

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting
July 21, 2018

Call to Order @ 12:15PM (50/50 Tickets)

President Richter introduced Andy Tomaszewski of Southern Lakes Manager PLM Lake & Land Management Corp.(PLM). He provided an overview of weed management this year and past years as well as responding to questions from the membership. Andy discussed the treatment of Milfoil, Starry Stonewort and Algae present in the lake. This years treatment has been focused on mainly treating Starry Stonewort, less on Milfoil which has diminished this year. He further addressed the presence of algae, which has generated numerous complaints this year. Contributing factors to the increase of algae has been the high temperatures and high levels of nutrients, which run off from adjacent fields due to the heavy rainfall experienced this spring. That the wetlands, which act as a filter, were saturated thereby allowing what might normally be trapped and filtered to run off into the lake. Also, this year there was a delayed treatment for starry stonewort in areas due to spawning and that with the stonewort present, spawning wouldn't really occur. Therefor, a request from the Association and the members to the DNR to treat earlier would be advisable. He further advised that the fund balance has been drawn down to a point there is a need to increase the fund balance. (refer to below Committee Reports for further)

Roll Call of Board Members: Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, Jim Neubauer, Joe Leary, John Boersma, Sharon Neubauer, Tim Wilson and Dominic Panico. Marcia Ellis was not present.

Motion to approve July 15, 2017 Board meeting minutes passed

Financial Report: John Boersma gave an oral, as well as paper copies of the financial report to members. Ending balance as of 07-16-18 is \$11,241.12.

Committee Reports:

Membership: John Boersma reported there are 137 members presently

4th of July Boat Parade Results: Bob Richter/Jim Neubauer

First Place: Bathje family with Bubble Bath Theme

Second Place: Wesaw family Pirate Theme

Third Placed: Younkens family Car Wash Theme

Fourth Place: Mattens family Lets -Flamingo Theme

Fifth Place: Neubauer family 4th of July Theme

Sixth Place: Roerbach family Yankee Doodle Dandy Theme

Seventh Place: Kiss family 4th of July Theme

Committee Reports Continued:

Weed Assessment: Tina Leary the Hamilton Township clerk advised the membership that there would be an increase in this years assessment to approximately \$100.00 per parcel. This is necessary to fund the balance adequately for future treatments. She further advised that the weed control fund balance has been depleted in the past years. There will be a scheduled public hearing on this topic in August 14th 2018 at 7:00 pm

Riparian Issues: Dan Buenz & Dominic Panico provided an update on the funneling and keyhole ordinance and responded to members questions. Dan Buenz reported that a marina permit application was presented to the Hamilton Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Subsequent to the hearing the application was denied by the appeals board. It was reported that no further appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals denial was made to the Circuit Clerk.

Regarding the funneling and keyhole ordinance status Dan Buenz provided a summary of his correspondence with Hamilton Township Supervisor Carl Druskovich on the ordinance status. The proposed ordinance was on

hold as the state of Michigan was considering a law that would make all floating objects (paddle boards kayaks, etc) and the definition of watercraft was part of proposed ordinance development. Mr. Druskovich reported that will not be the case anymore. Mr. Druskovich advised that as part of the keyhole survey results, "the township will not be enforcing the DEQ regulations" as the results of the survey they conducted showed no support for it financially nor is it an issue they care to take on at this time. They will be moving forward to address any keyhole problems or marinas placed in Hamilton Township. Also, Decatur Township will also be working on doing the same. That at this time it is back to planning to see what can be done to make the anti funneling /keyhole air tight and prevent future dock expansion issues from being over looked. Dan Buenz reported his response to Mr. Druskovich in summary as; it had been clearly stated on numerous occasions and meetings that enforcement patrols were not requested. That these matters would be complaint driven with progressive warning and then referral to the authorities if it became necessary. It was stressed that from the research problems such as these, which have occurred on other lakes, are better dealt with proactively and by ordinance. Problems such as these continue to grow with potentially larger and more significant adverse impacts on the lake. Several members inquired about how the survey was written, as though it was written to elicit negative or a no response to the purposed ordinances, and questioned why members of the lake association board were not part of the survey construction. Dan and Dom reported that there had been offers to participate in the surveys construction, however the offer was not accepted. They also pointed out how the questions on the survey were misleading and factually incorrect. Citing the question regarding a special assessment for enforcement of the purposed ordinances. All of the research clearly demonstrated it would not be necessary for any additional finances cost for the enforcement of the ordinance. Presently the township is already paying for a deputy. Further, there is currently a process in place to enforce other ordinances currently on the books. This was stated on several occasions to both Hamilton and Decatur township officials at various meetings during the process. In closing, Dan Buenz requested that he and the Lake Association be notified of any future meetings in which this topic is on the agenda.

Announcement: President Richter extended a thank you to Tim Wilson for being a LOW board member for the past three years.

LOW T-shirts on sale. There is a new logo, they come in White and Gray and are in various sizes. If your size is not available it can be ordered.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with today's picnic. Especially Sharon Neubauer for all her hard work in obtaining the door prizes. Also Dayna Hardin of Lake of the Woods Campground for supplying the food and cooks for today.

PNA will receive a plaque from LOW Improvement Association for their club house wall in appreciation for their continued efforts in stocking LOW with walleye.

Thank you to Highs Marine for the gift certificates for the boat parade and for installing the buoys on the lake. 50/50 door prize, Bill Bird won \$72.00.

New Business:

Nominations for the Board of Directors, two positions open, each is a three year term. Nominations were made for Marcia Ellis and Gary Serago. There were no further nominations from the floor. Motion was made to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

President Richter advised of a new Noise/Sound Ordinance in Hamilton Township.

The hours are 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM effective July 12, 2018. Fines for this violation are \$500.00

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn passed @ 2:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Dominic Panico

Members present

William and Anne Bird

Tim Boonstra

John Burkr Jr

Elizabeth Godlin

John and Darlene Boersma

Dan and Julene Buenz

Sandy Eich

Warren and Joan Grosvenor

Jeffery and Billy Grunden
Carl Johanson Jr
Joe and Tina Leary
Janice Malburg
Tammy Miller
Mary Gross
Dominic Panico
Robert and Janet Richter
Chris and Julie Schaap
Tim Wilson

Jane Heinrich
Laurence Kirschbaum
William and Vicki Mach
Roger and Carol Mattens
Jim Neubauer
John and Sharon Neubauer
Wayne and Marsha Potter
Jan Roeder
Gary and Barbara Serago

40 members

Support out local businesses that supported your Association

Warners Hardware store
Decatur Lumber and Supply
Hard Times Restaurant
M40 bar And Grill
Village Market
Mousse Lodge
Aztec Grill
Lake of the Woods Camp
Classic Cuts
Patina
Walt and Maries