

Hi-Land Lake Property Owners' Association

Association Annual Meeting

August 17, 2024

In attendance:

Ron Connelly

Ken Ruszkowski

Kathy Weaver

Gale Frentz

Samantha Napier

Tony Wachocki

Not in attendance:

Mark Haddlesey

Gary Wojnaroski

Dustin Anderson

Also in attendance:

Forty-four members

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am

Voting protocol

Ron Connelly outlined the three positions to be filled. He explained that Kathy Weaver a current trustee was up for re-election and two open positions needed to be filled. The floor was opened for volunteers who would like to be consider for the positions. Valerie Niemec

nominated Corey Whitney and Brandon Roache. Linda Kairunas asked to added as a candidate. Ballots were distributed to members. The meeting continued as the balloting and tabulation were done.

President's remarks

Ron Connelly thanked Ken Ruszkowski and Dustin Anderson for their service on the Board.

Ken Ruszkowski commented that he enjoyed serving and his time working on the Board.

Ron Connely also recognized and thanked a number of groups that helped support the Association's work this year. These included Mid-west Constuction Company for repairs and painting of the Assocation building, Michigan Pond Dredging, Diversified Dock for upgrading and installing the dock after the dredging was completed, Savin Lake Services and the volunteers that put together the Chanticleer, Valerie Niemec, Bonny Frizell and Colleen Miller.

Ron also informed the group that additional dredging is slated for the area by the Sunset bridge. This will increase the water flow and help to keep the number of weeds down in Sunset Bay.

Reports

Treasurers report

Kathy Weaver outlined the expenses and payments made throughout the year. She explained that \$21,000 outstanding dues are in the process of being recouped. In addition, five new properties are being sent to the lawyer to for legal action.

She reported that a few more dollars were needed for the fireworks fund for the Labor Day show.

A question was asked about the interest on the funds in the bank. Currently the money is in a checking account and does not earn interest. It was suggested to investigate additional banking options that could earn interest.

A question was raised about a charge for \$5,800 in the lake maintenance budget. This fee was for the dredging of the boat launch.

A question was raised about how the money in the fish fund would be used. Valerie Niemec, who sits on the Lake Board, explained that the Lake Board asked that the no new fish be added to the lake until the weeds were controlled and a fish habitat was in place.

A suggestion was made that the fish fund line item on the dues notice be removed until it is time to stock the fish. Another suggestion was made to recover the fish caught in our lake by fishermen in tournaments and return them to our lake. Kathy weaver said it is possible but we would need volunteers to take on this responsibly.

Roads

Ron Connelly outlined the work that has been done to the roads in the Association's care.

This includes adding various types of stone and millings throughout the year.

A question was raised about the status of the planned dry hydrants. Ron Connelly explained that he is working with the Fire Chief and EGLE to get them in place. Currently they are working to get the permits from EGLE to move forward. There will be 5 dry hydrants placed around the lake and Mickey Carl.

Ron Connelly asked the group for their thoughts on putting up neighborhood watch signs.

Also discussed was the speed that some people are going on the roads around the lakes. It was noted that some of the speed limit signs are overgrown. It was asked if more signs could be posted and possibly putting the neighborhood watch signs with the speed limit signs. More research will need to be done to see what is possible.

Ron Connelly also asked the homeowner to cut back brush and trees growing into the roads. The county will only do this on county roads, not the private roads.

Building

Ken Ruszkowski outlined the changes to the Association building this year. These included the roof being sealed and repainted, the building has been painted, additional repairs are underway including exterior lights. In the interior, the furnace has been fixed, the air conditioning will be looked at, new LED lighting is planned and the number of lights will be increased, exit signs will be added. The underground area has been scoped to see what is there. Ken Ruszkowski thanked all the volunteers that helped with the building this year.

Lake Board

Valerie Niemiec, a member of the Lake Board, reported that the lake is in good shape.

The lake has only been treated once this year. The harvesters were here earlier this summer. The group agreed that the lake treatments have made a difference.

A question was asked if the dredging could be covered by the Lake Board. Valerie explained that the scope of the Lake Board currently only covers lake maintenance, weeds, and fish

habitat. It does not include dredging. The Lake Board is in the fourth year of a five-year commitment. When it is renewed dredging and covering Mickey Carl could be added.

Valerie indicated that Aqua Weed is scheduled to be out next week to address areas that need attention.

Events

Kathy Weaver reviewed upcoming events that include a work day on the little island, Labor Day fireworks, corn hole on Thursdays and the upcoming Halloween parties. There has been a suggestion to add a euchre night.

A question was raised about volunteering to help people with yard work or other needs.

Another suggestion was to hold a community garage sale in September.

Kathy Weaver indicated that this was possible but what is needed is people to volunteer take on the planning and implementation of the events.

Little Island

Ron Connelly informed the group that work day for the Little Island was scheduled for August 24, 2024. He explained that they would like to do is install logs and more rock material to increase the usability of the island. Valerie Niemiec discussed that the island is there to help people use the water it is not there to be a park. It needs to have a sign that makes that clear.

Ron Connelly also asked for volunteers to help with the upcoming fireworks. They need help with set-up, keeping the boats away from the barges and bringing the barges out to lake and bringing them back to the launch the next day.

Election results

Ron Connelly announced the results of the election. The newly elected Trustees for the upcoming year are Kathy Weaver, Corey Whitney and Brandon Roache.

Next Meeting date

The next meeting date is September 10, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

