

Lake Fenton Property Owners Association
November 9, 2021 @7:00 pm

Call to Order and Welcome: Jim Root welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim made a motion to approve the agenda. Agenda was supported and approved.

Roll Call: Jim Root, Dick Brown, Mark Lemon, Rick Klemett, Pat Roach, Ken Kerr, John Oelslager, Greg Carol, Dan Daniels, Patrick O'Sullivan, Susan Slone, Phyllis Forster

Minutes: Read from the October 21, 2021 meeting. Patrick Sullivan asked for clarification on the current lake levels which is 16 inches above the level that was set in 1962. The minutes will be amended and corrected as suggested. Minutes approved and motion passed with the amendment.

Treasure Report: Dick Brown reported that as of November 1, 2021 the checking account balance at the State Bank is \$9,667.74, which is an improvement of funds over September 2021, when it was last reported. Motion to approve the Treasure Report, motion was approved and carried.

Membership Report: Dick Brown reported that there are currently 364 members, which is ahead of last year in November but is behind 3 years ago, when there were over 400 members. District totals: District 1 has 94 members, District 2 has 87 members, District 3 has 88 members and District 4 has 95. Mark Lemon reported that we will continue to work on developing a system that will make it easy for people to join online. Our goal is to have 100% participation from the property owners. Motion to approve the Membership Report. Motion was approved and carried. Susan Slone pointed out that there are a lot of reasons and benefits to becoming a member.

Jim Root welcomed two guests, Chris Redloske and John Jordan. They said did not have any specific issues to discuss with the board.

Committee Reports: Jim Root thanked the members of the board that have stepped up and volunteered. He feels that the more we do, the more value we create and maybe will hit the goal of 100% in the Property Owners Associations membership.

Communications: Mark Lemon posted this meeting on Facebook. He reports that about 100 people knew about this meeting. Chris and John said they saw Mark's notice and were interested in finding out about the fireworks and how they could assist. During the meeting Chris and John asked how they could become members. We explained that they can register on the LFPOA website for a 3 years membership for \$50.00.

LFPOA Display Case: There are no new updates on updating the display case at the Fenton Township Hall.

Drains and Weirs Committee: John Oelslanger reported that the last week in October he saw people from the county working on the Swanee Beach weir.

Jim Root said that he met with Tom Jones, a civil engineer from the Genesee County Drain Commission last week to check the level of the Swanee Beach weir. Jim thought that what John observed was the county jetting under the road with water pumps to try to find and remove a possible obstruction in the water course to increase the flow.

The lake level has improved and is currently 1 foot higher than the set level which is a 6.5 inch improvement. Jim feels that this is good but it is not improving fast enough.

Jim Root read a follow up letter that he sent to Tom Jones today. The letter recapped their findings and idea regarding issues that the county will assist with.

- 1) The Swanee Beach weir and water levels. Determine where the flow restrictions are.
- 2) DNR permit to clear the water course.
- 3) Easement to remove the damaged culvert and open the flow area.
- 4) Possibly creating a new drain off of Grove Park Drive.
- 5) Work with Fenton Township to determine if sediment and root build up needs to be removed from the Crane Road weir in order to keep the water flowing.
- 6) Install a lake monitor device that would automatically track the lake levels.
- 7) Easement for all the drainage system.

Susan Slone asked to be included in the next onsite meeting with Tom Jones and Mark Lemon suggesting getting pictures.

December Meeting: Our Tuesday, December 14th meeting will be social meeting with dinner. Mark Lemon made a motion to spend \$600.00 on dinner at the Fenton Hotel for the Board of Directors. The motion was supported and approved.

Fireworks Committee: Jim Root, Mark Lemon, Pat Roach and Phyllis Forster met with Chad Heft, owner of Pyro Uverse Displays to find out if he would be able to help us host the fireworks.

The committee feels that Chad Heft will be a great asset for this project. His company is licensed, provides insurance and he will structure that show to fit our resources and requests.

Chad gave us three pricing options: \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$25,000 for a 35-45 minute show. Mark Lemon proposed that we give Chad a \$15,000 commitment and expressed the importance of everyone getting involved in the fundraising. Dick Brown seconded the motion.

We discussed setting up a GoFundMe page, yard signs, Firework's calendar, sponsor banner and a business totally sponsoring the show. Dick Brown has a separate savings account that will be used for the Firework's donations.

Jim Root said he wants to move ahead with the LFPOA hosting the fireworks but we need to figure out the money, location and fundraising issues. We talked about using two locations. Jim asked if we should get more information before deciding to commit. Mark Lemon feels we can move ahead and commit. Jim asked the board if we supported hosting the Fireworks. The board unanimously supported the motion to host the Lake Fenton Fireworks on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Motion is carried.

Monthly ZOOM Meetings: Jim said in the past, we have not had meetings in January, February and March but because we are now committing to hosting the Fireworks we need to keep going. Our January 2022 meeting will be held exclusively on ZOOM. We will begin meeting in person again in February 2022.

Mark Lemon made the motion to begin making ZOOM meetings available to paying members in January.

During the discussion, Jim Root welcomed and asked Kurt Brown, a LFPOA member from District 3 who was the call via ZOOM for his opinion. Kurt said that he has been to meetings in the past but because of his work schedule, it is hard for him to be at in person meetings on time. He thinks that ZOOM meetings are a benefit and he would be able to attend more frequently.

Kurt was made aware that a Director position is open in District 3 and Directors are able to attend by ZOOM. Kurt agreed to accept a position in District 3. Jim Root made a motion to accept Kurt Brown as a Director in District 3. The motion was unanimously supported.

We will also be opening ZOOM meetings to paid members by request on a trial basis. Currently this is only available to Officers and Directors.

Dick Brown asked for opinions on posting membership status and expiration dates on Facebook and/or the LFPOA website so membership can keep track of membership status. The board saw a benefit to having this information on the LFPOA website but does not want have this information to be posted on Facebook.

Authorization for payments due: Dick Brown reported that he is in the process of receiving quotes for Officers Liability insurance from McCready Insurance Company. The LFPOA will also be rejoining the Riparian Association.

Roundtable & Adjourn: Phyllis Forster suggested eliminating the Venetian Lights parade in 2022, so they we can focus completely on the Fireworks. We will revisit hosting the parade in 2023 next year. Jim Root suggested that we continue a non-acting role in the Lights on the Lake by making an announcement on the website for people to light up their homes.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:51pm

Respectively submitted, Phyllis Forster, Recording Secretary