

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2018

Present: Bob Richter, Marcia Ellis, John Boersma, Sharon Neubauer, Dan Buenz, Dominic Panico.

Absent: Tim Wilson, Joe Leary, Jim Neubauer

- I. Call to Order at 10:05am
- II. Approve January 27th 2018 minutes. Motion carried to accept the minutes.
- III. Financial Report: We currently have \$12,514.26 in our treasury. All bills are paid.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Current Membership 124, Marcia was asked to send an email to all residents to remind them of dues.
 - B. Riparian: At this time there is no action on file with the DEQ or the zoning board regarding the marina permit application made last year by a lake resident.
Keyhole/funneling issue: The LOWIA submitted a proposal to Hamilton and Decatur Townships to 1) make the ordinances congruent and 2) to protect the future health of the lake by defining funneling/keyholing. After a townhall meeting at Hamilton Township last fall, a survey was sent to Hamilton Township residents in their tax bills. The results of this survey and this issue was apparently discussed in the March Hamilton Township board meeting. Multiple requests have been made to Tina Leary, Hamilton Township Clerk, to obtain minutes from this meeting. To date, she has not responded to these requests.
- V. New Business
 - A. Report on Lakes & Streams meeting that Marcia attended (MLSA)
A new invasive species of crayfish from Louisiana has been sited in several lakes in eastern Michigan.
Gull Lake Assoc had a day of boat cleaning that was fairly successful. It was suggested we do a lake clean-up day.
Score the Shore program name was changed to Shoreland Stewards. It would be a way to get lake residents involved if we assigned sections of the shoreline to different people to score.
 - B. PLM has done one survey of the lake so far. This Wed 5/23 they will be on the lake again. So far they did not find any milfoil, but that is what they expected after the sonar last year. Its still early for the Starry Stonewart to appear. The plan is to stick to the published schedule and when they are out next week they will spot treat as

needed. But they expect to skip over 90% of the lake as it looks real good

- C. New member bags and items. Sharon and Jim Neubauer will make up these bags for new residents. John will send her names of new members.
- D. Certificate for PNA: Bob made a certificate to thank PNA for stocking LOW with fish. It was suggested we have a wooden plaque made rather than a paper certificate. All were in agreement.
- E. Ray and Jane Heinrich have offered to look into LOW T shirts to sell at the picnic. Marcia will email Jane the logo.
- F. Boat launch area: There is concern about the water run-off at the boat launch area from the farm fields. Sharon shared an impressive video with the board. There appears to be considerable damage occurring due to this run-off. Sharon and Bob have begun the process of contacting appropriate parties to address this. Sharon suggested a park bench and a trash can be put at the launch area. Dominic expressed concerns about vandalism, theft and emptying the trash can.
- G. Two Board positions open up in 2018. Tim Wilson & Marcia Ellis
Marcia will send an email asking for interested volunteers.
- H. Picnic, ice, soda, food, raffle prizes, etc Sharon will obtain raffle prizes for the picnic. Bob will get the pop. The Greenwood Camp will again provide meat for our picnic, July 21.
- I. News from the Camp from Dana Hardin:
Dates of our main camp season with campers this year is June 18 – August 9. Our staff will arrive and start training on June 8th.
I will once again get a schedule to you of when we will not be using the lake like I did last year
We are happy to provide food and cook again on July 21st. As it gets closer you and I can go over timing and menu.
- J. It was suggested we make a plaque for the Camp to show our appreciation for a continued support of our lake and association.
- K. July 4 Parade: Sharon will organize a boat float for the parade. Bob talked about driving golf carts behind it. Sharon will purchase candy to throw from our picnic budget and find out about grand marshall.
- L. Fireworks donation: \$500.
- M. SAD: Bob will find out what balance is remaining in the weed treatment fund and how much will be assessed in the next tax bill.

VI. Next Meeting: July 21, 2018 after the picnic

VII. Adjourn at 11:50am