

Long Lake Peninsula Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 22, 2015

1. Call to Order 9AM – Welcome and introduction of Board and Members present
2. Establish a quorum of 20 members – it was determined that a quorum was established
3. Approve agenda. Motion to approve the agenda made by Jim Hornyak and seconded by Karen White. Agenda approved as written.
4. Accept the minutes of the August 23, 2014. Motion to accept made by Ernie Abel and seconded by Nicole McCall. Minutes approved. Request made by Mrs. Bryant to have today's minutes be more specific, not as vague as 2014. Duly noted.
5. President's message and report – Therese Waters. Thank You's to many LLPA members for the many different volunteer efforts: bagpipes played for memorial, park clean up, can returns, trees/roads, and many more.
 - Many Accomplishments:
 - One delinquent with dues and that person is on a payment plan
 - One Trash hauler – all on board now.
 - Construction rules and fees have been updated.
 - Community building – chipping day, playground updates, cookie exchange, little library, etc.
 - All rental properties identified (thank you Nan Horstman). Several properties 'titled' as rental properties. Letters sent to all with a template to use with renters regarding noise, fire, etc.
 - Challenges: Future storms. Possible CRT (Community Response Team) so we know what the resources are on the peninsula. Road Maintenance is always a challenge because of cost and possible issues with trees. Investing the road fund money in a low-risk way. An Investment Committee has been formed to advise how to do this in the best possible yet safest way. Continued vigilance is necessary so any difficult situations do not get out of control. Volunteer burn-out of the board is a concern; everyone's help is needed to move forward. Not just the board.
 - Reminder to be respectful and, while we may disagree, we need to move forward. A respectful atmosphere is needed. Stay on task for comments and limit to 2 minutes to respect everyone's time and effort.

(Alteration to the Agenda to allow a member who needs to leave early to address the membership):
Pete Zirnhelt spoke regarding Long Lake Association Board, which also meets today. Explained briefly

what the LLA does (stewardship of the health of the lake, etc. lake is treated 2x a year for weeds, new techniques for detecting where milfoil is through drones and a survey) and encouraged all, not just those with lakefront, to join. LLA has a website with photos and video making viewing the lake available. LLPA member is running for the LLA Board. Cost to join is \$35.

Q: Parking motor homes parked right next to lakeshore is a concern expressed by Joe Bryant.

A. No one is living in it so it is not a violation of the by-laws, answered by Peter Zirnhelt.

6. Treasurer's report – Jim McCall

a. Approval of budget for August 2015 – July 2016.

Required to allocate half of billed monies to future road improvements. With the dues increase, expected to get \$23,225. Jim divvied this up based on last year's expenses and this proposed budget is what he came up with.

Q: Is it on the website?

A: No.

Q: Any reason it shouldn't be on web?

A. No. Jim McCall will send to Nancy Zylstra.

Q: with road prices going down, is this the good time to be repaving?

A. Asphalt is the same price, so there isn't a reason to get it done earlier than planned.

Motion to accept the budget: Nan Horstman, seconded by Ernie Abel. Budget passed with no opposition.

7. Secretary Statement – Juleen Jenkins-Whall.

Tried electronic voting, about 50 members submitted emails. Save hundreds of dollars by using the accountant as our counter, rather than the multiple envelopes.

Q: Zirnhelt voting online process was cumbersome as it had two steps.

A: to vote online with a system, it is \$1-2/vote. We tried to keep the cost low. This was a simple as we could come up with and still keep it cost effective. Maybe putting the email address on the bottom of the google form so you don't have to do the computer work two times. Will continue the discussion.

8. Committee Reports

a. Building and Sites – Devin Hill. No new permits since June. New violation forms we are working on. Clarify language on violations to make things clearer to all, including future board members. Vandalism at the end of Sunset construction site and some theft of ladders. If you see any issues, please report back to any board member of trespassing and theft.

Q: wetlands permit issue: Is part of the process how many cubic yards are allowed and then this is monitored by someone? What if people go over their permit? You wouldn't monitor the situation?

A: We cannot monitor it; that is a government issue. The new by-law rules ask us to make construction fees in December for January. A separate filling fee can be added to that. If a permit is allowed to fill a certain area, they can fill that area.

R: The permit allowed a certain amount which is a specific number of trucks, Chuck Armor believes that this number of trucks was exceeded.

R: Nan recommends contact the DEQ who issued the permit as the Board cannot enforce anything on that.

- At the end of Hillside there is a parcel on the wetlands that has been put up for public auction.

- b. Parks and Recreation – Jim Bottoms/ Dick Grote. Pavilion work will start. Jeff Chimner painted the shed a while ago. Ladder is broken on the raft, there is no danger to anyone. It will be welded up when it is pulled in two weeks.

Trying to make a long range plan for park area. Send any ideas to Dick Grote. Ex/ replacing the picnic tables (not at all once as it is costly). This came from people wanting to have memorial items like trees and benches at the park for loved ones who have past. With these opportunities in mind, what is the long range plan so people can donate in a useful and meaningful way.

Trees that need to come down at the park were noted.

Playground Update – Jennifer Abel.

Gametime, the provider of the playground equipment, has sent news. The end of the tube slide has a pole that we have padded; it is a concern of residents. Jennifer wrote the manufacturer of the concerns and sent photos. The company responded by sending someone to take more pictures and they agree with Jennifer's assessment. Gametime will send three new support poles and a new longer base for the bottom of the climbing tube (its not a tube SLIDE but a CLIMBING tube). A crew will come to take care of this for us; we need to supply the concrete. This will cost \$150 - \$120 for a jackhammer to remove the cement and the rest to get the redimix cement. May cost more if we need 20 bags of cement we will have a truck instead so we don't have 80lb bags hauled during the day by membership with potential injury. Overall pleased with Gametime response to fix.

Disc Golf has been a great success. The Discs were so popular with the youth that many took them home but most have been returned.

Playground and park are always in the pictures when a house is listed.

- c. Roads and Signs - Kurt Schroeder/Jennifer Abel.

Roads have been patched and tarred and cleaned up. Shoulders have been graveled and then torn up by cars that cut corners, putting the gravel (23A, county gravel with clay in it) on the roads. This loose gravel hurts the road when others go over it. Cones have been placed on the corners to deter this; cones have been run over by residents and disappeared.

Last week, while cleaning run-off by the roads, Kurt found some cones and returned them. Two are currently missing, again. If you see cones, they are labeled LLPA, please drop them at Kurt's or return them to where they belong.

R: Cones have been effective; walkers have helped to return them. Appear to others to be making a difference.

Kurt has cleaned up gravel 2-3 times since June, encourages others to do the same.

Four major trees down from August storm. One on Outer Dr with lots of wire around it, one in residents drive and one on Elm. ALL should stay away from those, including Board Members. Kurt removed a tree from the end of Hillside that was down. Therese put warnings up and used trash cans from to block the tree from others who may walk or drive into trees unknowingly.

The CRT committee would be a big help for instances such as these.

Will not likely need to do the gravel on the shoulder again this year.

Sign out front: Back is falling apart. Warped treated wood is swelling and not keeping all in place. Board is looking into it; three bids and board will look at during our next board meeting in August. Want to use newer materials that won't warp, rot or need to be painted. Also space to hold names is limited and there are other ways to have some flexibility on that.

Therese notes to be aware of speeding problems in the Narrows and other places. We have had some nasty speeding issues this summer; Therese has a letter she sends if someone has been specifically identified and even approached by a member to slow down. An individual tried to turn around in the Narrows this summer in a pick-up, appeared to be intoxicated. IF you know who the violators are, she can send the letter out.

Therese has looked at "Traffic Calming" solutions that are fairly expensive. Rubber speed bumps through the narrows that can be removed or the digital sign that report to the driver the speed, for example. Some members who live in the Narrows do have private video surveillance for their property that also shows some of the Narrows and have seen people on this. Members report people drive speeds

of excess of 40mph. A 5 yr old child lives in the Narrows now so it is an even greater concern.

- Nan Horstman reports that speeding occurs all over the Peninsula. Nicole McCall notes that more signage that says a reminder like “What’s the rush?” Nancy Zylstra reminds all to walk on the left side of the road, especially with the increase of quiet electric cars, noting that some curves are blind if you do that.
- d. Website – Nancy Zylstra. Keeps it updated as possible. Board will meet and decide how the CRT team will interact with the website.
Q: Can we do email blasts in an emergency situation?
A: yes but it will only hit those who have shared emails with the board. Perhaps use texting blasts to accomplish this.

9. Old Business

- a. Dues increase. Passed overwhelmingly with a high turn-out.

10. New Business

- a. Roads and programs: trash hauling/construction permit fees/road maintenance. Focus this year with a three-pronged approach. Usage + Maintenance + capture fees for heavy users.
- b. Electronic voting options. No questions or comments.
- c. Election Results. The three board members did get re-elected. Juleen Jenkins-Whall, Jim McCall and Dick Grote.

11. Announcements. Rick Kiel (sp?) Long Lake Association President and Therese will meet to try and get our meetings on different times. Historically LLPA has been the weekend before Labor Day; membership indicated through a quick show of hands that moving to that time is fine.

Long Lake Association is a separate group with separate dues.

There is a link on the website to that association.

Another chipping day will likely be held. Therese called many places and chose the one that was willing to work with us. Is there interest in a late October/early November chipping day? No opposition noted. Mark your brush, get a quote, you choose to participate or not.

- Walkers, please consider to bring a trashbag with you and pick up, if you are so inclined.
- All, please clean your brush alongside the road as it acts like sandpaper on the roads.
- Request that you do not leave your garbage cans out. If you have long driveways, you can use bags is a suggested alternative.
- Send your dues to the accountant’s address, not to our address.

- Vandalism at end of Sunset.
- Due date for dues, Sept 30th. \$25 late fee if late. Many people send in months dues late every year. There are many short-term delinquents.
- Therese will note on the whiteboard reminders to get dues paid.

12. Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Kurt Schroeder and seconded by Jim McCall. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

To Do:

Jim McCall will send budget to Nancy Zylstra; Nancy will upload it to website

Juleen:

- Review voting process and make e-voting simpler.
- Remind101 can be used to send text alerts. Juleen share out at board mtg.
- Remove google form, update it and have Therese add the link to next newsletter.
- Update list of member emails.