

Moosic Lake General Membership Meeting
August 31, 2019

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Joe McGraw asked for a moment of silence to remember Joe Kearney, a longtime Moosic Lake neighbor, who died this year.

We met quorum with 74 attendees

- first item of business was to vote on the Amended By-Laws
- The By-Laws were posted to the website www.moosiclakes.org 2 weeks ago so that members could take a look at the changes.
- The amended By-Laws were to modernize the Board communications with the community
- The By-Laws were developed from drafts of prior committees over the years
- Joe McGraw asked for discussion from the floor - Susan Hennemuth asked if people HAVE to belong if they own property - Answer: yes
- Dee Hennemuth - asked if the Board be more proactive in addressing concerns/ on p.9, Dee says the By-Laws say "one vote per lot". Does that mean each lot has a vote? Only one vote per paying dues member in good standing
- Jack Kubash - disagrees with the one vote per owner/ disagrees with reducing quorum from 35 down to 25%.
- Barbara Giavagnoli - disagrees with the committees being Ad-Hoc - there should be standing committees. Feels as though the community does not have any input./define "mail" and "digital"/ cooperatives and condominiums - why is that in the by-laws./ the word "opinion" is too vague/ disciplinary committee doesn't have a member at large on it/ can people volunteer?/ this is a good foundation/
- EJ Generotti - says the By-Laws are good - he is a lawyer. ALSO, feels as though the one vote per dues paying member has to be looked at. Kevin Clarke assured the membership we are looking at this going forward
- Mary Ellen Sharkey - asked Barb Giavagnoli WHY she didn't still engage with the board. Barbara has spent MANY years volunteering for the community
- Chris Cawley - he was on the board for SIX years and knows that people do not volunteer - he agrees with Barb Giavagnoli that wording is important

Vote:

Vote was held and by a vote of seventy six (76) Yes to one (1) No- By Laws were accepted. There were about 20 proxies in addition to the attending members.

Dee Hennemuth made a motion to change the wording on p.9 section 2 under Voting rights - only "one vote per lot" to "one vote per member in good standing"

- seconded by Mary Tellie
- Amendedment carried unanimously

EJ Generotti made a motion that each lot be assessed and pay dues (tax ID) separately. - after discussion from the floor, he rescinded his motion until the Board has time to study the dues issue this winter. EJ was asked to help us with this endeavor

Michael Jenkinson - he feels as though lots should not be charged as long as members take care of the lots

Chris Cawley - we have a fixed number of membership - properties were consolidated, etc

Frank Kane said there are 210 billed members - Joe McGraw said there will be a special meeting this winter to address this

Joe McGraw thanked the Roads Committee - Joe Farley and Brian Churi and John Hill have done a great job. Our goal is to get the entire community "Tarred and Chipped"

- Joe M also asked that members respect the School Buses - if you are in a hurry, go out the Mail Box Road - this is a true safety hazard. The bus driver has confirmed this. Maggie will put that out as an email.
- Joe Farley asked that year round members use the mail box road in icy weather
- The "S" turn - we have received permit from the state to do work on the turn. There may be a way to inject concrete around the existing structure. This has been done at the Hideout and the engineers are looking at this as a viable option.
- New Speed Limit signs have been installed - Ian Farr has started posting them.
- Henry Gutner asked that the Contractors be told to drive slowly around the lake - County Waste is "the worst". The Board will draft a letter to be sent out to regular delivery people. We will also draft a letter for members to share with their own contractors

Environmental:

- The Fourth of July fireworks did not adversely affect the Lake. Tests were run and they did not detect chemicals in the lake.
- Alison McHale - AED did treat the Little Lake on 6/28/2019 - they had been unable to test in the fall due to the rain. They also tested the Big Lake and there were no significant problems. Farnham and Assos does work on the water as well.
- Clean bait buckets on the shore
- Brian Churi - why is the lake "tea colored" this year? Joe McGraw responded that it may have been a perfect storm of heat and torrential downpours causing "Constant churn". The Cat Tail growth indicates that nutrients are going in to the lake - cat tails are a good environment for mosquitoes.

- Mary Tellie - other lakes don't seem to have the problem - We did not find a specific source for the EColi in the lake - construction, heavy downpours and heat all factored in. Mary wants us to compare to nearby lakes. Mary made a motion that the Board explore the clarity of the lake - to be more detailed and regimented
- The motion was seconded
- EJ Generotti asked that we look at the levels of the lake - as a lower level would mean heavier "particulate"

VOTE:

- Unanimous vote to look at the issue
- Ruth Burke delivered the new numbers for eColi - we are back to our "normal" numbers. The July 22nd number is 1100/per million - that was 1000x our "normal". The lake has cleaned itself. The water company tested at the beach so it was unclear where it came from originally.
- How many homes are NOT hooked up to the sewers. Only ONE house is not hooked up. The Jefferson Twp sewer officer should address this issue
- Joe Farley brought up the fact that the concrete companies are washing their trucks in to the lake - Again, a checklist will be developed for contractors
- Susan Hennemuth - can the blue boat be moved from the parking lot at the Beach House? Ian will take care of it
- Pat Dempsey - brought up concerns that Route 247 runoff is running in to the lake. The Board is assessing whether or not there should be a retention pond there. Is Rip-Rap an option?
- Chris Cawley - did every one COLLAPSE there old septic tanks? Chris said it was a state law - Joe McGraw said we could post that to the website
- Chris Cawley made a Motion that the tanks be emptied and number 2 - the tanks should be pumped
- The Motion was seconded by Bob Perko
- Discussion followed - JOe asked that members check their own tanks and address
- Jim Loftus said "collapsed" should not be the language

VOTE:

- One "no" vote - full agreement to look in to the state regulations
- DEP will be asked for the regulation
- Mrs. Rafter bought her property after the sewers were installed - sewers were put in in 2005 - she doesn't know about her own property
- Janet Brier - can we get a "Beaver Cam" over at the Weir?
- Grace Zandarski - do we have measure of the DEPTH of the lakes - Frank Kane responded:
- 17 feet - Little Lake depth
- 45 feet - Big Lake depth
- Ruth Burke has developed a paradigm to be posted on the website with numbers for all testing done by Farnham and Assos

- The Board will get bids on any and all work to be done - timelines, specifics of items, proper bid protocol - all these measures will be posted. ALL projects will be put out to BID - proper Procedures will be demanded

Public Safety

- DOGS: keep on a leash - pick up waste
- Commons: make sure that people on commons ARE members
- In addition to water testing, we have been tested for mosquitoes and there was no West Nile virus here at the lake
- Firefighters had trouble accessing the lake for their annual exercise to fill their tanks from the lake - there were a number of boats blocking the pathway where the fire truck is backed in to the lake - boats have to be pulled from shoreline - Ian will post signs

Women's Club - Alison McHale - had a great season

- Ruth Gerrity bequeathed the Women's Club monies that have been used to upgrade the children's playground. A Dedication ceremony will be held at 1:00 on 9/2 at the playground

- Kayak Race is after the dedication 9/2 and monies will be used for the Generator - quotes range from \$6800-8400
 - Covered dish dinner will follow - Please feel free to attend!
 - Halloween
 - Winter Fest - 12/ 7
 - Lifeguards - Alison asked that members get in touch with her with any concerns
- Ellen Byrne - cleared up that she does not own the float that was spotted on the lake with kids drinking. It has floated over to her property and the Byrne's will get rid of it.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 12:50