

DUCK LAKE PENINSULAR SHORES ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting

5:00 p.m. at the Pavilion

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2023

I. Call to order

Ken Schonhoff, President, called to order the Annual Spring Meeting of the DLPSA at 3:00 p.m. on May 20, 2023 at the pavilion. Ken made introductions of our board members and opening comments on the current updates that have been done thus far and ongoing projects to enhance our community.

II. Roll call

Cynthia Howard, Secretary, conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ken Schonhoff, Paul Johnson, Kathy Bickel, Kenneth Chamberlain, David Marsh and Cynthia Howard representing the board. Jeff Beaton was unable to attend. We also had about 50 residents in attendance.

III. Secretary's Report

Cynthia Howard, Secretary, stated that all minutes have been board approved and uploaded to our website.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kathy Bickel, Treasurer, provided the April 30, 2023, treasurer's report to our member present. The balance as of April 30, 2023, is \$16,887.79. Kathy also has sent out annual dues invoices and they are due May 31, 2023. We are working on the 2023-2024 Budget. Members will have the opportunity to pay their annual dues every Saturday at the pavilion along with receiving their new keys which change on June 1, 2023.

V. Committee Reports

Liaison/Website/Records Keeper

Ken Chamberlain reported he is working on getting the township to provide us with a new brighter light for the Peninsular Shores entrance. Our new light, pole and arm mount will be done within 3-5 weeks as per Ron Carr. Cherryland will be putting in underground lines along Peninsular Shores up to White Birch. Charter Cable will also be installing along same route. He reported that our website directory has been updated. The drain commissioner, Andy Smits, has been working with Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association and residents to raise the lake level as it is 3 inches low. The Grand Traverse Road Commission will be doing some much needed patching on Peninsular Shores.

Hospitality

Ken Schonhoff and Kathy Bickel reported that we have been handing out welcome packets to our new residents. Memorial Plaques are available to those who wish to remember any loved ones for a donation of \$400. These funds will be used to further improve our community. They have been working on our annual events along with some new ones. August 12 will be a Head to the Point with boats and all are invited. Our annual garage sale will be June 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. For Winter Fest we would like to have chili available also. We will be having our annual 4th of July parade again and will be providing a float for all our veterans to ride on along with Green Lake Fire Department and sheriffs participating. So, get your 4th of July outfits ready and join us as we travel around the peninsula. Candy will also be available for spectators.

Maintenance

David Marsh reported he is working on new signage for the park entrance. We will be sealing and painting lines on the Basketball Court in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Cathy Pugh for setting up the tennis/pickleball net again this spring. The poop bag dispensers have been updated and are easier to use. Also, a big thank you to Cathy Pugh, Gail Lee, and Susan Marsh for picking up garbage from E. Duck Lake Road to Love Canal. They found some very disgusting things along that stretch. As a reminder, we should all be more vigilant about what is being discarded along the entry to our peninsula.

Water Board

Paul Johnson continues taking samples every 2 weeks and having them tested depending upon the testing needed. These tests are paid for by Duck Lake/Green Lake Townships. They include phosphorus levels, e-coli levels, and clarity of water. Paul met with the drain commissioner, Andy Smits, to discuss ongoing lake level concerns. Petitions have been signed by members and will be presented to drain commissioner and the court to raise the Court ordered spring/summer level for Duck Lake to a range of 840 to 846 inches.

Newsletter

Jeff Beaton gathers data, information, articles, pics, etc. for our Spring and Fall Newsletters and has them compiled and printed up for us. We are currently wrapping up the final touches on our Spring Newsletter and will be sending them out to our members shortly. Thank you to all contributors for making this another great newsletter.

VI. Current Business

1. David Marsh reported that the resurfacing and painting of the basketball court will be starting soon. Any volunteers to assist with this project would be appreciated.
2. Cynthia Howard has our Duck Lake Merchandise and mostly youth sizes are still available.
3. We are still gathering new graphic ideas for a new logo for our Duck Lake merchandise. Please, anyone feel free to submit your creative ideas to the board.

4. We continue to work on our new welcome sign and hope to have it installed in the near future to the east of Love Canal.
5. We have new keys this year with paid up membership dues and they will be in use starting June 1, 2023. Thank you to everyone that came down to the pavilion this month and helped make the transition very smooth. Anyone still needing a new key can contact Paul Johnson at 269.767.1826 and make arrangements to pick them up.
6. Annual Duck Lake Garage sale is Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
7. We want to remind all our residents that Dogs must be on a leash at all times. It is a Michigan State Law and Green Lake Township requirement. Also, use respect and please clean up your dog's poop and take home with you to keep our community clean. Animal control has been out here to help with this concern.
8. "Raffle of Duck Lake Merchandise" was also a great success. Congratulations to members who received t-shirts and sweatshirts!!

VII. Open Discussion/New Business

1. Members discussed the Garlic Mustard found out here on the peninsula. It is encouraged to remove this as it is very intrusive and can cause issues with our other vegetation.
2. Some members were concerned about the county trimming trees to allow for better visibility around corners. They do have right of ways 33 feet from center of road and we can ask them to give us a head up when they will be out here.
3. Short-term rentals are a concern by members and continue to be an ongoing process.
4. Fireworks are still in the planning stages and we will let you know when we know.

VIII. Adjournment

Ken Schonhoff, President, adjourned the meeting at p.m.6:26

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Howard

Minutes approved by: Board approved