

Special Meeting of the Five Lakes Association Board of Directors  
February 28, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the home of Area Representative Tim O'Neal on February 28, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken:

**Board members present:** President Dave Southworth, Vice-President Cory Gingery, Treasurer Steve Cohoon, Secretary Chris Butche and Area Representatives, Dick Haynack, Tim O'Neal and Ralph Greenfield.

**Board members absent:** Area Representatives Bob Chamberlain and Frank Oles

**Association members present:** Tom Meskil and Lynn Baker as well as Kapplinger Road guests - Jarvis Kapplinger, and Penny Williams

**Minutes:** November 7, 2011 minutes were distributed. Corrections to the minutes regarding the construction of a dock at the picnic area were required. With those corrections, Ralph Greenfield moved and Dick Haynack seconded to approve the minutes, motion carried 7 Yes, 0 No.

**Treasurer Report:** Steve presented the budget which shows a deficit of \$3439.36, if all documented expenditures are executed. Steve noted we should have around \$17,000 in dues and the \$100 special assessment money coming in next year but we must have good estimates around spending, including any projected increases in lake treatment, prior to any discussion around dues increases. Dave stated we need line item level detail around 2013 budget development for presentation at the Annual meeting.

The group discussed lake treatment costs:

- Tim to contact Brea (PLM) to collect history of surrounding lakes for cost of treatment and success of improving lake quality.
- Ralph Greenfield suggested we allow/prepare for other expenditures in the budget including beach improvement, dam repair and silt trap maintenance.
- The group discussed the west bay silt trap and some concern over the size. Dave asked Tim to ask Brea for her judgement or recommend an expert to evaluate silt trap size and if adjustments are necessary (potential budget item). Also, Dave to bring the original permits to the next meeting for discussion.

The group discussed the special assessment and whether it is a voluntary or a mandatory payment, including if a lien against the property would be viable if not paid, as is the case with dues. The original intent, supported by the 51% membership vote is for the assessment to be mandatory.

Dick Haynack motioned and Cory Gingery seconded to approve the Treasurers report, motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

**Presidents Report:** As a result of speaking at the January DRN Commissioners meeting, Dave spoke with three individuals: Jim Dexter, Chief of DNR Fisheries Department; Ron Olson, Chief of Parks and Recreation and Matt Ainty; Coordinator of Rose Lake DNR Rapid Response Team. Mr. Dexter provided Dave with a copy of the State of Michigan's Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan as well as the two fish surveys of Five Lakes. Mr. Olson stated Five Lakes Public Boat Launch could be a Pilot for a trailer wash. Dave suggested this trailer wash would also have an organic filter. Dave set Mr. Olson an e-mail with steps involved in implementing this organic wash;

- The Clare Parks and Recreation Maintenance department would collect the residue from the filter.
- Rose Lake DNR research station(college students) would evaluate/identify the residue for both Five Lakes and the DNR.

Mr. **Ainty**, who is also a member of a \$1M grant committee, suggested he come to visit Five Lakes. Dave, Tim O'Neal and Harry **Henhie** (Clare County Parks Manager) participated with Mr. **Ainty** at Dave's home. Dave and Tim both felt Five Lakes had a great opportunity for a grant based on this meeting. However, Dave received a subsequent call stating we would not be considered for the Grant because Eurasian and Variable Leaf milfoil are not on the State of Michigan's invasive species list. Therefore, we are back to self funding the weed invasion in our lake. Chris suggested all the work that has been done to find additional funding be communicated at the Annual Meeting.

In December, Dave made a presentation at the Grant Township meeting asking for assistance in lake treatment. Although the Township was interested, they wanted to form a Lake Board which was unacceptable to our Five Lakes Board. Dave made a counter proposal to Grant Township asking for them to fund lake treatment of the 10 acres adjacent to the Public Boat Launch, support seems positive. The next Township Board meeting is March 13th where Dave will again ask for funding support, potentially \$4,000 - \$5,000, with Board Member attendance requested. The Grant Township Budget meeting is April 10th.

Dave announced the formation of a new committee, a right given to him by Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution. The formation of this Kapplinger Road Residents Committee, was enthusiastically supported by 8 of 9 Board Members. Dave stated the Chairperson of this committee will be an adjunct, auxiliary, non-voting member to the Board with the responsibility of the liaison to the Kapplinger Road residents. The Chairperson will be appointed at a later date.

#### **Area Reports:**

- **Tim O'Neal:** Nothing to report. Resident report summary for special assessment approval - 66% of Pebble Creek and Deep Woods Drive approve. For Kapplinger Drive - 59% of residents approve. Steve Cohoon stated we originally sent 147 requests for information (all Area Representatives have reported resident results), we've receive 151 positive responses. Therefore, we have overall support for the special assessment. Steve moved we accept the passing of the the assessment based on these numbers, and not require Area Representative report outs, Chris seconded. Motion passes 7 Yes, 0 No. Dave asked, in lieu of reporting the numbers at the meeting, the Area Representative's get there lists to Chris to be included in the minutes.

#### **New Business:**

- Billing process and time lines for special assessment collection: Dave commented our first treatment is scheduled for May, therefore, we should have the assessment payment by mid-April. Steve stated this is an aggressive timeline and we have money available for the initial treatment if necessary. Steve also suggested we could send our invoice through PLM with the permission slips to residents to treat in front of their properties, but through group discussion it was determined we would send the invoices out independent to PLM and announce in the Spring Newsletter the invoices were being mailed. Dave read a draft cover letter to be included with the invoice (attached). Dick Haynak suggested the letter reference who the check should be made out to (Five Lakes Treasurer) and where to send the check.
- Dave stated he withdrew a request for funding from Clare County Parks and Recreation because the Committee was asking for too much information from the Association.

- The April 9th meeting agenda will include discussion regarding the budget and the potential to increase dues. Dave asked Steve to prepare an income statement to support that discussion. Chris referenced an earlier discussion which proposed a portion of the Association dues be designated for lake treatment and asked if that would be deposited in the new Lake Quality checking account. Steve stated, initially this checking account will be the special assessment only and when depleted, the lake treatment will be handled as a line item in the budget.
- March 8th is a DNR Commissioners meeting. Dave will be speaking asking the DNR to support the inclusion of Eurasian Milfoil on the State of Michigan's invasive species list, which prohibited Five Lakes grant opportunities, and could the impact Five Lakes becoming a test site for the Filtration system.

Additional discussion over the filtration system occurred:

- The wash system must be mandatory and designed as such.
- Ralph suggested we need more details and should be involved in the construction and installation of this system.
- Steve commented the system could deter public boat traffic.
- Dave asked Ralph and Tim to participate in the DNR meeting

#### **Audience comments:**

- Lynn Baker reviewed the work she had done to align the Association Address listing with the Tax Assessments. A few additional questions need to be answered by the Area Reps. She provided each with a list of homeowners who's addresses need to be validated. That information needs to be returned to Penny Williams by March 10th.
- Penny Williams read a letter she drafted for possible use as the cover letter for the special assessment invoice/update. She also noted all the data quantifying our lake problems would help in gaining grants and volunteered to help us find and obtain matching corporate grants (for example, Dow Corning). Dave asked the Board if they would support moving forward with obtaining corporate grants. Chris motioned and Cory seconded to move forward with obtaining corporate funding - motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Adjournment: Southworth asked for a motion to adjourn, Steve Cohoon motioned and Dick Haynak seconded. Motion passed – meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by  
Chris Butche, Secretary