

Lake Sherwood Board of Directors Meeting

September 27, 2023 Oak Valley Middle School 6:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Steve Biebel, Jody Payne, Diane DeVincent, Thea Vagiates, Paul MacDonald, Jim Oakley, TJ Gurski, Rick Kirchner, , Todd Wood, , Kelly Lundin, Karen Adams, , Kathy Sawicki, , Gary Koch, Brandon Leslie, Tracy Golles representing a quorum.

Others present: Dan Devine, Linda Gepper, Carol Kates, Martha Klemmer, Zach Zukowsky , Anna Thompson

Board Members Not in Attendance: Tom Hochthanner

President-Steve Biebel

1. **Voting Procedures:** Reviewed ballot procedures, both proxy and in person voting. Carol K., Kelly Lundin, and Todd Wood will handle ballots at the Annual Membership meeting October 5, 2023.

2. **Noise Ordinance:** There is a "Breach of Peace" ordinance in Commerce Twp- someone impacted can call the Police department to report a disturbance. The designated time for reasonable noise levels is from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Martha K.-to send out email reminders to be considerate to your neighbors regarding nighttime noise levels.

3. **Unattached Structures:** no structure is allowed between the house and waterfront. Any structure must be attached to the house. This is a Township Ordinance and violations should be handled by the township.

Treasurer- Paul MacDonald: Under budget by \$60,000+. Tree budget is over due to storm damage. A motion will be made at the General Membership Meeting to approve more money to complete the cleanup during 2023.

Vice President-Jody Payne: no report

Recording Secretary-Diane DeVincent: Corrections of minutes need to be sent promptly.

Corresponding Secretary- Thea Vagiates: no report

Committee Reports

Wildwood Canal-Gary K. from the \$77,000 budget, \$24,000 has been spent. EGLE is requiring 8 more samples for testing in October. TJ Gurski is looking into using the Solitube system, it would require the residents to cooperate with having the sediment on their property, but could avoid waiting for EGLE to issue a permit.

By-Laws-Kathy S: October 9th deadline to pick which committee people want to join for the next round of by-law changes, i.e., rentals and homebound businesses.

Water Safety-Brandon L.: Buoys will be removed the week of October 14th.

Water Quality-TJ Gurski: Ten volunteers met and split up tasks for research. The groups are historical trends, hiring consultants, and shoreline native plants. Dan D. would like an article posted in each issue of the View highlighting different aspects to improve water quality. Volunteers are needed to clean up A-Lots on the lake and canals. Jody will send a letter to the A-Lot captains. TJ G. wants to give the Eutrosorb bags another year before evaluating their efficacy. Oakland County tests the water and puts up the E-coli and/or algae signs.

Boat Ramp-Todd W.: All is good at the ramp. The ramp will close at the end of November subject to weather conditions.

Beautification-Karen A.: Our contract is for mowing only. A large spike recently found in Kendall Park damaged the lawn mower costing \$541 in repairs.

A-Lot Docks-Linda G.: Five pontoons and 7 regular slips are available. All docks will be inspected in October. Significant efforts have been made by the committee to re-align docks and increase the number of large slips (5 new large slips in 2023).

Dam-Steve B.: Dam is in good shape. Leafwood pump is also working well.

Website-Rick K.: Brandon K. is updating GMM minutes, A-Lot map, and Good Guy list. Will post the Fall View.

Social-Jody P.: Upcoming events are Chili Cookoff October 7, Kids Halloween Party October 15, Halloween Decorating Contest October 26, and Holiday Party December 16.

Island Committee-Gary K.: Skiers Island and U-Turn reseeded. Two maple trees were added to Skiers and ropes with magnetic attachments added to discourage geese.

Kendall Park-Anna T.: Requested fill dirt and seed for gaps around the tennis court. Thea V. advised that she would be able to donate some dirt but would need volunteers to haul and spread it.

New Business

Karen A. is working to get a retention pond at the schools to stop the oil and other pollutants from entering the lake at the Driftwood drain.

Dan D. Fish stocking- last week of October. Muskrat trapping- the 1st week of November.

Paul M. made a motion to close the meeting at 8:58 P.M. Karen A. 2nd the motion.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Diane DeVincent, Recording Secretary

Items Requiring Motion and Vote: None