

LEPOA Meeting Minutes

Monthly Meeting November 14, 2022-7:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from September- Don motioned, Kathy second, all in favor.

Secretary Report-Jordin- Jordin said that 26 people have RSVP'd for the party, 24 are still undecided. With the increase of guests from last year the dinner will have to be a buffet style. She has confirmed the date and time with Jerry's. New Lawn and Leaf called and will stop services on the parks after this month. They asked when we would like them to start back up in the spring. Kathy said she spoke with Travis and got it figured out. New stickers have been ordered and the boat ones have arrived already. Quality Interests sent their letter of regret for next season. They do not wish to move forward with providing Loch Erin with security. Jordin said that we still are owed **\$12,410.00** for the year. Jordin said she has done two zooms with Key Bank now for the online payment system. She has emailed out invoices and had someone pay for their lots today. However it didn't show up in QB right away like it did for Keybank. She said she is waiting to see how long it takes for the money to show up in the account and for it to show paid in Quickbooks. Jordin asked Eric if she needs to send a check to American 1 for the year? Eric said yes.

Treasurer's Report-Tom-Tom went over the financials for the remainder of the year and talked through the balance sheet. Tom mentioned that Loch Erin is partnering with Key Bank to take online payments for 2023. We are currently in a 60 day trial right now to see if this program will work for us. Christian asked to clarify if the Key Cash Flow would cost \$600/ year. Tom said yes. Joe Marcyn asked why the docks cost so much and why there was an overage. He was concerned about the costs. Tom explained to Mr. Marcyn about the dock costs and the plan for the future. Don asked why a line item 50805 was on the accounts. Tom said he would look into it. Kathy motioned to approve Tom's report with the correction of the account 50805. Phil seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports Water Quality- Phil- Water sampling is completed for this year. With assistance from interns and volunteers 11 rounds of 10 sites per round were completed. The City of Adrian Water Department analyzed about 371 samples for e.coli and 125 for nutrients. Additionally, about 25 samples were taken to Paragon Lab in Livonia for determination of Orthophosphate levels, a nutrient favored by Blue Green algae (Cyanobacteria). The orthophosphate levels were generally low. Three exploratory trips were made along Onsted Creek from where it emerges in Onsted Park and proceeded about ½ mile downstream. While at least 3 drain tiles were identified, none appear to be potential sources based on e.coli sampling, yet the stream is always high in e.coli levels. We are now evaluating if it is legacy e.coli. Phil said they met with our consultant Limnotech in Ann Arbor last Friday 11/11/2022 to review the program, met the Minneapolis based young lady who is tasked with writing the bulk of the Plan, and reviewed next steps and started planning for next year's activities. Had a phone call with Tony, one of the Lake LeAnn board members regarding the performance of their whole lake aeration system that was installed 2 years ago. They seem pleased with the system operation, few maintenance requirements so far and minor tweaks were performed by the installers. However, they did treat the lake for Cyanobacteria in 2021 with Copper Sulfate and did have minor blooms both in 2021 and 2022. They are also treating the bottom with some form of phosphate eliminator. Ken Crawford asked how many inlets are in Loch Erin? Phil said the Wolf Creek entrance and Castle bar are the primary inlets for this issues. Phil said the LCDC is fully involved and that it could be Legacy Ecoli from years of this. Christian said that members should share with the Health Department because the board has told them in the past. Patrick Coulter asked if the toxins are concerning in our water. Phil said bacteria is going to be anywhere but we need to watch the levels. Phil doesn't think it's high but wants to keep an eye on it.

Fish/Wildlife-Christian - Via Zoom said six teams compete. Overall he would like to have better participation next year but it was a good event.

Building-Don - Don said he had a couple of approvals. A deck was updated and added in Irish Mist. In Castlebar lot 19 there was a new home that was approved there. Joe Marcyn expressed his concerns with some of the homes, garages, and accessories around the lake. He gave pictures of what he feels is a bylaw violation to Dan. Dan said he would look into those and give them to the compliance committee.

Parks-Kathy- Kathy said that docks are removed, porta johns removed, and rocks were put in at the Eberly part to protect the reader. The clean up at M50 entrance has happened. The Galway park project is complete and we did close the gate because she feels that keeps our lake most secure.

Compliance-Eric - nothing at this time.

President Report-Dan - mentioned this is the last meeting for the year. We have made great strides this year.

Sub-Associations

Gilgal, Irish Mist, Stonehenge- For Irish Mist Kathy Kanable asked about lot 23 waiting on a zoning variance. Don said they are working with the homeowners and we are waiting on a final drawing from them. Chris Denunzio from Stonehenge had no report but said thanks to Kathy Z for removing that tree. Harry from Gilgal had no report.

Drain Commission/Township Meetings-Phil - No Drain Commission Meeting

Township Board Meeting October 12, 2022 - There was a request to increase the sewer system rates for the Wampler's, Sand and Iron Lake was approved. This system, like ours, is managed and maintained by the Lenawee County Drain Commission. Phil said he would expect a similar action on our system in the near future. A short presentation was provided by Evolutionary Fiber Services, a newer company in the area intending to provide internet service. Near term focus is areas not currently served by cable.

Township Board Meeting November 9, 2022 - Two locations are under consideration for a new Police Headquarters. There has been consideration for some time to add onto the existing Township Building, but the vacated doctor's office at the corner of M-50 and Springville is also under consideration. It is anticipated that refurbishing this building will be much less costly. The police are currently housed in the Fire Station on the south shore of Wampler's lake (near Jerry's).

Planning Commission October 26- Phil said he could not attend in person but did zoom in. The takeaway issue is the proposal by SSP leasing to rezone and establish a sand and gravel mining operation at the southeast corner of US 12 and Killarney Highway, near Kelly Lake. The board is concerned with potential issues with this operation, both from an aesthetic and environmental standpoint. The board will be reviewing a letter of concern to be sent to the Planning Commission. Additionally, the River Raisin Watershed Council will be reviewing a similar letter in tomorrow's board meeting.

Old Business

- **Non-compliance of a storage shed in Irish Mist (Don and Eric)** - Kathy Kanable asked how we are moving forward with this situation. A discussion was had and the violation stands and the shed needs to be removed. Dan said he would take next steps with this member and let them know if it's not corrected he will no longer be in good standing.
- **Dock survey/audit as part of removal process (Kathy Z)** - Jordin asked what the dock slip cost will be so she can prepare the dock lease agreement. Tom said they will be staying at the \$200 price point.

New Business

- **2023 Budgeting process (Tom C and Board)**- This year's budget was around 212K after the board submissions it was 317K. The board didn't want to have that large of a budget. Tom said they are also looking at making a reserves of 17K. Don asked if Wells Fargo is the emergency fund. Tom said yes. Tom said he will be looking at the budget and bringing it to the board in January.
- **Castlebar variance request (Don D)** - Ken Crawford gave a presentation on his pole barn he wants to build. Ken asked the board to re vote to approve his barn that he said meets all the building requirements. There was a discussion back and forth. Don said based on the information provided in the presentation and that Ken Crawford meets all setbacks and meets all the building requirements that he approves the building.
- **Non-LEPOA property 'draft' criteria discussion (Dan F)**- Dan said he is looking for feedback for this criteria. He hasn't received anything from the members and only from sub association members.

Public Comment-2 minutes- no public comment

Adjournment- Phil moved to end the meeting, Eric seconded, all in favor.