

**Regular Meeting of the  
Five Lakes Association Board of Directors  
April 23, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the Farwell High School's Library Media Center, 399 E. Michigan Street, Farwell, MI on April 23, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 7:01 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken:

**Members present:** President David Southworth, Vice-President Cory Gingery, Treasurer Karen Wittich, Secretary Rhonda Goin, Area Representatives Steve Cohoon, Dick Haynak, Bob Jeffords, Dave Peterson

**Members absent:** Tim O'Neal

**Community Members present:** Len Wittich

**Minutes:** Moved by Bob Jeffords supported by Dick Haynak to approve the October 09, 2009 Minutes. With an 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Karen Wittich distributed copies of the Treasurer's Comparative Budget Report for review. Karen stated that there are about 10 residents from which she may still be able to collect delinquent dues. It is likely we will have to take some delinquencies to small claims court to collect. An amount of \$6,120 will be due soon to Savin Lake Services. Moved by Steve Cohoon supported by Cory Gingery to accept the Treasurer's Report. With an 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Tim O'Neal (Weed Control, Landscape Maintenance and Dam Management):** No report.

**Len Wittich (West Bay Silt Trap Project):** Len reported that Mr. Lang, the owner of the property adjacent to the North End Silt Trap, has notified Len that he needs a change made to the permit to allow room for a possible road accessing his property. He wants the silt trap to be moved from 10 feet from the MDOT property line to 30 feet. The DEQ is planning a site visit the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>, and then we will have to wait for the revised permit. Len reports that everything is ready to begin once the revised permit is received.

**Karen Wittich (Beach Restoration Project):** Karen said that one of the swimming area buoys has been missing since the Labor Day week-end. Dick Haynak suggested calling Don Dysinger to see if he knows where they were purchased, the cost, or where we might obtain one.

### **Area Representatives' Reports:**

**Area S – Dave Peterson:** The approved fence extension at 2888 Lone Pine Road has been installed.

**Area 1 – Tim O'Neal:** No report.

**Area 2 – Dick Haynak:** Nothing to report.

**Area 3 – Bob Jeffords:** Bob brought a Building Proposal and site drawings submitted by Jack & Tina McCormick, 7670 Five Lakes Drive, for an upper and lower deck and cement patio. Bob has visited the site and verified the drawings. The Board approved the proposal as submitted. Bob was asked by a resident in his area where the Board schedule is posted for Regular Board Meetings. In the past, the schedule was published in the Clare County Review newspaper. However, with the addition of the Five Lakes website the schedule has been published on the website. This year it will again be posted on the website and included in the newsletter. (See New Business, Item #1)

**Area 4 – Steve Cohoon:** The unlicensed vehicles and trailers have been removed from 7711 White Birch

Drive. The property at 7731 White Birch Drive has recently been sold.

## **New Business**

- a) **2010 Annual Meeting Date** – Dave Southworth proposed that the Annual Meeting be moved from the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday week-end to the following Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 9:00 am. He also proposed returning the Annual Meeting to the Grant Township Hall to be more convenient for Association members to attend. All other regular board meetings will be held at the Farwell High School. Moved by Bob Jeffords supported by Cory Gingery to move the Annual Meeting date and location as proposed. With an 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.
- b) **2010 Regular Board Meeting Schedule** – The Board discussed returning the Regular Board Meetings to Monday evenings with a new start time of 6:00 pm beginning with the May 2010 meeting. The meetings will held in the High School Library Media Center this year. Moved by Karen Wittich supported by Dick Haynak to move the Regular Board Meetings to Monday evenings at 6:00 pm with the exception of the July 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. With an 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried. The Board Meeting schedule will be posted on the website and included in the newsletter.
- c) **2010 Election Committee** – Association member Onita Oles will be the chairperson of this year's bi-annual election of Board officers. A slate of nominees and incumbents will be presented at the June meeting. Onita will also conduct the election during the Annual Meeting. Members interested in running for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary should contact Onita at 386-3756.
- d) **Grant Program** –The grant is ready for submission when the State of Michigan 2010/2011 Fiscal Year grant cycle begins.
- e) **Lawsuit Update** – Dave Southworth presented a statement regarding the status of the suit that will be printed in the Spring newsletter. Discussion followed and it was decided the statement will be printed in the newsletter.
- f) **Newsletter Articles and Advertisements** – Secretary Rhonda Goin reported that she has received most of the articles, and that we are still short on advertisements. Any remaining articles and advertisements need to be submitted by Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> so that the draft can be sent to the printer by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- g) **Proposal for new Dues Program** – Steve Cohoon opened discussion on possible changes to the dues program. Several ideas were presented, including a different fee structure for multiple lot owners, investors/speculators, etc. Future discussion and research into other lake associations' dues structures was recommended.

**Recognition of Audience Members & Public Comment:** Len Wittich commented favorably on the idea of researching other lake associations' dues structures. Dave Peterson commented on the importance of having a common vision for our lake and communicating it well among all Association members.

**Board Comments: No further comments.**

**Adjournment:** Moved by Karen Bob Jeffords to adjourn the meeting, supported by Cory Dick Haynak.. With an 8-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

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Rhonda Goin, Five Lakes Association Secretary