

**LAKEVILLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING – April 23, 2019**

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 (2018) - Present
Tom Maliszewski Vice President (2017) - Present
Jeff Banaszynski, Secretary (2017) - Present
Paul Hosner, Treasurer (2018) - Present

Directors

Chuck Sargent (2018) - Present
Greg Smith (2018) - Present
Paul Woodring (2017) - Present
Marc Van Hoogstraat (2017) - Present
Michael Bartlett (2017) - Present

Approval of Agenda

- Jeff Banaszynski moved to approve the agenda as presented. Greg Smith seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Announcements

- Wayne Hodges displayed a couple books on boater safety and asked Jeff Banaszynski to post links to the information on the web-site. Wayne noted that boating requirements were becoming tighter and that completion of a boater safety class could result in a 10% reduction on insurance.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for the February 26, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Chuck Sargent moved to approve the minutes and Mike Bartlett seconded the motion. The February 26, 2019 minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

- Paul Hosner reported account balances of \$6491.34 and \$1708.10 for the two accounts. Activity since the February statement included \$2912 for the Riparian renewal and \$252.00 for ECHO printing and distribution. Wayne Hodges moved that the Treasurers report be accepted as submitted.

Unfinished Business

Mechanical Harvesting Update

- Jeff Banaszynski reported that the 2019 budget proposal would be presented to the LRA Voting members for approval then taken to the Lake Improvement Board for their approval. Once approvals are obtained, repair parts would be ordered in preparation for a May 1, 2019 start of season. The plan is to operate with two employees and launch the harvesters in late May for the cutting season. Cutting will be coordinated with chemical applications and based on weed growth. Both sites for off-loading weeds are planned to be used through the summer. The LRA Trustees have recommended obtaining a support vehicle for the operation and options are being investigated.

Weed Treatment

Wayne Hodges reported that testing on Eurasian Milfoil has shown it to have hybridized with Native Milfoil and that we could expect the worst characteristics of each. The growing season may start early and end late. Wayne noted that there was a new systemic chemical approved for aquatic use but that it was more expensive than what we have used in the past. The actual treatment plan won't be known until the spring survey is completed. Wayne reported that we would continue to experiment with a mix of harvesting and chemical control in the hope of reducing the use of chemicals. The cost for the season's chemical applications are anticipated to be approximately \$37,000.

Goose Population Reduction

- Greg Smith reported that permits for nest destruction had been obtained and work had started. Greg stated that a training session in Novi revealed that most of the Oakland County lakes are doing the same thing as Lakeville Lake. Eight nests were found with 46 eggs. An adult round up would be scheduled for July after the DNR approves the relocation location. Future activities would be assessed and planned for going forward. Funding for this year's program would be taken from the voluntary contributions account. Future year's funding

would have to be approved separately. Marc VanHoogstraet asked if the locations of the nests were known. Chuck Sargent indicated that activities he witnessed were executed gently. Wayne Hodges told Greg Smith he appreciated his leadership in working with the Township on this activity. Greg was asked if they could tell the difference between goose nests and swan nests. Tom Maliszewski stated that the county wanted to eliminate Mute Swans.

Ordinance Violations - Dock Committee Status

- Chuck Sargent asked what the committee was charged to do. Wayne Hodges stated that approximately 40 residents had received violation notices from the Township related to their docks in response to property owners complaints. At this point the violators were asked to comply with the ordinance. Wayne indicated that the next step for continued non-compliance would probably be legal action. Wayne stated that the committee was charged with developing a response identifying problems with our current dock ordinance and recommending revisions to the ordinance. Paul Hosner reported that a lot of people with more than one dock or with 'L' or 'T' shaped docks were out of compliance. The current ordinance specifies a single dock no more than 6 feet wide and 35 feet long. Paul noted that row boats, paddle boards and kayaks don't count in the two boat limit but jet skis do.

Paul Hosner stated that needs have changed. Wake boats were causing issues on the South end of the lake making it difficult to moor boats with one dock. The current ordinance was outdated and revisions would allow for visiting boats and seating/fishing areas. Paul indicated that there was concern that extra docks would result in more boats. The DNR suggests a density of one boat per surface acre of lake for safety and Lakeville already exceeds that. Mike Bartlett noted that the non-conformance was probably higher than the 40 notices because 'L' and 'T' configurations were not included. Paul Hosner indicated that this was the first step and that any proposed change would have to go through the Township Board and Planning Commission. Marc VanHoogstraet noted that the Township ordinances could be more restrictive than State provisions. Mike Bartlett indicated that he didn't understand the conflicting rules but learned that Lakeville residents had developed restrictions to maintain the "up North" feel of the lake. Mike stated that the culture of Lakeville Lake is unique and has good rules in place. Committee recommendations are just a tweak to adjust to changing conditions.

Chuck Sargent asked if the committee had reviewed Addison Township's Master Plan and was told they hadn't. Chuck suggested the Master Plan needed to be reviewed to better understand what it takes to make changes and noted there are 700 acres of lakes in the Township with Lakeville Lake being the largest. Chuck indicated that with the lack of consideration of the Master Plan he felt the justifications for needed changes were weak.

Paul Hosner reviewed the committee's recommendations. Recommendations included allowing a second dock of no more than 4 feet wide and 35 feet long, linear with no extensions, on lots with more than 75 feet of shoreline. Any second dock would have to be easily removable. A minimum side setback of 15 feet would be required and no interference with neighboring properties or navigation allowed. Zoning Board of Appeals approval would be required for any second dock.

Tom Maliszewski indicated that the committee was formed based on response to property owners concerns and that the ordinance was a Township issue. Paul Hosner indicated that the Township would look to the LLPOA for direction. Wayne Hodges suggested asking for a sense check at the June meeting where more residents generally attend.

Chuck Sargent asked what problem was defined that the committee worked on and indicated that he did not recognize the problem that needed to be addressed. Chuck continued, saying that if you want to buy property, you should research the ordinances before you buy. Chuck Sargent presented a motion to table further discussion until the June meeting. Marc VanHoogstraet seconded the motion. Greg Smith stated that the committee was asked to make recommendations based on members requests and suggested requesting a member vote at the June meeting to determine their position. Wayne Hodges asked the committee if they were interested in reviewing the Master Plan. Paul Hosner indicated that he felt it had been. Marc VanHoogstraet cautioned against expanding the ordinance and opening up more violation opportunities. Chuck Sargent suggested that understanding the reasons for the ordinances and Master Plan would help develop alternate proposals. Chuck stated that letters were sent out from the Township based on member complaints. When the complaints weren't addressed, the Township received more complaints about their lack of response. The Township is concerned about selective enforcement and wants to develop a consistent procedure. Chuck indicated that non compliance will result in a second letter with a time limit for compliance imposed. Paul Hosner asked if they were suddenly going to enforce the ordinance after years of non enforcement and

suggested consideration of the committee's proposal instead of attacks on the committee. Chuck Sargent stated that the topic had been tabled and the committee was asked to review the Master Plan and reasoning behind the current ordinance for the June meeting. A board vote on requesting a member vote in June to determine their position was requested. All board members voted in favor.

Robert Kanas stated that the background on the dock issue was explained clearly at the October meeting and noted that there was a new house being built with two docks currently under construction. Wayne Hodges suggested that if we don't give the Township good reason to change they wouldn't pay attention. Mike Bartlett reiterated that 'L' and 'T' shaped docks weren't compliant. Chuck Sargent indicated that 'L' shapes were prohibited.

2019 SAD Renewal

- Wayne Hodges reported that the Lake Improvement Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, April 25, 2019 and since notice had not been provided the meeting would not be a public hearing on the proposed SAD changes. The meeting will be used to review and approve 2019 LRA and Chemical treatment budgets.

Marine Patrol Funding for 2019

- Paul Hosner reported that fund raising brought in \$3050 and when combined with a Township reimbursement of \$2154 totaled \$5204. There is \$6040 remaining from last year's contributions. Patrol costs are expected to be about \$6000. Paul noted that there were fewer donors this year but more contributions.

New Business

Michigan Waterfront Alliance - March 15, 2019 Starry Stonewort Conference

- Marc VanHoogstraat reported that the conference was well attended and suggested the LLPOA should join the Michigan Waterfront Alliance which is heavily involved with lakes and streams issues. Control of Starry Stonewort was described as not being successful with chemicals while harvesting seemed to work. A couple of new chemicals were developed for aquatic plant control but were expensive and their effectiveness unknown at this point. Recommendations were to rely on harvesting and check Upper Lakeville Lake for deposits. It was suggested to evaluate aeration in spot areas.

2019 MLSA Conference Attendance

- Tom Maliszewski and Jeff Banaszynski plan to attend the MLSA Conference to be held in two weeks. There is a session scheduled specifically addressing control of Starry Stonewort.

Public Forum

- Tom Maliszewski indicated that he was asked by James Elsarelli if he should put the buoys in. Paul Hosner suggested the buoys weren't needed in the North bay. Chuck Sargent and Tom Maliszewski stated they were. Chuck Sargent stated that the buoys were the responsibility of the LRA.

- Jeff Banaszynski reported that there was legislation being developed in an attempt to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. Bob James relayed that in a recent trip through the North West, he encountered numerous boat wash stations along the road where all boats were required to stop. Mike Bartlett indicated the Michigan Waterfront Alliance and DNR were just starting to partner to restrict the transfer of AIS and that awareness needed to be increased at the DNR Launch site and marinas. Tom Maliszewski indicated he had talked to the manager of the launch site about their signage. Marc VanHoogstraat reported that there was significant activity targeted for June on awareness of AIS transfer.

- Curt Semek thanked the dock committee for their efforts and asked if specific verbiage could be sent out prior to a member vote.

- Bob James suggested that ordinances were developed for a reason and that when some people go crazy there needed to be rules to restrict the activity. Pam asked why safety was an issue with the docks and stated there used to be an issue with stumps. She said she sees other lake activities that are more dangerous. Wayne Hodges suggested it was a legal issue. If you mark the stumps and miss one you could be liable for not identifying it. Lawrence Smith commented that the State had stopped us from clearing stumps years ago. Tom Maliszewski suggested the 'Adopt a Stump' program needed to be removed from our objectives listing.

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

The next meeting is scheduled 7:30p.m. June 25, 2019 at the Township complex.