

FIVE LAKES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 AT 6:00 PM  
FARWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

1. Meeting called to order.

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Roll call

Board members present: Dave Southworth, President, Dan Newberry, Treasurer, Area Representatives Cathy Church, Melinda Bellah, Bob Chamberlain, Bob McFall, Ralph Greenfield. Absent: Linda Verardi. Secretary.

Visitors: Al Finley, Carol Johnson, Cory Gingery.

4. The June 10th, 2013 minutes was amended to reflect the swimming beach project included a 3 tier plan. Minutes was approved as amended.

5. Treasurers report.

The July 6th, 2013 Treasurers Status Report was amended to reflect the following expenditure of \$30,150 to PLM as of August 12th, 2013. We have received invoiced dues revenue is \$23,585. A report on association member dues not paid as of August 12, 2013 was as follows: 23 not paid; 6 special circumstances; 6 multiple years & special circumstances. The Treasurer will mail a second annual dues invoice.

6. Committee reports

A. Watershed Lake Management Committee

D. Southworth reported a special east bay and west bay silt trap project would be assigned to obtain professional feedback concerning the need to clean the silt traps, to gain insight the silt traps are functioning properly, to develop a cost / benefit analysis. Bob McFall volunteered to manage the project. Dave will meet with Bob to review the project.

B. Bre Grabill / PLM will complete a lake survey of the results of the July 25th and July 29th lake treatment programs this week.

7. President's comments

A. Treasurer Dan Newberry reported 35 Association members had not paid their annual 2013 dues.

7. ( continued )

An alternative Annual Dues Collection Process

An alternative to the Treasurer's current annual dues revenue collection process would be to reconsider a Special Assessment District through Grant Township without requiring a Lake Board per MI Act # 188

Board members agreed to continue serious consideration of a Special Assessment District without requiring a Lake Board at the September 9th Board meeting. The September 9th Board meeting will be held at Grant Township Hall.

B. Partial September 9th Board meeting agenda

An open focus group discussion between Board members and association members concerning current and future financial position of the association; line item expenditures; the need for and level of a potential dues increase; a Special Assessment District; lake drawdown; Board member's will vote for an interim Secretary and an interim Vice President.

Partial October 14th Board meeting agenda

Bre Grabill will present: Review of 2013 lake treatment, results of the September final lake survey, expectations for 2014, 2014 lake treatment budget target; Continuation of review of a special Assessment District; Continuation of current and future line item expenditures and various levels of annual dues.

Partial November 11th Board meeting agenda

Board members will review line item expenditures and a review of an appropriate level of annual dues; review association member comments and suggestions; Board member's recommendation for annual dues increase; recommended annual dues level will be voted on at the July 5th, 2014 annual meeting.

- C. President reviewed the Five Lakes Constitution Article VI, section 5 and Article IV, section 3 . Per Dan Newberry's suggestion, Board members, per Article VI, section 5 will talk with association members who have expressed interest in the interim Secretary position and the interim Vice President position at the September 9th Board meeting. Each candidate will be allotted 3 minutes to present their credentials and interest. There will be a ballot vote, counted by the President and Cathy Church. The winners will be announced by the President.

D. Dan Newberry prepared a leaflet describing a partial agenda for the September 9th Board meeting, to be distributed to association members by Area Representatives. The September 9th Board meeting will be held at Grant Township Hall.

8. Area Representative reports

Cathy Church reported on a building proposal approved for Robert and Kathy Pinkstaff.

Melinda Bellah .... no report

Bob McFall reported on the 60' dead ash tree on the swimming beach / McFall's property line. After reviewing bids, Garrison Tree Service was selected with the requirement Garrison must provide proof of appropriate insurance prior to beginning the project.

Bob Chamberlain .... no report

Ralph Greenfield reported the swimming beach roping and buoys had been replaced with new roping and buoys.

Discussion concerning non-association people using the association's private beach. Cathy Church suggested asking a Sheriff Deputy to stop by the swimming beach periodically.

9. No Old Business

10. New Business

A. Melinda Bellah volunteered to be Chairperson for a 2014 garage and bake sale for association members who do not want to have their own sale. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the association.

B. I have communicated with Linda Verardi, Board Secretary to immediately begin development / preparation of the Fall Newsletter. Articles by the President, Treasurer, Bre Grabill, Melinda Bellah re: 2014 garage & bake sale, recipes from association members, an article describing association member's responsibility to adhere to the Covenants and complete a building proposal as required. The President will identify another Board member to write a short article.

B. ( continued )

Fall Newsletter articles should be emailed to the President, who will hold them until the Board Secretary has returned home from job travels. The goal will be to publish the Fall Newsletter the week of September 30th, 2013.

11. Audience comments

Carol Johnson talked about her displeasure with her neighbor's house addition.

Suggestion to include Building Proposal discussion at the July 5th, 2014 annual meeting.

Mr. Finley who recently purchased the A frame on Lone Pine Road asked about building restrictions. His area rep Cathy Church provided Mr. Finley with an association directory. Cathy will also notify the Treasurer and Secretary of Mr. Finley's name, wife's name, the Lone Pine address and their home address.

12. Meeting adjourned.