

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9th, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 10am
2. Present: Bob Richter, Marcia Ellis, Dan Buenz, Greg Moss, Sharon Neubauer, Jim Neubauer
Digital: Nick Virgilio, Dominic Panico
Absent: Gary Serago
3. Minutes of the July 20th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept them carried.
4. Financial Report – Greg
Expenses were \$6741.14. Deposits were \$5002.47. The ending bank balance for 2019 was \$9017.27.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Current membership – Greg: 161 members
It was decided that membership dues paid in the calendar year was for membership in that year. Bob will add this statement to the January newsletter.
 - b. Dan made a motion to create a standing committee for membership. Jim seconded. Motion carried.
Further discussion ensued to determine what this committee's activities will be. The following was determined as a beginning:
 1. Get list of SAD members – Sharon
 2. Compile list of home sales – Greg
 3. Door hangers to those who have not joined but pay SAD
 4. Send welcome letter to new members
 5. Get welcome bags to new members
 6. Develop strategies to increase membership
 7. Obtain campground member names.
 - c. Riparian issues: Dan- Hamilton Township decided not to address the issue of keyholing on LOW and referred LOWIA to the DEQ (now EGLE) to enforce the ordinances that are currently in place. The DEQ representative (Derrick) was not able to come out to inspect the lake before the boats were removed. There were 17 boats around the lake in violation of the ordinances. Dan will follow up with him in the spring.
6. Website – Marci will be posting an interview with the most senior person on the lake near her 100th birthday in June. Bob will send a blast email alerting members. Stay tuned. . .
7. Dues invoice. We will continue with Riparian subscriptions, as a large majority of members wanted to receive it.
8. 15 members paid via the website (VISA) in 2019. Defer question of adding PayPal to website until next meeting.
9. Bank signatures –Greg Moss replaced John Boersma for signing checks. Both Bob Richter and Gregg Moss are on file at First State Bank of Decatur.

10. PLM told Bob that our lake has very little Eurasian milfoil, but we do have an enormous amount of Starry Stonewort. Next year they anticipate that the lake will need little regarding milfoil and most of the focus will likely be on addressing Starry Stonewort. Bob read report on a plan to treat starry stonewort from Andy at PLM. Estimated cost for 2020 \$23,500 from Special Assessment District funds.
11. New member bags and items. Bob has given new member bags out.
12. The annual meeting and picnic will be at the VFW. A reservation was made for the July 11th 2020 picnic at Red Woolfe park as a backup.
13. Three board positions will be up in 2020 (Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, Dominic Panico).
14. Door hangars were distributed by board members around the lake in September. This was to increase awareness of the Lake Association. By spring Greg will generate a list of houses sold over the year to distribute door hangers specifically to those homes.
15. Highs acknowledgement. The certificate for the plaque is being printed this week.
16. Bob read a list of the things the Finch Lake Association does for their lake.
17. Bob motioned we ask Roger Matins to draft a letter to send to the county about the speed limit on 86th Ave. As there is currently no speed limit posted so it is 55mph by default. This is dangerously fast in this residential area where children, walkers, and bikers are using the road. Marcia seconded. Motion carried.
18. Bob posed the question: should the Lake Association be involved in ordinances regarding golf carts. After discussion it was decided this is beyond our scope, so we will not get involved in this issue.
19. We discussed sponsoring social events this summer. Suggestions included a scavenger hunt, a meet n greet, and for winter, ice fishing and chili. It was decided we will sponsor a "Meet n Greet Island Fest" to take place around the little island on Sunday, May 24 from 11am to 4pm. BYOB and food. Bring the kids and the pets. Bob will send out emails to save the date in early May with weekly reminders.
20. Budget for 2020. This was discussed. Dominic motioned we accept our final draft. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. See below for budget.
21. Our next meeting will be in March 2020.
22. Adjourned at 1pm.

LOWIA Budget 2020

Dues. . .