top and second most healthy groups. Michael replied that the score for Secchi Disc clarity was lower into the second highest group.

Wayne Hodges reported that Lakeville Lake has been participating in the CLMP for over 30 years and that we would like to experiment in different areas of the lake by trying different levels of harvesting and chemical treatments to get a better indication of what works best.

Wayne Hodges stated that we have been advised that transporting Starry Stonewort could spread the algae so unless we had a North bay off-load site we wouldn't be able to harvest Starry Stonewort in the North bay and would have to rely on chemical treatments alone. Sue James asked if the abandoned property would work and was told it was being pursued.

A resident asked if we had a place to dock the sheriff's boat and was told we did.

The retirement status of the marine sheriff was questioned. Wayne Hodges indicated they were part time employees.

Michael Cattane moved to adjourn the meeting and Paul Hosner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled 7:30p.m. April 24, 2018 at the Township complex.