

General Membership meeting

August 10, 2019

Palmer Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by president Rosalie Musachio. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Board Members were introduced

The Agenda for the 2019 general membership meeting was presented. Motion to accept the agenda as presented was made by Jane Curtis and Seconded by Ron Lloyd. Motion passed.

The August 2018 minutes were read by current secretary Debbie Stacey. Motion to adopt minutes as read was made by Susie Brown and Seconded by Scott Ruitter. Motion passed

Financials:

The financial report was presented to the general membership. In Dustin's absence Brad Kipp summarized the financial statement as of the current date. Any questions on the financials? There were none so a motion to accept the financials was made by Hart Aronson and seconded by Brian Welch. Motion passed.

The budget for 2020 was presented to the general membership. Small changes were made to the budget. These changes were explained and the proposed budget was gone over. Motion was made to accept the 2020 budget as presented was made by Darlene Enright Second: Ron Lloyd Motion passed.

Jr board Report:

Will use Brad Kipps caddy in the parade and they will be selling ice cream for Palmer Days

Membership:

Brad Kipp reported we have 244 members. Wish the number was larger. Please encourage your neighbors to join if they are not members.

Events:

Adele told members we had ice cream and door prizes for after the meeting.

Rosalie said a new event this year was ice days and we do brats and have porta potties. Also lighted ice chain on the lakes. Lyf won last year. It was a fun time. No date has been set this year but possibly the 2nd week in December.

Palmer days: Will Be September 7th at Palmer park. Lyf passed around volunteer sheet for set up, working the food booth, and clean up. This is a fun day and goes from noon to about 10 at night.

Flotillas will be kept informal. Next one is 8-23 on Briggs. Elk does not have another date yet

Communications:

Debbie Stacey reported on Communications and how the board communicates all the information to the general membership. We have facebook, our website, our newsletter and posted signs.

Healthy Lakes:

Rosalie reported that Healthy lakes meets right there in the town hall and they hash out a lot of conservation issues, they talk about the carp, high water levels, the dam and grate, gentle footprints, and invasive species

Water Testing:

Walt Munsterman talked about the water testing on all 4 lakes. All the information is on the website and goes back to 2006 so you can follow the trends. As more and more homes are built there are more bathrooms, septic, and we are still maintaining and improving the quality of our lakes Palmer township pays for this water testing. Julia and Rush Lakes need a backup person. There is a two week timeline that needs to be followed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Nomination of new officers and board members. Brad Kipp was our nominating chair.

He went through the board members and when their term ended, We are in need of more volunteers to be lake reps. Brian Welch volunteered to be a rep for Briggs Lake. No other nominations from the floor were heard.

Motion to accept the current slate of board and rep members was made by Ruth Thom and seconded by Kenzie Phelps. Motion passed.

Next new business was the dam and grate. Kenzie Phelps graciously said he would moderate a discussion and introduce Kenzie to give a presentation on the grate.

A synopsis of what Mike Presented:

DNR owns the dam BLCA owns the barrier

3 years ago a feasibility study was done. Recommendation from the study was to remove the carp barrier. This is a controversial subject.

A straw vote was taken with the result being the membership wants more studies before a final decision is made