

LOON LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Antioch Township Hall
1625 Deep Lake Road

1. Call to Order

Tom Keefe

The November 16, 2016 meeting of the Loon Lake Management Association was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: No flag, no pledge done

3. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Tom Keefe, Joan Lahey, Jim Hammerlund, Mary Pat Jordan of Wedgewood, Rev. John Jamnicky, Mark Hanford of Del Monte Gardens, Theresa Keeley of Oak Drive, Gail Keefe of South Shore, Maureen Lahey of North Shore, Chris Pyles of Lagoon, and Virginia Wilson of Struever's Acres. Visitors in attendance was Fred Piskator of Beachview,

4. Minutes

4.1 October 2016

Motion to approve the October 2016 meeting minutes was made by Chris Pyles and seconded by Mary Pat Jordan.

5. Treasurer's Reports

5.1 September & October 2016

The Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and a motion to approve the September and October 2016 Treasurer's Reports was made by Maureen Lahey and seconded by Mark Hanford.

A roll call vote was taken:

Maureen Lahey	yes
Virginia Wilson	yes
Mary Pat Jordan	yes
Chris Pyles	yes
Mark Hanford	yes
Theresa Keeley	yes
Gail Keefe	yes

6. Correspondence

None

7. Reports

7.1 President's Report

No Report

7.2 Health Department

Talked with Mark Adam about the annual report, told him we are putting it together. Requirements for information on operations are on track and due to the health department with the annual report.

7.3 Plant and Algae Control

7.3.1 Herbicidal Treatment

Herbicidal treatment was done in spring on East Loon. No herbicidal treatment was done on West Loon this year, as there was no significant milfoil on West Loon. Tom mentioned that individual lake bottom owners can treat what weeds they want on their property, however the DNR dictates what tax dollars can be used for treating weeds and they will not let us treat for anything other than the milfoil.

7.3.2 Harvesting

Harvesting completed for the year. Don't have information yet on how many loads this year and how it compared to last year. Jim & Bill did an excellent job with the crew Budget was \$22k only spent \$16k. Mark Hanford asked when the harvester was put on West Loon, Tom stated that due to the late start it did not go onto West Loon until after Labor Day. Mark stated that there were complaints on West Loon. Tom said this would be reviewed next year to get harvester into West Loon sooner. Hopefully this will be easier when the channel gets opened. Currently it takes a full day to load the harvester onto the trailer to move from lake to lake.

7.4 Finance

Looking for a group to audit the books for the year. Jim will check with Chuck Simpson. Jim, Rev. Jamnicky and Tom offered to get together with Chuck to do the audit on Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 am if Chuck is available. They agreed to meet at Jim Hammerlund's house.

7.5 Education/Website

None

7.6 Fishery Management Committee

Both East & West Loon Lakes were successfully stocked with both Walleye and Red-Ear Sunfish on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Keystone Hatchery arrived in the morning and released half of the fish at the Villa Rica boat launch on East Loon. The Red-Ear Sunfish were stressed from their time in holding tanks and we counted about 35 dead fish. Mike Robinson at Keystone increased the count of the Sunfish by about 100 fish to keep us whole. The Walleye were large and strong and both Walleye and Sunfish swam for deeper water within minutes of release. Let's strive for a \$2,500 budget going forward to keep the deep discount offered by the hatchery. Thanks to Jim Dvorak and Bill Lomas for their help with the fish stocking delivery. LLMA tried to follow the guidance offered by Frank.

7.7 Annual Picnic/Meeting Committee

Karen put together a spreadsheet showing the expenses and income of the annual meeting. The fundraisers brought in a good amount of income and we made more than we spent on the meeting for this year.

7.8 Fundraising Follow-ups

Fundraising at the annual meeting went well. The products put together by Joe Hosler brought in a lot of money on the raffles. Joan was hopeful that we would have experienced more sales after the picnic. There have been a few sales but we had hoped for more. Maureen asked if LLMA would purchase some products for the fundraisers for next year, even though it was very gracious for Joe to have donated all of the prizes he did, we would like to pay him for his work next year. A reminder for any friends and family ordering from Amazon to use Amazon Smiles to donate money to LLMA.

8. Old Business

8.1 Channel Dredging

Last correspondence to Army Core was sent. This should be the last bit of information they need to start the next process of the project. The next step is to put out a 30-day notice to the residents in the immediate area of the dredging so if they have any concerns, they can voice them. We are hoping to have the channel dredging done next year. Tom has talked to the company that we will use for the dredging and they do not see there will be a large increase for the project, possibly a 3% increase at the most. We need to add in the cost to dispose of the dredging material and to put Summers Park back to its original state by leveling out the soil and planting grass seed.

Rev. Jamnicky asked if he could dredge on his own property. Tom explained that Army Core of Engineers could fine anyone who makes any changes that may disrupt the natural water flow. As we are in a flood plain they watch this very carefully. Mark Hanford mentioned that someone in DelMonte Gardens was fined for making changes to his beach. It was also stated they can fine you for putting sand on your beach as this can also disrupt the natural flow of water.

Mary Pat Jordan asked if it was acceptable to put a weed mat on your property. A discussion was also had on the use of enzyme pellets to harden the bottom making it harder for weeds to grow. Tom stated this was acceptable. Jim Hammerlund stated he uses the pellets 3-4 times per year and it actually cleared the muck and made the bottom harder on his property. Tom stated that the health department would not allow us to use SSA8 money until a scientific study is done to prove this works.

9. New Business

Bill Lomas stated that he will still do the overseeing of the harvester crew for next year, however he will not be able to continue with the Lake monitoring. It is also too hard for the crew to continue with this. Tom stated we would look for a volunteer for next year to handle the lake monitoring. We would probably need to have someone 18 or older to do this. It requires monitoring 3 different sites to check the sechi depth of the water.

Karen has the MOA and the accountability of how we spend our money. This should be coming out shortly.

10. Public Comments

The question was asked if there was any more discussion of the beavers and muskrats and their increasing numbers on the lake. Someone has heard they are starting to do damage. Tom said we cannot get involved but residents can hire a licensed trapper if they have issues on their property. Trapping can be done during the time period of middle of November through the end of December.

There is also hearing people talk about the ramp at the Kayat property that it is not safe. Tom mentioned the Harvesting crew added concrete bags at the ramp to try to level it out.

Mary Pat Jordan was asking about the email Karen sent out about Amazon Smile and how it worked. Someone mentioned that if you use Amazon Smile for eligible purchases it would donate money to LLMA if selected as an organization to donate to. Tom stated that maybe Karen could explain at the next meeting.

Ginny asked about the old Wunder Bar and if anyone had heard anything. No one has heard anything. Ginny had heard that Skipper Buds had purchased the property and the vacant property across Lakeshore Drive. Ginny also noticed a red fox in tree line behind her house.

11. Notice of Next Meeting – Next meeting January 19, 2016

12. Adjournment.