

Lake Fenton Property Owners Association Board Minutes  
October 12, 2021 @7:00 pm

Call to Order and Welcome: Jim Root welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim introduced and thanked Mark Lemon, a new director in District 1, for working on the Zoom meeting and posting the September 14, 2021 minutes on Facebook and the LFPOA Website.

Treasure Report/Member Report were removed from the October Agenda. Dick Brown was unable to attend this meeting, he will have those reports for the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Root proposed amending the agenda. The proposed amended agenda was approved.

Roll Call: Jim Root, Mark Lemon, Rick Klemett, Ken Kerr, John Oelslager, Shonda Newell, Greg Carol, Dan Daniels, Patrick O'Sullivan, Pat O'Keefe, Sharon Davis, Phyllis Forster

Minutes: Read from the September 12, 2021 meeting and approved. Correction to the number of District Director openings. There are currently Director openings in districts 2, 3 and 4.

Lights on the Lake Assessment: Shonda Newell will put a summary together of her expenses and information for the committee. She suggested that the committee begin planning the event at the beginning of the year. Shonda informed the board that she will be moving off the lake and will be leaving the board. Jim Root thanked Shonda for her service and expressed that we are all sorry to see her go.

Committee Reports: A committee was formed (Dick, Mark, Pat, Phyllis) to update the LFPOA Display Case at the Fenton Township Hall. The case will be updated with LFPOA information. The committee will research offering LF logoed items that will be available for sale.

Drains and Weirs Committee: Jim Root acknowledged that the lake levels are high. Jim has been working with Tom Jones, a civil engineer from the Genesee County Drain Commission since August. Tom Jones determined that the beavers have created two different dams in two different locations along the discharge path on Lake Fenton. A beaver trapper was called. Over a three week period, ten beavers were removed from the area. The trapper reported that he has not seen any new beaver activity since October 7<sup>th</sup>. Jim acknowledged that it is important to keep up on the lake level issues with both the drain commission and the road commission in order to get the water levels back to where they should be.

Fireworks Committee: Jim Root has received inquiries and has seen social media conversations suggesting that the LFPOA get involved with organizing the Fourth of July fireworks. Acknowledging that this is a good social activity for the lake, a committee consisting of Jim Root, Mark Lemon, Pat Roach and Phyllis Forster was formed to research how to make this possible. The committee will begin researching options and report the results back to the board at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mark Lemon who has been involved with the Case's Island Fireworks fundraising in the past, presented the board with this power point presentation.

"Fireworks Project Requirements List"

**1) Location**

- a) Somewhere that can be seen from the majority of the lake
- b) Open area with consent from neighbors
- c) Needs access for fire truck, parking for workers, ambulance
- d) Sign off from Township, State of Michigan, DNR?
- e) May not be able to use personal property

**2) Licensed Firework Expert**

- a) Required to purchase, supervise show
- b) Bonded, insured
- c) Will need helpers
- d) Some pyrotechnics specialists will be booked Sat July 2, some Mon July 4

**3) Storage**

- a) Fireworks require insured, safe storage between purchase and use
- b) Only a few days storage allowed between purchase and use
- c) Transportation of fireworks to lake
- d) Assume about 2 pallets worth of fireworks (about a full back of a pickup truck)

**4) Fundraising**

- a) Best year we raised \$10,000 will probably need \$25-\$30,000 due to expense
- b) All money came from Facebook, about 80 donors.

**5) Safety**

- a) Fire truck available on site with boat (Fire Dept: Volunteer or Paid/Fire boat/Ambulance)

**6) Clean up**

- a) Lots of cardboard, will need a small dumpster

**7) Insurance**

- a) Location
- b) Storage
- c) Transportation
- d) Liability

E-coli Testing: Jim Root proposed having a committee to test and report water quality to the Lake Fenton Property Owners on the website. A water quality sample from three areas of the lake would be drawn weekly using a Secchi disk and then tested. Susan Slone offered to conduct these tests. Mark Lemon stated that the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association offers training online on how to conduct this test.

Marine Sheriff Program: So we can stay informed, Jim Root would like to have more guest speakers including Julie Oaks, a local biologist with the DNR next spring and Deputy Scott Mangrum next month.

Membership Growth: Mark Lemon would like to start updating and collecting an email address for every LFPOA member. This would allow members to renew their dues online and eliminate Dick Brown from sending out a manual yearly membership renewal mailing.

Member Concerns: Eric Slone would like the LFPOA to look into the Lily Pad over growth on Grove Park. Jim Root will be talking with George Dyball about this concern.

Wildlife Committee: Jim Root reported that we are in the third year of a five year resolution to do destruction on the Canadian Geese and Mute Swan nests. This past year, 45 eggs were collected from the geese and 1 egg from a mute swan. The program is not intended to eliminate the geese and swans but to prevent over population.

Our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be social meeting with dinner at the Fenton Hotel. Pat O'Keefe will organizing this dinner meeting and present the board with pricing next month.

Correspondence Received: Jim Root received letters from both Ken Kerr and Pat Roach, new directors in District 1 introduced themselves to the board. Jim welcomed them to the board and said he looks forward to putting their talents to good use.

Roundtable & Adjourn: Jim Root discussed the three types of memberships: General, Associate and Honorary according to the bylaws.

Jim proposed that Richard Roth, our volunteer Attorney be given the status of an Honorary Membership. Jim praised Richard Roth for his wonderful contributions, knowledge and service to the board. Richard Roth happily accepted this honorary membership. This motion was unanimously supported by the board.

Susan Slone also requested to be a member of the board. Jim Root asked the board to accept her as a director. The motion was accepted and supported. Susan Sloan will be added as Director in District 3.

Monthly Zoom meetings are currently only available to Officers and Directors. Next month when Dick Brown is available, the board will discuss giving Current Members access to the monthly zoom call. Ken Kerr proposed that this only be available when we have a guest speaker or popular topic of concern (ie. Lake levels, Fireworks). The board will discuss this at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:38pm

Respectively submitted, Phyllis Forster, Recording Secretary