

Lake George Property Owners Association

Corporate Membership Meeting

Date: 5-28-23 APPROVED 9-3-23

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: President Lynn Miller called the meeting to order 10:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll call:** Present: Present: Lynn Miller, Lori Heimbürger, Troy Kibbey, Rick Kibbey, Eric Kibbey, Jason Bringedahl, Craig Henry, Kent Cousino, Brad Cesal, Mark Featherston, Aaron Smalley.
(Excused) Erica Bringdahl
(Unexcused)
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** Secretary Lori Heimbürger read the minutes of the General Membership meeting from Sept 4, 2022. Gail White made motion to pass, John Jordan 2nd. Motion passed. Will be posted to website.
3. **Treasurer's report:** A summary of all account activity was presented by Eric Kibbey. See attached for report from August 2022 to current, current budget and May 27, 2023 Side x Side expenses. Kent Cousino made motion to pass. Mark Featherston 2nd. Motion passed.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Introduction of Current Board:**
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Auditing:** Rick Kibbey – was completed in August. Nothing amiss.
 - b. **Boat/Street Parade:** Gail posed a question about not doing the events all on one day. Most people are up on weekends and easier to do all on one day. Asked members for volunteers to help with all events that day. Last year the board members were the only ones coordinating and doing all the necessary work for the parades and run. They need volunteers to help with all events that day. What would volunteers do? We will take numbers and names and get you some details on what kind of help we need before that day. We appreciate any and all help. These events are a lot of work!
 - c. **Directory:** Lynn and Troy working on new ads for March. Asked members to please use vendors in the directory.
 - d. **Fund Raising:** Lynn mentioned the side x side success. Jason talking about 5k run. Same route as last year, register online or June 30 6pm downstairs or

morning day of. Currently 40 already registered. Posted flyer at Farwell Schools and Clare paper. Spoke about Cabin Fever Party and hope to do it next year.

- e. **Lake Quality:** Please pay attention to the newsletter – treatment schedule is in there. Muck Pellets – info in the newsletter. Question: Do the muck pellets hurt the lake. They are DEQ approved so should be safe for use in our lakes.
- f. **Membership:** Craig Henry: currently about 150 members. How to grow membership? Provide membership application with brochures to share with members. Had a person who has been coming up for 13 years – comes to meetings but is not a property owner. They can be a member but cannot vote. Rolf said we could change the bi-laws to allow them voting rights. Comment back about how do we make the change? Board will have to write the addendum and have it voted on by membership at the next meeting. We need to take a good look at membership rules and if we are going to change the membership specification, Board will need to investigate further. The next board meeting we will add this to our agenda and see how we may want to change it. We will present this in the newsletter and website. How to reach non-members? We will get taxpayers list and try to do a mailing to everyone within the radius allowed.
- g. **50 / 50:** \$120 / \$60 to Gail White winner.
- h. **Newsletter/Website:** Newsletter was sent out a couple weeks before meeting and website is being kept up to date with events.
- i. **Township Liaison:**
- j. **Community Liaison:** Boosters BBQ – take out only. \$10.00 4pm till gone
- k. **Guest Speaker:** Dennis Zimmerman. See attached for all into... OVERVIEW -
Spongy Moths – no treatment for next couple years. Call director if you see any issues. New legislation for free OFV licenses for active military. Current OFV License costs. Curbside Leaf Pick up. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan updated and approved. New Fire Truck hopefully after Labor Day. Outdoor burning – too dry. Gravel Road Dust Control. Drain Commissioner Carl Parks passed away, New Commissioner has been appointed, his name is Bill Faber. Recycling. Master Plan / Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Currently being reviewed and will take about 2 years. Park Improvements. Current Road Projects. PRE or Homestead Exemptions. Important Township Contacts. New Algae in lakes stirred up by boats. Dennis suggested Associate Membership in addition to owners of the property – referring to new members to the LGPOA. Comment on recycling – break down your boxes. Call GFI to get a trash can for pick up. 989-539-6000 to get a Kirby. Recycling is emptied only when we call.
Boat Poker Run – Connie Tuck – Last year raised \$830.00 raised donated \$1000 to student in Lincoln twp. for scholarship – June 24 is next Poker run. Sign up at one of the stops on the lake. \$5.00 a hand – 5 stops last year, may increase this year.
- l. **Old Business:**

- m. **New Business:** Annual Budget. Lynn proposed raising dues to \$35.00 starting in the Fall. This is due to the increasing costs operation costs. Jean Quinn made motion to pass. John Jordan 2nd. Motion passed.
- Merchant processing (Credit Card) – payment portal on website and pay at events by credit or debit card. We are looking into this and hope to have something up and running by end of the year.
- Last year Christmas tree lighting. We would like to plant a 12' Pine tree for the park on the corner and decorate for Christmas. We will need to talk to Carol for her approval to plant. Rolf made a motion pending township approval to purchase and plant a tree. Rick 2nd. Motion passed. A board member will contact Carol about logistics.
- n. **Public Comment:** Dock Pole found floating on Arbor. Please inform your guests and visitors about boating rules on direction and boats coming in closer than 50'. Can we check on being allowed to post a sign at the boat launch. Best way is to get MC number and call about boats in violation. Typically, non-residence people that are violating. Please stay away from loons. Flares for 4th of July – Connie will get a name for someone to contact.
- o. **Adjournment:** Lynn adjourned meeting at 11:35. John Jordan made motion to adjourn. Troy 2nd motion. Motion passed.

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Dennis Zimmerman - Lincoln Township Supervisor

Memorial Day Weekend – 2023 News Update

Spongy Moths (formerly Gypsy Moths)

Lincoln Township will not see any treatments or spraying by the County for this season. It appears that, for no, the population has collapsed, and does not qualify for funding, at this time. Now, that could change in the future, but probably not in 2023. If you are starting to see a growing population in your area. The County Conservation District Gypsy Moth Control Director is **Toni Maize** (who lives in Lincoln Township), and you should report your concerns to her office, with your location, at [989] 539-6401, or claremco@macd.org, for inclusion in the 2023 Fall Survey for spraying in the 2024 season. By the time of this meeting, spraying in other parts of the County will be complete, and the little critters will now be too big to be impacted.

Service Member Hunting & Fishing

There is legislation - HB-4441 - that will likely pass relatively soon, that allows for a license fee exemption for Hunting & Fishing Licenses for Full-time Active Duty Military Personnel and 100% Disabled Veterans, in Michigan.

ORV Licenses

ORV Licensing are valid April 1 and end on March 31 each year. For this year the fee for an ORV License is \$ 26,25. The additional fee for a Trail License is \$ 10.00 for passage and use on Designated Trails and Scramble Areas. These can be purchased on-line at the MDNR website or at any DNR Licensing Agent or Dealer.

“Bagged” Curb-side Leaf Pickup

Curbside Leaf pickup by GFI Environmental commenced on May 01, and will likely last around 6 weeks, then stop and resume again in the fall. Leaves must be in paper bags. Also sticks and twigs may be picked up up if they are cut to 30” lengths and bundled. This year’s designated day for pickup is Monday(s). Typically, what GFI does is to keep track of where bags are located, during the week, and then pick them up on the day, so they may sit there for a week.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan – Revised and Approved

The routine update and revision of the County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed, approved and accepted by FEMA. This covers a wide array of emergency events, such as bad storm events, massive fires, train and truck accidents with chemical spills, floods, etc., regarding response and allocation of emergency services, by both local and State agencies. Having an approved plan also opens the door to Federal funding to assist with such emergencies.

New Fire-Engine

The Township has ordered a new Fire Engine to replace the current one, which is now

22 years old. This is partially funded by ARPA Funds, as well as USDA funds, and when complete will be just short of \$ 500,000. The Cab and Chassis are now complete, and the actual fire equipment and tanks will be mounted this summer. Hopefully the unit will be in service by the fall of 2023.

Outdoor Burning

Due to extremely dry condition, so far, this season, "open" burning is currently prohibited, and the State is NOT issuing burning permits in this part of the State. We have actually several "red-flag-warning" days in the past month. Burning in a covered burn pit is still okay at this time.

Gravel Road Dust Control

We are again authorizing three (3) treatments for CaCl₂ (Calcium Chloride) brining for dust control this year. The first was the past week on May 23rd. The others are tentatively June 27th and August 31st. The contractor is, again, Michigan Chloride of St. Louis, MI.

Drain Commissioner

Our previous County Drain Commissioner – **Carl Parks**, passed away a couple months ago. A special Committee of certain County Officials designated by the State has appointed **Bill Faber** of Harrison, Mi to serve the rest of Carl's term, until January 1, 2025. Bill has worked as an assistant to Carl for approximately 4 years.

Recycling

Across the street from the Township Hall, in a Township parking lot, there are two (2) red recycle bins, available full time. They get emptied at a rate of appr. Twice per week. Then once per month, usually on the third weekend of the month there is a much larger green bin brought in for the weekend. This arrangement seems to be working fairly well for those interested in recycling. The red bins, from American Waste / GFL, the Township pays to have emptied. The green bin is from Waste Management and is placed free of charge. We do seem to have developed two (2) problems: First, we have a number of persons from surrounding Townships who pass thru town on their way home for the weekend who dump, here, even though there is a sign specifically limiting use to Lincoln Township Property Owners and Residents; Second, we are getting more and more household rubbish (likely from some of those same out-of-town persons), that is becoming a problem. If you see someone misusing the facility, we would appreciate a call. Thanks.

Master Plan / Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The Township Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing and updating the current Master Land Use plan (if needed). This process will likely take around two years. On the Township's website - www.lincoln.com - there is a survey where you may make suggestions or list concerns. Please feel free to participate. We are employing Wade-Trim Planners to facilitate this review and update.

Park Improvements

With the availability of ARPA Funds, as well as the MI DNR Sparks Grant program, we are looking for some improvements at our parks. One project which is now in process is for steps and a small platform at Bertha Lake Park. Another is to crack seal and sea-coat, and restripe the pavement at Shingle Lake Park. Finally all three parks, including Silver Lake,

Shingle Lake and Bertha Lake have had the wells “shocked” and the waters tested for safety and potability. This will be completed, soon, and the wells will be in use. Another possible project is to add some stone and gravel at the bottom of the Silver Lake Boat Ramp, which has been washed away, over the past 27 years, by boats “power-loading” onto trailers. Finally, we are looking at the Shingle Lake Boat Ramp, as well as the Fishing Platform for some improvements and/or repairs.

Roads

Current projects include chip & seal on Jackson Ave. from Cedar to Monroe Roads, a hybrid Asphalt Chip & Tire Chip type paving on Old State Ave. from Mannsiding to Jefferson Rd. and early next year, (or possibly this year if weather is favorable) the same Asphalt & Tire project on Old State from Mannsiding to Greenwood Township. We will also be adding gravel as needed in a few spots on gravel roads in the Township, and are looking at potential paving projects on Monroe Rd. and Browns Rd., in the next few years.

Principal Residence Exemptions (PRE’s or Homestead Exemptions)

The PRE is part of the “package” of changes that were made when the people of the State decided in 1996 to adopt Proposal A. This was a Proposal designed to let the State change the Michigan Sales Tax from 4% to 6%, and in return develop a “capping” system on Property Taxes. The PRE exempts the property owner from 18 mills of School Taxes, if the owner resides at the property. His/her Homestead. So after nearly 28 years the State has decided that too many people try to cheat the system: i.e. The husband has the property downstate in his name, while the wife has the property up North in her’s; The property downstate is in the owners real name, while the property up North uses just the middle name, etc,. Anyway, the State Tax Commission has developed and is now executing an audit system to assure this happens less, if at all. To try to “game” the system, this way, is a fraud and a felony. Should a person get caught, now, the State does a “look back” and will proceed with legal action to not only collect “recaptured” taxes for at least 5 years, but they add interest and penalties, and possibly even incarceration. Neither the Township, nor the County are involved in any of this, by the way. So, if you are doing this, you need to make the correction, and if you receive an audit notice, even if you are “clean”, you need to fill it out and return it in a timely manner. For help, or for the proper forms, contact your local Township Assessor.

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Mike Tobin – Trustee & Cemeteries	[989] 588-9841 ext 6	mtobin1@charter.net
Jerry Bridges – Trustee	[989] 588-6212	jbridges@toast.net
Dick Hassberger – Zoning Administrator	[313] 530-2606 -cell	dhassberger@aol.com
Deb Trim – Ordinance Enforcement	[989] 588-9841 ext 1	ordinance103@gmail.com
Becky Taylor – Assessor	[989] 588-1532	taylorassessing@gmail.com
Dale Majewski -Fire Chief, Co. Commissioner	[989] 588-9069	majewskid@clareco.net
American Waste – GFI Environmental	[989] 588-6000	www.americanwaste.org
U.S. Postal Service – Lake George	[989] 588-4814	
Clare County Animal Control	[989] 539-3221	
Building Permits – Clare County	[989] 539-2761	warel@clareco.net
BURN PERMITS – MDNR	[866] 922-2676	www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

LGPOA Fundraiser Income/Expense

Revenue	Amount	
Spring SXS Ride	\$ 5,767.00	
5K Run/Walk	\$ 4,100.00	
Fall SXS Ride	\$ 1,247.00	
	Total Revenue	\$11,114.00
Expenses	Amount	
Insurance Premium	\$ 546.00	
SXS Shirts	\$ 1,201.57	
SXS Shirts, Groceries, Porta Potty, Liability Waivers	\$ 1,654.94	
SXS - Dinner	\$ 749.25	
5K - Water	\$ 9.00	
5K - Trophies	\$ 232.14	
5k - supplies	\$ 23.85	
5k - shirts	\$ 1,862.42	
5k - Cups	\$ 10.58	
Fall SXS - Flyers	\$ 13.25	
Fall SXS - Groceries	\$ 413.77	
Fall SXS - Dinner	\$ 350.00	
Fall SXS - Porta Potty	\$ 150.00	
Sign Design - SXS and 5k	\$ 79.50	
Sign Printing - SXS and 5k	\$ 30.32	
	Total Expenses	\$ 7,326.59
	Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ 3,787.41
Restricted Funds (50% of Surplus)	\$ 1,893.71	
Donations		
Christmas - Adopt a Family	\$ 600.00	
Easter Bike Donation	\$ 305.26	
Hot Rods and Hot Dogs	\$ 100.00	
Clare County Seniors	\$ 500.00	
Lincoln Township Scholarship	\$ 165.00	
Restricted Funds Remaining	\$ 223.45	

LGPOA Annual Budget

Revenue	Amount	
Membership Dues	\$	3,425.00
Directory Business Advertising	\$	575.00
Total Revenue	\$	4,000.00
Expenses	Amount	
Insurance Premium	\$	1,600.00
The Michigan Riparian	\$	168.00
Newsletter	\$	1,609.62
General Membership Meeting	\$	150.00
Boat Parade Prizes	\$	750.00
PO Box Rent	\$	48.00
Signs - Parade/Meetings	\$	60.00
Website Management	\$	419.06
State of MI - Renewal Fee	\$	25.00
Tax Filing Fees	\$	54.99
Michigan Lake & Streams	\$	240.00
Postage	\$	25.00
Directory Printing	\$	555.35
Storage Unit	\$	475.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	205.00
Total Expenses	\$	6,385.02
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$	(2,385.02)

CHECK NO.	TREASURER'S REPORT 05/28/2023		GENERAL CHECKING		FISH FUND	MONEY FUND		TOTAL	
	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES		CHECKING	ED JONES	ED JONES	BOND FUND
			BALANCE 09/05/2022			11,760.30			11,760.30
8/31/22	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage				1,760.99			1,760.99
8/31/22	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage				1,760.99			1,760.99
8/31/22	Walmart Super Cent			109.88		11,650.42			11,650.42
9/1/22	The UPS Store	Print materials for GM Meeting		24.36					
9/6/22	Deposit			796.00					
9/6/22	Evan Miller	Reimbursement for Household Supplies - Cookies		63.60					
9/12/22	Rock Kelsey	SSS Dues/Car		21.96					
9/12/22	6185 Store	SSS Dues/Car		413.77					
9/23/22	Deposit			570.00					
9/23/22	Deposit			187.00					
9/23/22	Deposit			140.00					
9/23/22	SSS Dinner			350.00					
9/23/22	W. Ohio Renewal			350.00					
9/30/22	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage							
9/30/22	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage							
10/3/22	MI Corporations Div.	Share Corporation Renewal		20.00					
10/7/22	Deposit			175.00					
10/11/22	Pegann Sports	SK T-shirts		1,862.42					
10/11/22	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage							
10/11/22	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage							
11/1/22	Deposit			25.00					
11/1/22	Evan Miller	Bel SSS Vpn. Body		150.00					
11/14/22	Evan Miller	Coffee Maker and Coffee Caraf		388.68					
11/14/22	Deposit			350.00					
11/14/22	SSS Online Registration			25.00					
11/14/22	Deposit			50.00					
11/14/22	Deposit			100.00					
11/14/22	Deposit			25.00					
11/14/22	Deposit			25.00					
11/14/22	Deposit			50.00					
11/14/22	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage							
11/14/22	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage							
11/14/22	Algebra Marketing			440.22					
12/17/22	Evan Miller	Christmas - Algebra a Family		600.00					
12/17/22	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage							
12/17/22	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage							
12/17/22	Deposit			35.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			50.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			100.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			35.00					
2/6/23	Dividend Money Market	Edward Jones Brokerage							
2/6/23	Dividend Re-Investment to Bond Fund	Edward Jones Brokerage							
2/6/23	Deposit			168.00					
2/6/23	Hardy Insurance Agency	Insurance Renewal		1,544.00					
2/6/23	Hardy Insurance Agency	Insurance Renewal (premium payment about \$50)		17.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			50.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			25.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			50.00					
2/6/23	Algebra Marketing	SSS Dues/Car		143.32					
2/6/23	Algebra Marketing	SSS Dues/Car		305.26					
2/6/23	Deposit			18.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			61.845					
2/6/23	Deposit			608.86					
2/6/23	Algebra Marketing	SSS Dues/Car		5,673.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			5,668.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			50.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			5,796.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			25.00					
2/6/23	Deposit			5,823.99					
2/6/23	Deposit			473.00					
			TOTALS FOR BOARD MEETING	9,442.31	3,033.00	5,350.99	2,144.00	26,324.69	36,052.36
			TOTALS FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 5/28/2023						
			BALANCE GENERAL MEETING - 09/04/2022			\$11,760.30	\$2,079.00	\$4,310.11	\$25,676.45
			ACCOUNT ACTIVITY - 09/05/2022 THROUGH 05/27/2023	\$9,442.31	\$3,033.00	(\$6,409.31)	\$65.00	\$1,179.68	(\$3,406.65)
			BALANCE MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 05/28/2023			\$5,350.99	\$2,144.00	\$4,376.68	\$38,340.21