

Lake George Property Owners Association Corporate Membership Meeting

Date: 9/1/24 - DRAFT

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:

President Lynn Miller called meeting to order at 10:05 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence in honor of Dennis Zimmerman – Lincoln Township Supervisor that passed away in July.

Roll call:

Present: Aaron Smalley, Craig Henry, Rick Kibbey, Deb Kuptz, Sheri Frader, Jason Bringedahl, Kent Cousino, Lynn Miller, Mark Featherston, Ted Christoff, Lori Heimburger

(Excused): Eric Kibbey

(Unexcused)

1. Board Member Voting / Street Parade Voting, Pass the Boot MDA:

- a. Dale Majeski pass the boot for MDA donation.
- b. Asked members to vote on re-election / election of new board members
- c. Asked members to vote on boat parade theme or no theme.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- a. Draft minutes from Spring meeting were posted on website for member review. Ted Christoff made a motion to approve minutes as posted. Mark Featherstone 2nd the motion. Motion was approved. Draft minutes will be updated to approved and will be posted to website.

3. Treasurer's report:

- a. Kent Cousino presented the treasurer's report – see attached along with 2024 Budget. Gale White made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. John Jordan 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

4. Correspondence:

5. Introduction of Current Board:

- a. Voting was completed. Lynn Miller was re-elected. Mary Fry and Mary-Lynn Panwas were both elected to fill out going board members: Rick Kibbey and Eric Kibbey

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Auditing:** Will be completed soon.
- b. **Boat/Street Parade:** Ballots were collected and counted. No Theme won – 28 voted no theme – 15 voted theme.
- c. **Directory:** New will be done in 2026.
- d. **Fund Raising/ Events:**
 - i. Fall Side x Side Oct 26th. Details are posted on the website.

- ii. Cabin Fever party, date will be coming.
 - iii. 2024 5K Run – one less registration than last year – even with the tornado that hit the day before. This event is growing and we are adding more sponsors and participants.
- e. **Lake Quality:**
- i. DNR may have been doing some testing. Troy Kibbey is checking on this as current Township Supervisor.
 - ii. Bass Tournament happens on Tuesdays.
 - iii. Mark Featherston presented that we had 40 participants for the Boater Safety class this summer and we will be doing this class again in 2025.
 - iv. Reminder that there are low interest loans for Septic Replacement up to \$50,000
- f. **Membership:** Currently 197 paid members.
- g. **50 / 50:** \$186 – \$93 to winner – Rick Peck – donated back and will be added to either Fish Fund, Scholarship Fund or fireworks fun.
- h. **Newsletter/Website:**
- i. Next newsletter will be sent this winter.
 - ii. Website is up to date with current events
- i. **Township Liaison:**
- j. **Community Liaison:**
- k. **Guest Speaker:**
- i. Troy Kibbey Current Lincoln Township supervisor. After the unexpected passing of Dennis Zimmerman, Troy was sworn into this position until election and then presumably will be voted into the position in the upcoming election.
 - 1. Troy believes there was a fish survey being completed on Lake George, he is checking into that and will report to the LGPOA so we can present to the membership. Assumed position until election.
 - ii. Carol Majewski – Lincoln Township clerk.
 - 1. See attached for her comments regarding the Grant for “Find your Joy” for Shingle Lake Park. Grant was awarded to update the Park and Bathrooms.
 - 2. Old School House Rehab project
 - 3. Recycling Project
 - 4. Survey Projects.
 - a. Public Comment: recycling must be done properly – do not bag your recycling, it must be loose.
 - b. Public comment about the Shingle Lake Pier/Dock. It’s damaged in bad shape. Can part of the grant money be used for that? Carol asked and unfortunately none of the grant money can be used for that for 20 years. Township is aware of the damage.
 - c. Can the grant be used to purchase buoys to show swimmers/boaters where swim area is? No. There used to be buoys, however they were stolen. Is there a way to lock them so they cannot be stolen? That is all info that will need to be looked into.
 - d. House on Forest – with downed tree. What is going on with that? Will need to find out status – Dennis had that info. It was on the enforcement list though.

- e. What can we do to work with the DNR to clean up the brush by the boat load in.
- I. **Old Business:** Boaters Safety and Hunter's safety classes for this coming year are being looked into.
 - i. **New Business:** Updated bylaws. Main change regarding who can be a member of the LGPOA. We are looking at ways to increase membership. Nothing that the LGPOA votes on affects anything with taxes, lake quality or how our lakes are taken care of.
 - 1. Rolf commented that the membership classification is too broad regarding the initial presentation for Article 6 – Membership
 - 2. Discussion was had to change the classification of a member to the LGPOA
 - a. Article 5 – Amendment to Membership: Any community member, individuals who rent or lease property in Lincoln Township. Ted Christoff made a motion to approve this change as stated. Sher Frader 2nd the motion. The motion was approved and passed. This new update will be added to the Bylaws, approved and will be posted to the website.
 - ii. Additional Bylaw ammenedments as attached: Ted Christoff made a motion to pass balance of amendments. Vince Lettau 2nd the motion. Motion was approved and passed.
 - iii. Lori Heimbürger will update bylaws and post to website this coming week.
- m. **Adjournment:** 11: 25.

TREASURER'S REPORT 09/01/2024												
CHECK NO.	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL CHECKING			COMMUNITY	FISH	FIREWORK	MONEY FUND		TOTAL
				EXPENSES	INCOME	BALANCE	FUND	FUND	FUND	ED JONES CHECKING	ED JONES BOND FUND	TREASURY BALANCE
			BALANCE 05/25/2024			4,394.70	107.90	815.95	10.00	4,613.30	27,660.36	36,668.36
	5/28/24	Deposit	50-50 Membership Meeting		57.00	4,451.70						
	5/28/24	Deposit	Deposit Starter Cash for boxes		200.00	4,651.70						
	5/28/24	Deposit	Membership Dues \$695 Fish Fund \$10		705.00	5,356.70		10.00				
	5/28/24	Deposit	SXS Merch Sales		943.00	6,299.70						
	5/28/24	Deposit	SXS Registration		1950.00	8,249.70						
	5/28/24	Deposit	Firework donation		65.00	8,314.70			65.00			
	5/28/24	Deposit	Membership Due \$35, Flare \$15, SXS Shirt \$25		75.00	8,389.70						
	5/29/24	Allegra Marketing	Membership meeting agenda, minutes, treasurer report	109.95		8,279.75						
	5/29/24	Deposit	Flare		5.00	8,284.75						
	5/29/24	MSUFUCU	Membership Share	5.00		8,279.75						
2450	5/29/24	Troy Kibbey	Car Show Donation	300.00		7,979.75	-300.00					
2451	5/29/24	Lake George Boosters	SXS Dinner	480.00		7,499.75						
	5/29/24	SXS Fundraiser Profit	50% of \$1089			7,499.75	544.50					
	5/31/24	Edward Jones	Dividend Money Market			7,499.75			16.54			Add 9.852 shares
	5/31/24	Edward Jones	Dividend Re-investment to Bond Fund			7,499.75				91.92		2,965,333 shares @ \$9.34 = \$27,696.21
	6/3/24	Merchant Bnkcd	Membership renewal		35.00	7,534.75						
	6/3/24	Merchant Bnkcd	Credit Card Fees	22.86		7,511.89						
	6/4/24	Deposit	Big Fireworks - flare donation		200.00	7,711.89						
	06/12/2024	Merchant Bnk Cd	Membership Dues		25.00	7,736.89						
	06/12/2024	Deposit	5k sponsors		800.00	8,536.89						
	06/20/2024	Deposit	Membership Dues - Fish fund \$65		1,010.00	9,546.89		65.00				
	06/20/2024	W/D	Petty Cash - flare box, membership box, 50-50	150.00		9,396.89						
	06/20/2024	W/D	Parade prize money	750.00		8,646.89						
	6/21/24	GFS	fries and cole slaw - welcome back party	139.94		8,506.95						
	6/22/24	Dollar General	Propane, clearing supplies - welcome back party	28.62		8,478.33						
	6/22/24	Dollar General	Condiments - welcome back party	9.50		8,468.83						
	6/26/24	Harland Clarke	Check Order	20.00		8,448.83						
2452	6/27/24	Sonya Gardner	Fire victim	200.00		8,248.83						
	6/28/24	Edward Jones	Dividend Money Market			8,248.83			18.34			Add 9.874 shares
	6/28/24	Edward Jones	Dividend Re-investment to Bond Fund			8,248.83				92.22		2,975,207 shares @ \$9.49 = \$28,234.71
	6/29/24	Dollar General	ice - boat safety	12.75		8,236.08						
	6/30/24	The Depot	Pizza - boat safety	102.46		8,133.62						
	6/30/24	The Depot	Beverages - boat safety	39.66		8,093.96						
	7/1/24	MBK Corporate Prom	5k trophy	279.94		7,814.12						
	07/01/2024	Merchant Bnk Cd	Member dues		35.00	7,849.12						
	7/2/24	Merchant Bnk Cd	Member dues		70.00	7,919.12						
	07/02/2024	Deposit	Member dues - \$35 fireworks \$35		70.00	7,989.12			35.00			
	7/2/24	Deposit	Member dues - \$175 fish fund \$30		205.00	8,194.12		30.00				
	7/3/24	Merchant Bnk Cd	Credit card fees	17.20		8,176.92						
	7/8/24	Merchant Bnk Cd	Membership Dues		35.00	8,211.92						
	7/10/24	USPS	PO Box Renewal	58.00		8,153.92						
	07/17/2024	Merchant Bnkcd	Membership \$35 Fish fund \$15		50.00	8,203.92		15.00				
4501	07/17/2024	Lynn Miller	Fish fry reimbursement	446.25		7,757.67						
	07/26/2024	Cash Withdrawal	Close Huntington Account	2,104.05		5,653.62						
	07/26/2024	Cash Deposit	Deposit from Huntington		2,104.05	7,757.67						
	07/26/2024	Edward Jones	Dividend Money Market			7,757.67			19.10			Add 10.252 shares
	07/26/2024	Edward Jones	Dividend Re-investment to Bond Fund			7,757.67				97.29		2,965,459 shares @ \$9.53 = \$28,451.42
	07/29/2024	Deposit	Flares \$694, Dues \$475, 5k sponsor \$200, SxS shirts \$105, Fish \$75		1,519.00	9,276.67	52.50	75.00				
	7/30/24	Deposit	Re-deposit starter cash		150.00	9,426.67						
	7/30/24	Deposit	Membership Dues		70.00	9,496.67						
	7/30/24	Deposit	5k sponsor		200.00	9,696.67						
	7/30/24	Deposit	Membership Dues		35.00	9,731.67						
	8/5/24	Merchant Bnkcd	Credit card processing fees	21.26		9,710.41						
4502	8/13/24	Allegra Marketing	Newsletter - Including Bylaws	895.34		8,815.07						
	8/19/24	Deposit	Membership \$35, Fireworks \$20, 5k \$175, Scavenger Hunt \$120, Fish fund \$140		490.00	9,305.07		260.00	20.00			
	8/21/24	Merchant Bnk Cd	Membership Dues		35.00	9,340.07						
	8/22/24	Deposit	5k proceeds		900.00	10,240.07						
	8/24/24		5k profits \$1995.16			10,240.07	997.58					
			TOTALS FOR BOARD MEETING	6,192.68	12,038.05	10,240.07	1402.48	1270.95	130.00	4,667.28	28,451.42	43,358.77

LGPOA Annual Budget

Revenue	Amount	
Membership Dues	\$ 6,825.00	
Directory Business Advertising	\$ 575.00	
	Total Revenue	\$ 7,400.00
Expenses	Amount	
Insurance Premium	\$ 1,643.00	
Newsletter	\$ 1,609.62	
General Membership Meeting	\$ 150.00	
Boat Parade Prizes	\$ 750.00	
PO Box Rent	\$ 58.00	
Signs - Parade/Meetings	\$ 60.00	
Website Management	\$ 419.06	
State of MI - Renewal Fee	\$ 25.00	
Tax Filing Fees	\$ 54.99	
Postage	\$ 25.00	
Directory Printing	\$ 555.35	
Storage Unit	\$ 475.00	
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 205.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 6,030.02
	Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1,369.98

Shingle Lake Park – Find Your Joy Project

Lincoln Township is one of 29 Michigan Opportunity Communities whose economic opportunities and public health were deemed hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, making us eligible to apply for a portion of \$24.2 million dollars made available through a partnership between the Council of Michigan Foundations and the DNR. Lincoln Township applied, and has been awarded \$772,700.00 for improvements to the Shingle Lake Park. Improvements include: Bathrooms, Playground equipment, and Pickle Ball/Basket Ball.

The Old School House Rehab Project

Larry Wyman, of the Stephenson Wyman Funeral Homes (Clare and Farwell) donated the School House to the township this summer. A Blight reduction grant has been awarded to the township through the County Land Bank for stabilization of the building, including roofing, windows, doors, clean up and razing the bus garage. The goal is to protect the historic building from further deterioration in order to preserve it for future purposeful use.

- The brick used in the construction of the building was produced in Clare Michigan.
- There are murals on the walls that I hope to have evaluated by the state historical society.

The Recycling Project

The recycle bins that lived in town across the street at the municipal parking for a couple years, have been moved to the compost field. The field is open M-F 8AM to noon, Sunday 9AM to noon and is accessible to carry in recycling anytime as we have removed a small portion of fencing to allow for a walk in pathway.

- The bins were moved due to misuse – people leaving non-recyclable items, such as grills, clothing, appliances, paddle boat, furniture, and household trash all left sitting beside the bins for someone else to tend to.
- Non township residents and businesses using the bins – for example, Stanley Painting out of Clare dump off 10 5 gallon paint buckets, some still with paint in them. We have that on camera.

Lynn Miller asked the township to partner with the LGPOA to try and secure curbside recycling through GFL. Rick Fancon from GFL we need to have a minimum 400 household's Township wide participate at \$7 per month in order for a curbside program to work. The township is sending out postcards about the program to all residents in the township who are currently on the tax roll for rubbish service (which means they have a livable dwelling). We will also be accepting participation from empty lot owners who wish to participate – mostly thinking of the campers in WBL. Post cards will likely be going out in the mail in October and we will put info about the program in the winter tax bills.

Survey Projects:

School House and Municipal Parking.

The Township has appointed Troy Kibbey to the Supervisors position.

We are planning to enjoy sweet treats and coffee after our September 9th meeting in honor of Dennis Zimmerman. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Tpm