

Lake Fenton Property Owners Association  
October 11, 2022 @7:00 pm

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

Jim made motion to alter the agenda, our guest speaker Steve Hanson, from PML is unable to attend tonight. We will reschedule his visit in the Spring.

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

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September 13, 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 the end of September, there is \$7,141.19 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. There is currently \$17,783.30 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 366 members; 100 in District 1; 79 in District 2; 89 in District 3 and 98 in District 4.

**Meeting Guests and Lake Concerns:** Amy Ryan, Bob Simpson (Weed Concerns/Margaret Dr), Pat Ranta (Short Term Rentals), Sharon Davis, Tom Houge (New to the Lake), Pat Heinzelman (Unidentified Weed Growth Concerns/Swanee Beach Dr) , Roberta Hopkins (Rooted Weed Concerns on their Shoreline/Swanee Beach Dr), Jon Jordan, Ronald Haldy (Weed Concerns/Edgewater Dr) Tom Lazar (Lake Level Concerns/Wenwood Dr). Rod Campbell and Stu Smith joined the meeting on Zoom.

**Addressing Weed Concerns:** Mark Lemon said that when he is interested in identifying a weed, he will take a picture of the weed and research it on the internet under “invasive weeds”. Mark pointed out that if the weeds are non- invasive, we are not interested in eliminating them. One of the reason the ecoli levels are low and Lake Fenton is extremely clean is because of the non- invasive weeds.

Patrick O’Sullivan said the MSU Extension Service also has resources available to educate and help lake owners identify aquatic plants. Erick Elgin ([elgineri@msu.edu](mailto:elgineri@msu.edu)) is a continuous resource for indentifying plants and answering lake related questions.

MSU also offers a Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (<https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring>) as a way for property owners to learn about the lake, lake monitoring and plant identification.

George Dyball, who manages the LFPOA weed program, stated that by monitoring the weeds in your area this will help PML, our weed management company identify and treat the invasive weeds.

George Dyball is working with PML, the company that services our lake wide weed program to offer services for residents or a group of neighbors that would like to have their property indivially treated. This opportunity would be available for the first time next year and would be separate from our lake wide arrangement.

**Adressing Short Term Rentals (STR):** George Dyball said that there a bill in the Senate that was passed by the House (HB 4722) to take away control of STRs from the local township. The board and the guest in attendance, feel that a primarily residential lake, like Lake Fenton should not be controlled at the state level.

Mark Lemon made a motion that our president draw up a letter to our local elected officials at the township and state level stating that the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association does not support the Senate bill and does not support state control of Short Term Rentals.

Jim Root will put together a letter on behalf of the LFPOA and submit it to Senator Ken Horn.

George Dyball suggested that local residents also contact Senator Ken Horn(517-373-1300) Email: [SenKHorn@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenKHorn@senate.michigan.gov) ([www.senatorkenhorn.com](http://www.senatorkenhorn.com)) to voice their opposition against this bill.

## Committee Reports

**December Meeting:** Pat O'Keefe will organize the December social dinner meeting.

**Drains and Weirs Committee:** Jim Root reported that the lake level is currently 3-4 inches below the set level of 873 feet above sea level limit. Which is the lowest it has been in 10-15 years.

Tom Lazar was concerned about the lake levels. Jim Root said that he talked to Tom Jones (Genesee County Drain Commissioner) today. The drain commission has received the easement to remove the culvert located midway between Swanee Beach and Torrey Road and 200 yards south of Grove Park Dr. The culvert is being removed because the clogging, freezing or daming by beavers, effects the water flow resulting in the high water levels. Jim noted that they have removed 15 beavers from this culvert.

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

**Fireworks Committee:** The date for next year's fireworks is set for Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris Redloske will officially be joining Jim Root, Mark Lemon, Dick Brown, Pat Roach and Phyllis Forster on this committee.

Rod Campbell suggested offering Fireworks Anniversary T-Shirts/Sweatshirt in raise funds. We will begin investigating this idea.

**Marine/Sheriff Program:** Pat O'Sullivan will contact Deputy Mangrum about speaking at one of our future meetings. Mark Lemon was interested in learning how their services were funded and if they were completely funded for next year.

**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.

**Boat Wash:** Pat Heinzelman asked about installing a boat wash at the boat launch. Susan Slone will begin collecting information on lakes that are successfully offering this service.

**Authorizations for Payments Due:** Dick Brown paid \$20.00 to the State of Michigan for the Non Profit Corporation Fee. The bill was paid to Fenton Printing for the printing of the Fireworks Fundraiser Calendars.

**Roundtable & Adjourn:** Mark Lemon is working on a trifold brochure to attract new members. The brochure will explain what we do, why we should be supported and an application for new membership. At the next meeting, we will review the information that we currently have for the brochure and add to it.

**Future Meeting:** Due to the election, our next meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16pm

Respectively submitted,  
Phyllis Forster, Recording Secretary