

Lake Fenton Property Owners Association
November 15, 2022 @7:00 pm

Call to Order and Welcome: Jim Root welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

Jim made a motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved and supported.

Roll Call: Jim Root, Dick Brown, Rick Klemett, Pat Roach, Mark Lemon, John Oelslager, Dan Daniels, Susan Slone, Greg Carol, Kurt Brown, Patrick O'Sullivan, Pat O'Keefe, Phyllis Forster

Meeting Guests: Tom Lazar and Jon Jordan

Minutes: Minutes from the October 11, 2022 meeting were approved and supported.

Treasure Report: Dick Brown gave the board an account of the balances for the checking account and savings account. The funds in the savings account include a calendar fundraiser that is being used to fund the 2023 fireworks.

The money in the checking account is collected from membership dues. These funds make up the operating budget for the property owners. As of October 31, there is \$7,171.19 in the checking account.

The fireworks and calendar fundraiser account are in a separate savings account. We have calendars to sell to support the fireworks for next year. As we continue to sell the calendars we will keep track of the funds that will be used for the 2023 fireworks. All of the calendar expenses were paid. As of October 31 there is \$18,708.30 in this account.

Jim Root made a motion to approve the Treasury report. Treasurer report was supported and approved.

Membership Report: Dick Brown reported there a currently 369 members; 102 in District 1; 79 in District 2; 91 in District 3 and 97 in District 4.

There are two new members: Kevin Ake Family on Haddon and Stuart Smith Family on Cussewago.

Continued Addressing Member Concerns: Short Term Rentals (STR): Jim Root sent a letter to Senator Ken Horn (517-373-1300) Email: SenKHorn@senate.michigan.gov (www.senatorkenhorn.com) to let him know that the LFPOA opposition of this bill.

The bill is currently in the Senate, it was passed by the House (HB 4722) to take away control of STRs from the local township

Jim Root reported that Ken Horn responded to Jim's letter and indicated that he was not planning to support the bill.

Continued Addressing Member Concerns: Weed Concerns: Patrick O'Sullivan approached Jim Root about attending an online course offered by MSU Extension Services called **Introduction to Lakes**.

The course is designed for concerned citizens and lake front property owners interested in gaining knowledge about inland lakes. The topics include: Lake Ecology, Water Sheds, Aquatic Plants, Water Loss and Community Involvement. They will also have Q&A sessions that will be available for us to attend. The class is \$95.00 if we register before 12/19/22.

Patrick O'Sullivan, Susan Slone and Phyllis Forster will be attending the class and reporting to the group what they learned. Patrick will find out if we can make the information that we receive in class public.

Mark Lemon made a motion to reimburse the cost of the class. The motion was approved and supported.

Committee Reports

Fireworks Committee: Jim Root is working with Duane Mocherman and Chris Redloske to complete the permit application for the 2023 Fireworks.

At the October meeting, Rod Campbell suggested offering T-Shirts and Sweatshirts to promote the fireworks. We agreed to revisit this fundraising option after we conclude our current Fireworks calendar fundraiser and all of the calendars have been sold.

December Meeting: Pat O'Keefe is organizing our December social dinner meeting. It will be held at the Fenton Hotel on December 13th @6:00 pm.

Drains and Weirs Committee: Jim Root reported that the lake level is currently 4 inches below the set level of 873 feet above sea level limit.

Jim feels that the low levels we are experiencing is the result of the low levels of rain that we received in August and September. They are continuing to monitor the weirs.

Marine/Sheriff Program: Pat O'Sullivan contacted Deputy Mangrum about speaking at one of our future meetings. Deputy Mangrum offered to attend our January meeting. Patrick O'Sullivan found a helpful report included in the Fenton Township meeting notes that answered some of the questions we had about the Marine Safety and funding and will share those with the board.

E.coli: Dan Daniels will continue tracking the E.coli samples for testing. Dan is working on fun ways to present the E.coli results next year on the LFPOA website.

Jim suggested looking into possibly doing additional water testing in the future. Dick Brown said in the past those tests were available through Michigan Lakes and Streams.

No wake signs: The buoy in the middle of the narrows owned by Tom Lazar has been a helpful and wonderful addition to the “no wake” signs. Tom is looking at ways to secure the buoy so it cannot be removed. He would also like to have the lettering on the buoy cleaned up.

Jim Root asked Tom Lazar if he would be interested in the open position in District 2. Tom Lazar said he is interested in joining the board. Jim Root nominated Tom Lazar to be a Director in District 2. The motion was supported and unanimously approved.

Boat Wash: Susan Slone will begin collecting information from the DNR and engineers about cost and construction plans.

Bylaws Updates: Jim Root and Kurt Brown are working on the bylaws and with our insurance company to make sure that all acting members, temporary members and volunteers are covered under the insurance policy.

Authorizations for Payments Due: Dick Brown asked for approval to pay \$936.00 for the McCready Insurance. A motion was made to approve the payment and was supported.

Round Table-Membership Brochures: Mark Lemon presented the board with a trifold brochure to attract new members. The brochure explains what we do, why we should be supported and an application for new membership.

Mark suggested using a company to do the work of printing and mailing the brochure. He feels that the cost would run between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

The board likes the brochure and Mark’s ideas but would like to look for ways of making this happen at a lower cost. The board will continue researching a way to do this the most effectively and economically.

Future Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom only.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm

Respectively submitted,
Phyllis Forster, Recording Secretary