

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2016 MEETING OF THE WLCL

President Tom DeSantis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present: Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Lenny Wojewoda, Gary Webb, Jim Findley, Joan Cooper, Bob Parrett, Linda Reid, Paul Falzon, Chuck Neville, and Carol Webb. Board members absent: Patte Day, Bob Pisoni and Bill Maine. Also present were 18 residents, Highland Twp. Parks & Rec representative William Althoff and State Representative Jim Runestad .

Minutes: Tom asked Carol if the minutes were approved by email. She said they were.

Treasurer's Report. Walt reported as of July 21st we had \$36,751.52. Income: 21cents interest; dues, donations and merchandise: \$3,150. Expenses: Home Tour: \$413.71; 2016 fireworks deposit: \$3,850. Balance as of August 26th, \$35,638.02. Gary Webb made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Linda Reid. Approved.

Communications. Bob reported we had several hits on our web page including several on the minutes.

Membership: Carol reported that we had 340 paid members this year.

Merchandise: Lenny reported he collected \$137.00 in cash from a jar at the Wine Basket and they sold a lot of cozies.

Social: Tom explained that we start out the year with the Memorial Day Breakfast and have the flag raising at noon. This is a great event and good way to start the summer season.

Weed Control: Jim Findley reported that we have \$22,800 left out of our budget of \$85,000 for this year. We hope to get approved for sonar for next year. Since this is more costly, if we have money left from this year it can go towards next year's treatment.

Water Quality: They try and do 8 visual tests for transparency to determine algae. Two phosphorus tests are suppose to be done. One in the spring about 2 weeks after the ice melts and again in the fall.

Sheriff: We have 2 weekends left of our summer schedule for sheriff patrol. They reported 1690 contacts, 269 warnings, 139 safety inspections and 1 ticket. Some residents questioned why only one ticket was given out with so many stops. By giving out more tickets maybe people will stop doing things that are illegal on the lake. Walt suggested getting stats regarding number of stops for residents and non residents if possible. We want to make sure that the sheriff is out on all 3 days of the Labor Day weekend patrolling.

Lake Access: Tom had a meeting scheduled to go out on the lake on the 24th. Mr. Kowall couldn't make it but Eileen Kowall attended in his place along with Walt Koziol, Bob Parrett and Patte Day. The DNR rep cancelled at the last minute. Tom has rescheduled going out on the lake for Wed., Sept. 2nd. There is suppose to be a rep from Mr. Kowall's office, a rep from the DNR and other people. The purpose is to show them that there are a lot of boats already on the lake and hope to come up with ways to limit boats that are illegal and try and stop the DNR from adding more boats to the lake.

At this point, Mr. Runestad and Mr. William Althoff came up to the front to take questions. Mr. Althoff stated that he works for Highland Area Parks and Rec. He is in charge of the boat launch on White Lake. He said there is a formula as to how many boats can be legally accessed to a lake. It is 1 space for every 15 acres of water. They bought the parcel next to the present launch lot to add spaces. They have gotten

a lot of pressure to improve the site and add spaces. They want to have a one way in and one way out to make it safer. His authority ends at the end of the dock. He said a lot of his summer help have left so no one was there last week. He will make sure it is manned for the next 2 weekends. He is not the person that can give permission to put in buoys at the sandbar. It was suggested that a flashing light by the launch might help with safety in that area. The DNR designs for the area are suppose to take into consideration safety for people coming and going. Also, it was suggested that a map of the lake be posted by the boat ramp showing how boats should travel to go counter clockwise . He said that could be done. He said he would inform the WLCL of their plans for the launch when they are made.

Bill said they originally wanted to double the width of the launch to make it better. The major concerns of lake residents are extra boat traffic on the lake, safety and invasive species brought into the lake.

Gary Webb explained about the keyhole ordinance. There are laws but neither of the Townships want to enforce it. Tom suggested we get a committee to present our case to the Townships to enforce their laws. Jim Findley said we should try and contact the Union Lake Association to find out what they had to do to stop the increase of boats.

We thanked Bill Althoff and Jim Runestad for coming.

Dredging: We are still waiting for the permit from the DEQ. We will open for bids as soon as it comes in. The testing results were good. We have one company that is interested and they have equipment that would eliminate the need to dewater the spoils. We hope to do the whole project as was outlined by the CLERY report that was originally done for the lake dredging project.

New Programs: Chuck Neville reported they had a meeting and have 9 members now. They proposed several suggestions for new programs for lake residents. They have made a survey that they will send out to all the Board Members to do. They want to get these surveys back within 10 days. They will go over the surveys and ask for Board approval before sending it out to lake residents. Chuck said based on a review of the last 3 year's revenues and expenses, they felt they had \$3,000 to \$5,000 of current revenues that could be spent on new projects. The Board has final approval to authorize spending for any new projects. Walt stated his concern that we need to keep some money in reserve.

Adjournment: Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Findlay. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Webb, Secretary