



Monthly Meeting
6:00pm 2/8/2022

In Attendance: Joe McGraw, Frank Kane, John Foff, Alison McHale, Ruth Burke, Maggie Mariotti

- **Our first item was an invited guest from AEC which is a company that monitors the quality of the lake waters**
- Bill Kirkpatrick of AEC presented via ZOOM to answer our questions about Lake Management
- Joe McGraw asked for a Vegetation study of the Big Lake and Water Quality testing for the Little Lake – board was in agreement.
- We need a summary in layman's terms to present to the membership.
- The vegetation study and water quality sampling can be done at the same time. When AEC comes to treat the lakes, they monitor oxygen and temperature but not a full quality report each time. Bill will redo the proposals for us to determine if we can work it in to the budget. Invasive species must be prohibited. Dissolved Oxygen Ph, phosphorous, Chlorophyl A, specific conductance are some of the things that are measured in the quality study to determine the “trophic state” of the lake which is the score the lake gets to determine how degraded it is. Our water quality is terrific right now. The fact that we are on sewers now helps keep the lake healthy.
- We need a quote for a “fishery study” as well.

Financials: - Frank Kane

Budget, AR, Balance, Check Detail, P&L

- Frank Kane sent the Board the financials to look over before the meeting.
- Maggie Mariotti asked Frank to explain the mortgage on the Beach House as a member had questioned WHY the board had not paid it off after a general membership meeting discussion. Frank Kane explained that, at the time of the discussion, there were 18 months left on the mortgage and it would have cost us more to pay it off early than to just continue to do the monthly payments. The mortgage was FULLY paid off in 2020.
- John Foff contacted Mr. Lesh with specific “Commons Lawn Care” instructions for 2022. We reviewed the quote from Mr. Lesh – planting beds at the Community Center, grass cutting, maintenance, etc. John will manage frequency of cutting. There are 9 Commons on the Big Lake and 8 on the Little Lake. Maggie Mariotti asked whether or not we need to get another bid. She will contact Gene Donahue to see if he is interested in submitting a proposal.
- Annual Dues are to increase to \$850.00. Can we do a monthly deduction? We will look in to the options.

Land & Lakes:

- Perch Commons – Block project under review by Alison McHale. The Boy Scouts will review stacking the blocks on Barletta’s property to tidy up the area.
- Oak Commons needs stone to fill up some of the ditch. John Foff spoke with NC and he proposed @\$1,200.00. Frank will check what Sam Wilmot proposes
- Boats without stickers left on the Commons will be removed and left at volleyball field - it has been too icy to move anything this

winter. Frank Kane has a power saw to cut the lock on boats that are chained but DO NOT have stickers.

- Tractor Trailers and vehicle on Sunset and parked on 247 - We discussed the ambulance, flat bed and jeep at the top of Sunset road that were brought to our attention by Kristen Dempsey. It was looked in to and there was a car that was stuck in the reservoir and the vehicles were there to pull it out. It was suggested that we put signage up noting the road is private as traffic on Route 247 seems to be increasing.

Environment - Ruth Burke and Alison McHale

- Tree Trimming – Titan Tree did a great job. Kudos to Laila Kane
- AEC presented at the meeting tonite via Zoom with notes above.

Roads – Joe McGraw, Frank Kane, Brian Churi

- Roads – Tar n Chip – 2021/22 Down \$10,000.00 to leave funds for the “S-Turn project”.
- S-Turn Project - Status of Project – Reuther Bowen – Major Project for 2022 – permits are in place. Paid \$3700.00 to Reuther Bowen for work. The fee for the permit is
- \$1500.00. Frank will authorize the permit to proceed
- Suggest board motion to have Reuther Bowen submit bid to solicit project quotes

Security

- House number Identification Signs must be installed by all homeowners - Cost \$20.00. Maggie will send out email again reminding members
- Need signage indicating bus stop at Old Lake Road Entrance – we have the signs now and they need to be installed
- Notification to contractors/vendors instructing speed limits and entrances to the lake are defined in the rules and regs

Miscellaneous Business

- Umbrella for Beach House Dock – we will let the members know the safety concerns that were discussed relative to the lifeguard chairs that were voted on at the General Membership meeting
- Recommend purchase of two chairs to satisfy floor motion due to lack of clarification on motion. Joe McGraw is getting a quote for an umbrella bracket from Seamon's Marine.
- Winter CC use and Insurance – Covid Protocol. Number of attendees is being monitored by Mauri Rafalko and Peter Cosgrove.
- O&D Elections 2022 – nominations will be done in June – All positions are open
Barbara Giovagnoli expressed interest
- Need for additional Mailboxes and Parcel containers – Lake Ariel post office told Maggie Mariotti that 3 of the boxes have broken locks and the PO will repair them. Joe McGraw has a label marker as the numbers or letters are hard to see.
- Maggie will post USPS website for complaints if members are having issues with mail delivery
- MLC Website – Ruth and Maggie are working on revamping the website.
- Beach Tags – Maggie is working on pricing for wristbands. She ordered 4 different sizes to determine what to order in the spring
- Social nights – the women's Club is putting in 100 dollars and we are putting in 94 dollars for insurance coverage. The liability is in the name of the Women's club's insurance

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting is March 8th at 6:00pm