

September 19, 2016 SAND LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION Board Meeting

The meeting convened at 7 p.m. at Terry Flood's home. Members in attendance: Pres. Terry Flood, VP Sam Townshend, Treasurer Sue Macauley, Shore delegates Bettina Blank S, Don Massey W, Ron DuRoss NW, Pam Witzmann NE, Greg Ciliberti E, Dowe Parsons Lake Management Chair, and Bruce Diven Activities Chair. Absent: Butch Plentz N and Sarah White Secretary.

The minutes from the April 11, 2016 were distributed and read. Sam moved acceptance, Greg 2nd. Passed. April, May, June (annual meeting) minutes need to be posted to the website. The August board meeting was canceled and rescheduled for Sept. 19.

Treasurer's Report: Print copies distributed. Balance in checking: \$22,082.39. Savings account: \$20,819.77. Balances for Activities: Tunes on the Lake \$450, Cottage Tour \$1,605.91, Fireworks \$13,800.38 (this includes a full refund from Wolverine for this year's fireworks which had to be canceled while in progress due to a fire creating a dangerous situation on shooting platform). Lake Management payments for treatment, etc. do not show up in SLPOA treasurer's reports because Cambridge and Franklin Townships make the payments. Ron DuRoss moved for approval, Gregg 2nd. Passed.

Nominating Committee for 2017 SLPOA elections: The SLPOA constitution states that the elections committee will consist of the Secretary and at least two members in good standing appointed by the board, so Sarah will chair this committee. Stepping down are Terry Flood, Sarah White, Don Massey. Everyone else indicated their willingness to continue. The Nominating Committee needs to find nominees for president, secretary and West shore delegate. If other SLPOA members in good standing are interested in any of the positions they should submit their names to Sarah/Nominating Committee. The committee should inform the membership that names are being sought for all positions. The election will be at annual meeting June 3, 2017. Shore delegates are elected, shore alternates are appointed. Terms are for two years.

Lake Management: Hiring of a lake management service versus what we have been doing. Terry explained that PLM has a dual role: managing and determining treatment. In the past, a minority of property owners in the community have raised concerns about a lack of separation of duties in the dual role. It has been suggested that a lake manager, who would not be making money from the herbicides used to treat invasive species, would eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest. Restorative Lake Sciences, LLC provided the board with information about their lake management services and complete proposal at an annual cost of \$9,500 annually. Board members had been e-mailed the info. Handouts were provided of the proposal. Dowe Parsons, Lake Management Committee chair, reviewed items 1-7 of the proposal. Discussion: Would the present tax income for invasive species treatment be enough to cover the costs of the \$9,500 consulting services as well as the actual treatment costs? Concern was expressed that the cost of a separate manager would consume a disproportionate amount of the annual district budget that lake community as a whole has approved, which would severely limit the ability of the district to perform invasive species control treatments. The Board agreed to review district accounting reconciliations from Franklin and Cambridge to determine the quantify the costs associated with lake surveys, water quality analyses, plant sampling and lab testing so that the proposal for an independent manager may be considered more clearly. No action on proposal was taken. The action was tabled pending accounting data.

Other discussions included a clarification of the specific shoreline and canal areas that were treated in Summer 2016. Treatment appeared to work satisfactorily in areas which were treated. It was reiterated that the main

body of the lake was not treated his year. Milfoil propagates rapidly and instances of new problem areas were observed.

The susceptibility test results are still not complete hence PLM has not been able to make a final report with their recommendations for future treatment. It is expected those results will be available for review in October.

Re: E-mail from Chuck Gross, Attny regarding township zoning ordinances regarding the use of RV's and other camping on Sand Lake Properties. Chuck is seeking SLPOA support as he approaches the Franklin Township and Cambridge Township boards requesting the township to enforce ordinances on camping. Concern was expressed that many homeowners have extra guests on holiday weekends some of whom camp on their properties. Terry agreed to ask the townships for clarification of their zoning laws and forward Chuck the townships guidance.

Fireworks 2017: Sue Macauley reported that she contacted several fireworks companies. Wolverine wants a five year agreement for the Saturdays following the 4th of July. American Fireworks looks promising. Sue requested a committee to help her sort through all the materials from all the companies. Bruce Diven volunteered.

Sign for Public Access: Terry reported that a sign with imprinted bricks would cost approximately \$10,000. He is still looking at options. The effort would include an engraved brick fund raising program to SLPOA members.

Activities: Bruce Diven said the 2017 Home Tour and Tunes on the Lake will be Saturday, July 29. He would like to have certificates made and framed to give to Shore Delegates and others in appreciation for their service.

Miscellaneous: Ron said Hane Hwy. will have road widening and paving work done. Don said Cambridge Township has been asked to maintain the east end of Marsh Road where it goes downhill to lake level. They have not been doing this and the downhill in not a private road but part of Marsh Road.

Annual Meeting 2017 will be on Saturday, June 3 at the Cambridge Township Office. The next board meeting will be scheduled when the Lake Management results are in. Board members will be notified by e-mail.

Greg moved for adjournment, Sue 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bettina Blank (for Sarah White)