

**LAKEVILLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING – April 24, 2018**

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

Officers

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

Directors

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

Approval of Agenda

- Marc VanHoogstraat moved to approve the agenda as presented. Michael Bartlett seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

Announcements

- Jeff Banaszynski mentioned the Oakland County no-haz event scheduled for Saturday at the Oxford Middle School.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the March 14, 2018 Special Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Woodring moved to approve the minutes as presented and Michael Bartlett seconded the motion. The March 14, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- Paul Hosner reported that \$2472.00 was spent for the Riparian subscription leaving a balance of \$6673.28 in the Education Fund and \$1699.69 in donated funds.

Unfinished Business

Marine Patrol Funding

- Wayne Hodges introduced Oakland County Sheriff Sergeant, Keith Weir, and Oakland County Marine Division Sheriff Sergeant, Brent Jex and indicated that they were invited to clear up the roles of each activity and report on riparian rights.

Sergeant Weir started by announcing that Addison Township agreed to use restoration funds from the sheriff department to help fund marine patrols for Lakeville Lake this summer. The amount approved would purchase 128 hours of coverage and could be combined with donated funds if more coverage was desired.

Sergeant Weir indicated that the sheriff department has been instructed to not write tickets for riparian trespass on bottomlands and indicated that the policy needed to be adjusted before any action could be taken. Greg Smith asked what that meant. Keith indicated that the prosecutor did not believe the law was clear enough to prosecute and without prosecution, writing tickets was wasted effort. Trespassing on land is prosecutable and tickets can be issued. Sergeant Weir added that 99% of the time people cooperate when asked to move by the sheriff and recommended calling if there are issues.

The distinction between the sheriff divisions was described by saying the road officers were sworn officers with more authority than the marine patrols. Steve Hosner asked if he could stand in the water without any problems and was told he could. Greg Smith asked if there were any laws covering noise or offensive behavior and was told there were. Michael Cattane asked if DUI's could be issued and was told they could if the person in control could be determined. The 911 system was suggested as the correct route to take if issues existed and that either a road patrol or marine patrol would be dispatched based on the situation. Michael Cattane suggested scheduling the patrols for later in the evenings when most problems occur.

Sergeant Weir reported that he had only received one complaint call last year and that 115 citations had been issued on the lake with 113 being warnings. In previous years significantly more tickets had been issued and residents complained. He indicated that more patrol hours would result in more tickets being issued.

Chuck Sargent stated that the public access site is posted as being closed between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. and asked if the times could be enforced. He was told the hours were administrative rules and would not be

enforced. Chuck asked about the bow hunting for carp and was told it was legal. Chuck suggested chaining the site during closed hours.

Keith Weir noted that the use of the recovery funds for the marine sheriff was not insured for future years. Paul Hosner reported that the donations for the sheriff patrols totaled \$6500 and asked if they should be used instead of the recovery funds. It was suggested that unused donated funds could be rolled over for future years and that they were being identified as a designated line item by the Township treasurer.

Chuck Sargent mentioned a previous position from the Township attorney on riparian rights and was told that it would not be supported by the state. Michael Cattane asked about lewd behavior and was told to record it and present it to the sheriff. The sheriff would then write it up and forward it to the prosecutor.

Marc VanHoogstraat asked if there were issues other than at the island point and was told that Lakeville Lake presented relatively few issues when compared to other lakes. The sheriff indicated that noise restrictions begin at 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends and that safety inspections were common and allowed. The marine sheriff indicated that they would visit the owner of a boat reported for a violation if a MC number is provided.

Paul Hosner asked if the \$8000 proposed spending for the marine sheriff presented at the March meeting was the level of coverage desired. Current planned coverage included Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays.

Mechanical Harvesting Season Preparation

Paul Barber from Savin Lake Services was introduced to report on the harvester re-build activities they were undergoing on our machines. Paul stated that Savin owns and operates six harvesters and does all their own maintenance work and as such were very familiar with the equipment. Paul indicated that Savin doesn't consider new equipment based on the cost and felt that used equipment was a better value. The people assigned to the Lakeville work included a state certified mechanic and welder with over 40 years of experience and two other experienced Savin employees.

Greg Smith asked when we planned to start harvesting and Jeff Banaszynski stated that he was targeting the third week of May for the harvester launch. Jeff indicated that the South off-load site was secured as well as the mooring site and that efforts were being made for a North off-load site.

Weed Treatment Strategy

Wayne Hodges reported that the spring weed survey could happen as early as mid-May and would be used to establish this year's treatment plan. Last year's spring survey was conducted on June 2nd. Wayne added that we wanted to experiment with a mix of harvesting and chemical treatments to see what worked the best.

MLSA Annual Conference

Paul Carthew attended the MLSA conference and reported on some of the discussions from the conference. Paul indicated that he has been on the lake for 11 years and has noticed lake clarity reductions in that time and asked if there was any successful method to reduce sediment. Paul indicated that the conference was full of vendors offering services. One of the topics discussed was the surge in AirBNB properties on state lakes. The state is currently trying to establish regulations and remove control from local governments.

Paul mentioned a presentation from a company doing suction harvesting where they reported the re-population rate for weeds harvested with suction being 2% but that the process didn't appear to be efficient for a lake of our size.

Vendors described success in improving lake clarity by using aeration with resulting reductions in needed harvesting and chemical applications. It was noted that Michigan restricts the use of aeration and requires DEQ permits.

Other topics at the conference included a move away from traditional seawalls and a trend to tapered and natural stone walls. The DEQ and DNR are both steering people away from vertical seawalls. Paul reported that other lakes had similar issues with funding marine patrols and that boat washes were described as being effective for reducing transport of invasives but that their use could not be forced. There was significant discussion and concern about the damage wake boats were causing to shorelines but that there were no laws restricting their use. Generally large lakes reported using a combination of harvesting and chemical weed control while small lakes rely on chemicals alone. Paul relayed conference discussions opposing harvesting. Paul Woodring suggested trying suction harvesting and aeration in the North bay. Marc VanHoogstraat suggested that suction may work with Starry Stonewort.

Michael Cattane reported that Paul Steen PhD with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program stated 'Do not harvest'. Jeff Banaszynski stated that he had read Paul Steen's correspondence with Michael and that was not

what Paul said. Michael indicated it was and Jeff asked him to read the statement from Paul Steen for the group. The correspondence was not read.

New Business

Introduction to Lakes Online Course

- Tom Maliszewski reported that he had completed the Introduction to Lakes on-line course and highlighted some of the topics noting that our issues are no different than those experienced by other lakes. The course identified a big push for maintaining a natural shoreline in native vegetation to absorb and reduce runoff. Lakeville Lake fits in the middle category of lake ecology ratings. There are two categories of nutrients that reach lakes; natural and cultural. Natural nutrients can't be controlled. Efforts must focus on controlling cultural nutrients.

In the topic related to aquatic plants, long term shoreline management was described as a key. Harvesting, aeration and herbicide control are considered short term fixes. Citizen involvement is critical to successful management. A lot of lakes don't have any organization in place to guide the management.

Paul Carthew mentioned a Vermont shoreline buffer requirement of 300 feet.

Tom Maliszewski asked if the lake level had been raised early as recommended by Clevo Harris for fish spawning. Wayne Hodges indicated that the DNR thought there were restrictions on how early it could be raised. Tom indicated that Clevo thought they were going to plant 32 - 40 thousand Walleye in Lakeville Lake this spring or 11,500 in the fall if the spring timing didn't work.

Michael Bartlett asked about planting Perch and was told that Perch don't do well in our lake.

Public Forum

- Michael Pardonoff described a company called Goose Busters that obtains permits to eliminate goose eggs for \$200. Rounding up geese costs \$500. Michael indicated that the total cost for controlling the geese on our lake would be \$1000. and suggested considering it at \$5 per property owner. Marc VanHoogstraat suggested discussing it at the annual meeting.

- Lori Fisher expressed her appreciation for the LLPOA's efforts and thanked the board for their dedication.

Marc VanHoogstraat moved to adjourn the meeting and Tom Maliszewski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled 7:30p.m. June 26, 2018 at the Township complex.