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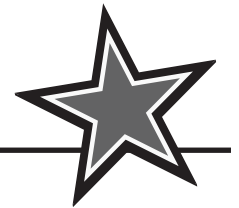
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Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



Fall has arrived in Lake Sherwood and this always gives us a chance to look back on the myriad of summer activities, celebrations, and events that have taken place in our neighborhood that make it the special place that it is. I hope everyone enjoyed the activities that go along with the “lake life” that we have the opportunity to participate in. Enjoyment of the lake itself is the foremost activity that is available to everyone but LSA always enhances with activities such as the Fireworks, big shout out to **Gloria Hughes** and her perseverance in handling the 24 hour delay that utilized the rain date on Sunday, boat parades, multiple music on the lake options, the Poker Run – full capacity again, and any other individual or group events that utilize the lake as a focal point. It has been an eventful summer and I hope everyone took advantage to the fullest.

The Boat ramp has now been operational & automated for over a year and the utilization is up, and the problems and issues appear to be down as the process is being learned and adopted by the residents. **Todd Wood** has spearheaded this effort from the start and the Boat Ramp Committee (8 other volunteers) has been supporting him with significant efforts to make launches & retrievals as hassle free as possible. Just another friendly reminder that

the boat ramp card issued to you is for your registered vessels only. If there are ever any questions about utilizing the ramp in any way feel free to contact one of the members of the committee (names & numbers listed on the ramp bulletin board) in advance, if possible, to get your questions answered and allow for a seamless launch/retrieval. Please remember to remain present until the gate is closed prior to leaving the ramp so that no one will launch while your card is on record. There is a gate close button on the south side of the ramp attached to the boat ramp sign that can be utilized to close the gate immediately once the sensors for the gate are cleared so you don't have to wait for the safety timer.

Water quality is always at the forefront of our members' concerns as evidenced in the surveys returned last year with the dues. The Wildwood Canal silt removal project is still moving forward, albeit slowly, with multiple visits and additional requirements from EGLE and also examining the contractors' bids. We have taken the proactive step of placing 2 different types of water treatment systems at the head of the canal on each side of Wildwood River. One is called a Moleaer Kingfisher, which is a nanobubbler generator which oxidizes algae and also oxygenates the sediment layer to digest muck and reduces the

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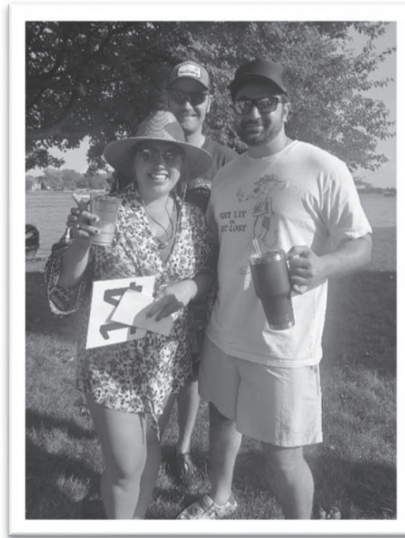
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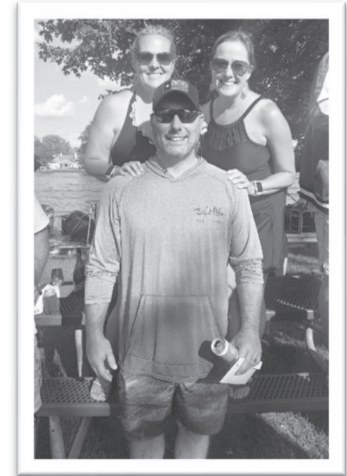
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1st Place – Hubler Boat on Tiguewood Ct.



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4th Place – Golles Boat on Surfwood



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Social Happenings

Jody Payne



2023 Fall Social Happenings

6th Annual Chili Cook-off & Beer Tasting

On **Saturday, October 7th at 2pm in Kendall Park** we will host our **5th Annual Chili Cook-off!** This is great chance to test your crockpot skills and see if you have the chilies to win. All you need to do is sign-up and show it off! Each entry is **\$10 a crockpot** and should be sent to our fabulous event host, **Patti and Erik Koseck of 5185 Oakwood Ct.** Please be sure that you bring an extension or power cord to plug in your crockpot, and don't forget any yummy toppings that will put your chili a step above the competition. The winners will be chosen by Lake Sherwood neighbors who get to taste each and every pot for **FREE!** We will award **prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.** What goes great with chili? **BEER!** We are trying something different this year and will have a Beer Host who will be providing an array of beer choices for you to taste for **FREE.** If you have some special beers you would like to share, then grab those as well and join the fun. Sponsoring again, will be **Randy Wilcox of Wilcox Realty Group.**



Kid's Annual Halloween Costume Party



This is another Lake Sherwood favorite and a great way to end the Fall season. Our host **Sarah and Nick Polcyn of Ravinewood** really do an amazing job for a fun afternoon for the whole family. This event is in **Kendall Park on Sunday, October 15th from 1-3pm.** It is sponsored by **Sue McFarland of Re/Max Classic.** There will be a costume parade and several kids' games for all ages. Such a great afternoon of fun for the whole family! We need volunteers to help set up, take down and help to manage the games. If you would like to volunteer your time or have a high schooler needing "community service" hours, please contact **Sarah at 248-756-8772 or email her at sarahcpolcyn@gmail.com.**



Social Happenings

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5th Annual Halloween Decorating Contest

Mark your calendars for this year's **Halloween Decorating Contest for Thursday, October 26th**. Judges will be driving around the neighborhood looking for the spooky, scary, ghostly, or chillingly decorated houses that deserve a **prize for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place**. Last year there were so many great houses, so I am expecting to see so much more. Not only do you get a prize basket, but you also get a temporary yard sign to show off to your neighbors and all the trick-or-treaters! As a kid, we would drive through neighborhoods before Halloween to see how creative people get with their lights and decorations. And we were always so impressed with the amazing creativity and effort folks put into it. If you are one of those houses that Halloween is your super bowl of house decorating, then get ready to impress the judges on **Oct. 26th** and we will be handing out the temporary lawn signs and prize baskets by 9pm. I am excited to see what level we can get to and how creative everyone is.



SAVE THE DATE - WINTER EVENTS:

Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 14TH** for this year's **Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest**. Judging will take place from **6 – 9:30 pm** on that night, with awards and gift baskets for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!** Not only do you get a basket of goodies for placing, but you will also get a **beautiful hand-crafted wooden temporary lawn sign** to show off to the neighbors. These were made **over 25 years ago** by one of our very own neighbors and they are my favorite prize to award winners! So, start planning where the candy canes lights, glowing snowman and prancing reindeer will go. **Happy Holidays!**

Lake Sherwood Island Use Permit

Required permit for island use between the hours of 11 pm and 8 am. This applies to weekday and weekend activity. The ability to reserve an island will allow families or other groups sole usage of the island during the specified time. This application is good for one use only. Should a person wish to use the island again, another application must be submitted. Failure to obtain a permit will result in at \$100 fine. If this fine is unpaid within 30 days, the applicant's property will have a lien place on it.

Contact: Gloria Hughes 248-685-0631(Home) 248-376-0531 (Cell)

The person signing this permit has to be a LSA resident (18 years or older) and is required to give a \$50 deposit. A permit is issued and applicant must possess a driver's license and permit at all times on the island.

No loud or disturbing late (early morning) noise, no destruction of Lake Sherwood property, no littering, no underage drinking and contained campfires only (large enough to burn only logs and twigs). No sleeping on picnic tables or without camping equipment. An adult Lake Sherwood resident must be present on the island during the requested hours on the application. The applicant must bring their own receptacle to haul trash off the island and extinguish campfires completely before leaving the island.

There are three islands on the main lake that offer dockage, picnic and camping area. South (Remo U-turn Island), Mid (Skier Island), North (Higgins Island).

The \$50 deposit will be refunded as long as the above requirements have been met.

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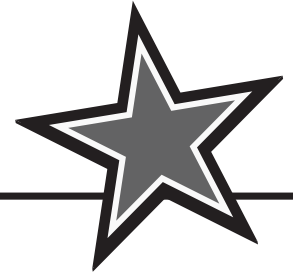
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Applicant will be contacted to confirm requested date is available.



Presidents Report

Steve Biebel



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presence of nutrients that cause algae blooms. The other is a Rigerio Bio Pod which also is a type of bubbler that utilizes healthy bacteria to digest the organic muck as well reducing algae blooms and nutrients and is all natural. We have these working across the canal from each other and will evaluate for long term effectiveness in what is obviously the most strategic position at the headwaters of the canal. The actual cost for these is basically identical on an annual basis so monitoring the effectiveness should help us make a utilization decision moving forward if necessary beyond what we currently have in place.

We have recently experienced an uptick in volunteers around the lake which is much appreciated. When more members get involved the burden on the Association is reduced and it always helps contribute to more issues being resolved as well as the neighborhood getting incrementally better. Anyone who has the time & desire to pitch in will be welcomed and utilized to help make LSA an even more desirable place to live. These extra efforts are always welcomed, appreciated and are often their own reward. A big shout out to **Rick & Kathy Sawicki** for their focused cleanup on the Ledgewood A Lot Beach, **Ferris Kelley** for obtaining quotes for goose poop cleanup as well as researching & donating materials for goose deterrent on the Islands, **Ron Lennis, Andy Sarkisian, & Greg Woelfel** for assisting in cutting up & removing a large willow tree that fell onto a neighbor's property on the south side of Kendall Park. I am also aware of many other neighbors that have assisted other neighbors with the storm cleanup. These efforts are just a few of the many volunteers that are making our neighborhood a desirable place to live & also demonstrate a strong sense of commitment & community to the Lake Sherwood Association.

Finally, we have a Annual membership Meeting coming up on Oct. 4th at Oak Valley @ 6:30 pm where we will be voting on the Annual Budget, the By Law changes that have been published, as well as electing some new officers. Hope to see you there!!



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If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting **Gary Koch**, of **Ravinewood Street**, you're missing out on one of the true gems of our community. Gary, whose last name is pronounced "Cook", has been a resident of Lake Sherwood since 2011. Along with his wife Sue, Gary moved to the area from Plymouth looking for a lake house to enjoy with their three children and six grandchildren, all of whom live within an hour's drive.

Despite retiring two years ago from his career as an automotive engineer, Gary is busier than ever dedicating his time to volunteering. Gary's first official position was as an Area Director representing Area 8, and since then he has taken on several other roles. He is a member of the Boat Ramp Committee and the Bylaw Committee. He is also a member of the newly formed Island Committee which seeks to address the desires of the residents regarding the islands. He generously offered the use of his garage as the drop off location for the Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program. And when he noticed the Wildwood Canal Project needed some help, without hesitation he offered his leadership. Gary's participation has led him beyond our neighborhood. Gary was a liaison to Commerce Township Supervisor Larry Gray regarding neighborhood violations and drainage concerns. His expertise led to Larry extending him an invitation to participate in a committee focused on Commerce Township's Five-Year Master Plan. He has also been actively seeking information from Oakland County concerning the cracks in our neighborhood roads.



When he's not volunteering, Gary has a few hobbies that keep him busy. He enjoys hunting and woodworking down in his basement woodshop. He is an avid golf enthusiast and participates in several golf leagues. Additionally, he has earned the reputation of being "the neighborhood handyman" due to his willingness to assist those in need.

Gary loves living in Lake Sherwood saying, "Every day is a vacation". We couldn't agree more! Gary's positive attitude and love for our community are truly inspiring. Thank you, Gary, for all that you do.

Social Happenings

Jody Payne



Winter Carnival - 2024

We will be picking a date in **January or February of 2024** and will be sure to share through the **Martha emails and Facebook channels**. The 2022 event was moved to Kendall Park due to lack of snow and a frozen lake, but that did not stop the neighbors from coming out to make the most of the day! If we can have it on the lake, it will be in the Ledgewood A-lot. We will be featuring an ice fishing contest, putt-putt ice golf, curling, hockey, and ice skating. Feel free to bring a crockpot of a delicious winter snack, hot cocoa and anything else you would like to share. Our neighborhood sponsor and host of this event is **Cheryl Yakuber Mueller of Driftwood Dr. and of the Luxe Group eXp Realty**. Thank you Cheryl, for taking the lead on this.



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Bylaw Revision Project Update

SECOND PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Many things have changed in Lake Sherwood and the world in the 20 years since the Board last reviewed and proposed updates to the Association's bylaws. Electronic communications and payments and Zoom meetings have become commonplace, as has telecommuting. During the height of Covid-19, the Association learned to adopt many new strategies to conduct the business of Lake Sherwood. With Phyllis's well-deserved retirement, the Association installed an electronic gate and security at the boat ramp. In 2022, the Board decided it was time to review the bylaws considering the changes that had taken place.

To that end, 13 Board members volunteered to serve on a new ad hoc Bylaw Revision Committee. The Committee began its work in late 2022, and the Board reviewed the Committee's first set of proposed Bylaw changes for publication in The View at the February 15, 2023, Board meeting. This first set of proposed changes is divided into two sections: Section 1, Proposed Non-Substantive Bylaw Changes, which are not consequential (e.g., typos, formally adopting electronic payment and notice, etc.); and Section 2, Proposed Substantive Bylaw Changes, which includes a new bylaw governing boat ramp operation. **The Committee's work continues and it anticipates proposing another set of substantive changes addressing telecommuting, home based businesses and home rentals later in 2023.**

Article XII of the Lake Sherwood Association Bylaws requires any proposed amendments to the bylaws to be published in two successive issues of The View prior to holding a vote for their adoption at a General Membership Meeting. **The initial View publication of the first set of proposed bylaw changes appeared in the Spring 2023 issue. This is the second publication of the first set of proposed bylaw changes before they are presented to the membership for discussion and a vote at the October Annual Meeting of the membership.** Proposed language deletions are indicated by striking through the current language. Additions to the current bylaws are shown in **bold type**. Explanatory comments from the Bylaw Revision Committee are provided for proposed changes when the context or reason for the change may not be readily apparent.

Section 1. Proposed Non-Substantive Bylaw Changes

Non-substantive changes correct minor errors such as typos, punctuation and spelling. They also update archaic grammar and word choices. Finally, several proposed changes update the bylaws to better reflect the evolution in the Association's administrative practices in recent years.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

2.01 Purpose

The purpose for which this Association is formed is as follows:

e. To actively support ~~the Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, Inc.~~ **water conservation** organizations and other lake associations in all matters that will promote the conservation of water quality and supply or serve as a detriment to same.

Comment: Broadens ability to support a wider variety of water quality and conservation organization.

ARTICLE III – TERRITORY

3.01 Territory

The territory of the Association includes the Lake Sherwood Subdivision, Lake Sherwood Subdivisions numbered 1 through 16 which include lots numbered 1-72, 73-94, 95-101, 102 -117, 118-130, 131-140, 141-153, 154-167, 168-175, 176-191, 192-210, 211-224, 225-252, 253-275, 276-310, 311-486, 487-522 respectively, Trentwood Subdivisions which includes lots numbered (T) 1-52 and Capri Subdivision lots numbered I 16-20, 48-55 and 65-67. Certain lots which are included in Wildwood River, Wildwood River Subdivision and Lake Sherwood Forest Subdivisions with whom the Association has legal Membership Agreements and certain water frontage **Meets Metes** and Bounds properties are also included in the Association territory. ~~And are generally referred to as Area 20. (AKA Lake Sherwood Area 11)~~

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Comment:—LSA has added waterfront metes and bounds properties to the membership in recent years that are not in Area 20 (AKA Lake Sherwood Area 11), hence the proposed deletion:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

4.01 **Membership**

The owner of each property in the Association Territory is a member of the Association as mandated by the property deed and agreed to at the time of property closing. Membership includes the property owner(s), legal spouse and **resident** children.

4.02 **Active Member**

An active member is a member in good standing by virtue of having paid all current and past dues, fines and assessments. Current dues and assessment shall not be considered as delinquent prior to the ~~expiration of 60 days from the date the billing notice is issued~~ **due date stated in the annual dues invoice**. An active member is eligible to vote and hold elective or appointive office in the Association.

Comment: 60 days is not always accurate. Change makes this provision consistent with the language in 7.05, Past Due Billing.

ARTICLE V – DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

5.03 **Filling Positions**

The Directors and Officers, except for the Director who is the immediate Past President, are elected by the Active members **at the Annual meeting and are seated on January 1st** immediately following the Annual meeting **held in January October of the preceding calendar year**. The offices of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary may be held by the same person. Any vacancy among the Directors or Officers may be filled until the Annual meeting by appointment by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board.

5.04 **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President and the three most recently elected Past Presidents residing in Association Territory. If any of the committee members are not available to serve, or if it is deemed that the committee should be larger in number, the President may appoint replacement and/or additional committee members from the Active Membership as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination a ~~sufficient number of~~ **enough** candidates to fill all vacancies. More than one candidate may be placed in nomination for the same office. The ticket nominated by such committee shall be reported by publication in the Newsletter or delivered to the members prior to the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Active Member at the ~~membership~~ **Annual** meeting immediately preceding **the vote at** the Annual meeting provided each such nominee has indicated a willingness to service in the office for which being nominated.

In the event a vacancy occurs among the Directors and Officers prior to the time of the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall solicit candidates to fill such vacancy by publication in the Newsletter or by a notice delivered to the members prior to the next Board meeting. In the case of an Area Representative vacancy, the Nominating Committee shall ~~solicit~~ **give preference** to candidates to fill such vacancy ~~by a notice delivered only to~~ the members residing in the area represented by the vacancy. The Nominating Committee shall provide the Board with a list of candidates to fill the vacancy. More than one candidate may be placed in nomination for the same vacancy. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Director or Officer at the Board meeting where such appointment is being voted upon, provided each such nominee has indicated a willingness to serve in the vacant office.

Comment: Proposed changes more accurately reflect current LSA process and precedent.

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5.05 **Ballot**

Election of Officers and Directors is by secret printed ballot. The candidate(s) receiving the greatest number of votes for the office(s) to be filled shall be declared elected. ~~The use of sticker candidates is prohibited and any votes for sticker candidates are void.~~

Balloting shall take place at the place of meeting before 8:30 PM on the date of the Annual meeting. It is the duty of the President to see that: a proper polling place is provided to assure the taking of a secret ballot: the Recording Secretary is present with the membership roll; that only qualified members are permitted to vote; printed ballots are provided; all ballots are carefully folded and placed by the voter in a sealed ballot box; the polls are closed promptly ~~at 8:30 PM~~ **90 minutes after the start of the meeting**, and a sufficient number of tellers are appointed to insure honest, impartial and prompt tabulation of votes and to report the election results during the course of the Annual meeting.

If an Active member, otherwise qualified to vote, is unable to appear in person at the polling place during the hours designated for voting, such member may obtain an absentee ballot from the Corresponding Secretary in advance of the election. **The absentee ballot shall be returned to the Corresponding Secretary by personal delivery, or first-class US Mail sent to the official address of the Association, or as otherwise specified in the written instructions approved by the Board of Directors and included with such ballot.** The absentee ballot when marked by the voter must be placed in ~~another~~ a sealed envelope with no writing thereon, which envelope in turn shall be placed in another sealed envelope, which must bear the name and address of the Active member voting. This envelope may then be delivered to the tellers, who shall see that the name appearing on the outer envelope is checked by the Corresponding Secretary against the Active membership roll, to assure that it is the name of a qualified voter. If so, this envelope shall be opened and the plain envelope enclosing the ballot shall then be placed in the sealed ballot box. If the name on the envelope is not that of a qualified voter, the ballot shall immediately be destroyed.

If a tie vote for any office occurs, any nominee involved in such tie vote may request a recount of the votes cast, for which the President shall appoint new tellers who shall recount the votes cast and report their findings. If the recount also results in a tie vote or if no recount is requested, the tie shall be broken by lot.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AN OFFICERS

1.02 **Administration**

b. Records

When the Secretaries and/or Treasurer leave office, they shall deliver to their successors all monies, books, paper and other property belonging to the Association which may then be in their possession or under their control. In the absence of such successor, they shall deliver all such monies, books, papers, **records (in all formats)** and other property to the President of the Association.

c. Meeting and Quorum of the Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of ~~six~~**four**-times per year scheduled at regular intervals and at such time and place as the President or the Board may deem advisable. One more than half of the Directors present at meetings ~~or~~ **of** the Board of Directors constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Motions and resolutions coming before the Board of Directors shall require the affirmative vote of majority of Directors present for adoption, except that the President may vote only in the case of a tie.

Comment: The Board can meet more often as it requires or desires. Four is the minimum number of Board meetings per year.



ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL

7.02 **Dues**

The dues of the Association members shall be of such amount necessary to meet the business needs and expenses of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors through budgetary development and presented to the membership for approval. The dues amount is applicable to each property (lot) in the Association Territory notwithstanding: (1) the number of properties owned by a single individual or organization, (2) the location of the property or (3) whether such property contains a dwelling. If, however, a property Sidwell number is eliminated due to a change in ~~property description~~ property description and combined with a Sidwell Number of an adjoining property so that multiple lots numbers remain within a single Sidwell Number, such property owner shall be responsible for dues and/or assessment as if there was only one lot.

7.04 **Annual Billing**

Following the annual meeting or approval of the proposed budget by the general membership, whichever is earlier, the Treasurer or such other person as may be directed by the Board of Directors shall prepare and issue an invoice to all Association members specifying the dues and/or assessment for the ensuing Accounting Year and requesting dues and/or assessment payment by the end of a period. The delivery of such invoice will be through whatever means available, including first class mail or by attachment to the Newsletter. **A member may also consent to, and receive, delivery of dues invoices by email or other electronic means by giving written notice to the Association.**

7.05 **Past Due Billing**

Dues and/or assessment payments are due as described in 7.04. Any member whose dues and/or assessment remains unpaid as of the due date **stated in the invoice** shall be considered delinquent and **an Inactive Member** of the Association. Such delinquency forfeits the member's right to vote and all other rights and privileges of the Association. Past due billings will be issued ~~subsequent to~~ **after the invoice** due date in such manner as is necessary to collect dues and/or assessment obligations including, but not limited to, first class mail, **email or other electronic communication consented to by that member**, open billing in the Newsletter, at the closing of a property sale, through a collection agency or through the courts. In addition, delinquent members will be charged a late charge if full payment is not ~~received within 90 days from the date the initial invoice is issued~~ **received by the due date stated in the invoice** for the applicable Accounting Year. The amount of late charge will be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the Active Members. The sale of property does not relieve the member of the **personal** obligation to pay dues and/or assessments or any other valid charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

9.01 **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the membership of the Association ~~should be~~ **shall be** held in ~~January~~ of each year on the date and at the time and place as specified by the Association President or the Board of Directors. **It is recommended that the annual meeting be held in October each year.** At such meeting, new Directors and Officers will be elected **to serve terms beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year**, reports will be presented by the retiring Directors and Officers and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the membership. The Treasurer will present the annual financial statement, which will include the Association revenue and expense items from the ~~preceding~~ **forecasted results for the current** accounting year. The Treasurer will also present the budget for the ~~then current accounting budget~~ year **beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year.**

9.02 **Membership Meeting**

Meetings of the membership, **in addition to the annual meeting**, will be held a minimum of ~~three (3) times~~ **once** a year. Recommended months are ~~January~~; for the membership meeting is April ~~and September~~

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Comment: There can always be more membership meetings as desired or required. One membership meeting, in addition to the legally required annual meeting, is the proposed minimum, and is consistent with actual practice in recent years.

9.03 **Special Meetings**

A special meeting of members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors. It is also the duty of the President to call a special meeting whenever requested in writing by ten percent of the then Active members of the Association. A notice of every special meeting, stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be given by first class mail addressed to each Active member or by mailing copies of the **Newsletter** containing a prominent display of such notice

ARTICLE X – RULES, REGULATIONS

10.01 **Rules, Regulations and Restrictions**

It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish, maintain and/or enforce necessary rules, regulations and deed restrictions designed to promote the welfare and protect the interests of the membership of the Association. Such action(s) will be performed **on behalf of the Board of Directors** by and/or at the direction and control of the Board of Directors through an appropriate Committee network **the Rules and Regulations Committee**. All rules, regulations and deed restrictions are deemed to be included in these By Laws and the membership of the Association shall be bound by their provisions. Violations of published Lake Sherwood deed restrictions or rules and regulations, which are reported to the Rules and Regulations Committee by a Lake Sherwood property owner, will be reviewed and if accepted, enforced by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

10.02 **Violations – Notification and Enforcement**

b. Should the property owner not correct the violation within ten (10) days or request a meeting with the Committee, a second notice will be issued. Ten (10) days after receipt of the second notice, a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000, plus restitution, will be assessed against the violator unless the violation is corrected, or a meeting is requested with the Rules and Regulations Committee. ~~The same procedure will apply when a property owner does not comply with the action and/or time table established at a violations meeting. An additional fine of equal amount will be assessed at the end of each thirty (30) day period following the initial fine that the violation remains uncorrected to a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve (12) month period.~~

Comment: Redundant language deleted. This subject is covered in 10.03-

d. All unpaid fines will be immediately due and added to the violator's Association ~~dues~~ **account** and will be collected by normal Association procedures. A property owner will not be considered in good standing unless all fines and/or dues are paid.

10.03 ~~Regulations Committee~~ **Failure to Resolve Violation Notice Issued Under Section 10.02**

The same procedure will apply when a property owner does not comply with the action and/or timetable established **by a violation notice or** at a violation meeting pursuant to Section 10.02. An additional fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$1,000, plus restitution, will be assessed by the Rules and Regulations Committee, in its sole discretion, at the end of each thirty (30) day period following the initial fine that the violation remains uncorrected to a maximum of \$12,000 in any twelve (12) month period.

10.07 **Guest Boats**

A guest boat can only be launched at the Boat Ramp with sponsorship and in the company of an Association member in good standing. Guest boats are restricted to a maximum ~~48 hours~~ **two-day (not to exceed two consecutive nights)** access in any 30-day period. Lake access for a guest boat requires approval from the

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Boat Ramp ~~Manager or Boat Ramp Guard~~ **Committee** at time of launch, subject to rules and procedures established by the Rules & Regulations **Boat Ramp** Committee.

An **active** Association member in good standing may request full season access for a “surrogate” boat for special circumstances (e.g., regular vessel undergoing long term service repairs). For approval of a surrogate boat, the Association member cannot concurrently have a boat on the lake of similar type, unless special approval is obtained through the Rules and Regulation Committee.

The Rules & Regulations **Boat Ramp** Committee is empowered to develop procedural details and nominal fines for rule violations. Rules, procedures and fines will be posted at the Boat Ramp. Fines **established under this section 10.07 by the Boat Ramp Committee for guest boat violations** cannot exceed the amounts outline in Section 10.03 Regulations Committee.

Comment: Boat Ramp Committee provided the proposed changes to this section based on their experience with guest boats and the electronic ramp gate during the 2022 boating season.

ARTICLE XI – OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

11.01 Official Publication

The official publication of the Association shall be **The View as published by** the Lake Sherwood Association, Inc., herein referred to as Newsletter. **The Newsletter may be published in hard copy and/or digitally. It shall be distributed to all active members by First Class US Mail except for those members who request delivery by email or other electronic means. Request for electronic delivery of the Newsletter shall be made in writing to the Corresponding Secretary pursuant to rules and procedures established by the Corresponding Secretary.**

ARTICLE XVI – INDEMNIFICATION

16.01 Indemnification

The Association will indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal, other than an action by or in the right of the Association, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was Director, officer, employee, Committee Member, **of any Standing, Operating or Ad Hoc Committee established pursuant to Article VIII**, member of the Architectural Control Committee or agent of the Association, against expenses, including attorneys’ fees, judgements, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association or its members, and with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, if the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of an action, suit or proceeding by judgement, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, does not, of itself, create presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Association or its members, and, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, had a reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

And, the Association will indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgement in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Officer, employee, Committee Member, member of the Architectural Control Committee or agent of the Association, against expenses, including attorneys’ fees and amounts paid in settlement actually or reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action or suit, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association or its members.

If the person has been found liable to the Association, his or her indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses incurred.

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ARTICLE XVIII – FORECLOSURE

A foreclosure proceeding may be commenced by the **Board of Directors of the Association** upon recordation and service of notice of lien in accordance with the following:

A. Notice of lien shall set forth: (i) the legal description of the property to which the lien attaches; (ii) the name of the owner of record of the property; (iii) the amounts due the Association at the date of the notice, exclusive of interest, costs, attorney fees and future assessments.

B. The notice of lien shall be in recordable form, executed by an authorized representative of the Association and may contain other information as the Association may deem appropriate.

C. The notice of lien shall be recorded in the office of register of deeds for Oakland County and shall be served upon the delinquent member who owns the property by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the member at least 10 days in advance of commencement of the foreclosure proceeding.

D. An action to recover money judgments for unpaid dues, fines and assessments may be maintained without foreclosing or waiving the lien.

E. An action for money damages and foreclosure may be combined in one action.

Section 2. Proposed Substantive Changes

Substantive changes make a meaningful, or important, modification or addition to the current Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI –DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

6.01 Duties of the Directors and Officers

a. Treasurer

The Treasurer keeps account of all monies received by and expended for the use of the Association and makes disbursements only as authorized by the Board of Directors. **The Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Directors, may designate one or more members in good standing to serve as an assistant treasurer and to perform such duties of the Treasurer as approved by the Board of Directors.** During the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the President, **a duly appointed assistant treasurer**, or any other one of the Officers, may be authorized by the Board of Directors to receive monies, issue checks or perform such other of the Treasurer's duties as may become necessary. The Treasurer shall be required to furnish a bond in such sum as the Board of Directors may deem advisable and the cost of such bond shall be paid out of the funds of the Association.

Comment: Formalizes the role of assistant treasurer in the bylaws. Sharon Sarkisian currently performs in this capacity with Board approval.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL

7.09 Budget

A budget including individual dues and fund balances shall be prepared for each Accounting Year and presented to the membership for approval. Proposed dues increases shall be published in the Newsletter prior to a General Membership Meeting. A majority vote of the Active members present is necessary to adopt or amend the proposed budget. If following approval, unbudgeted expenses arise, such expenses will be presented to the membership for approval each time either of the following situations occurs: (i) the unbudgeted expense for any one specific budget category exceeds the amount of the approved budget for that category for the then current Accounting Year by more than \$3,000; or (ii) ~~the total of the unbudgeted expenses in all budget categories is equal to (or greater than)~~ 10% of the overall approved budget for the then current Accounting Year.

Comment: The \$3000 cap on unbudgeted expenses *per budget category* produces undesirable constraints for larger budget categories. Also, this amount hasn't been increased in over 35 years. After much discussion, the Bylaw Revision Committee recommends deleting the \$3,000 per category cap and keeping in place the unbudgeted expense cap of 10% of the overall approved budget.

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6th Annual Chili Cook-off & Beer Tasting



Join us in Kendall Park on
Saturday, Oct. 7th @ 2pm
\$10 per Crockpot Entry

All pots of chili must be pre-cooked. Keep it warm in a crockpot and plug it in under the pavilion.

Chili tasting and voting will begin at 2:30pm and is **FREE** to all neighbors.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd!

Bring a 6-pack of your favorite, most unique, craft or home brewed beer to compliment the chili and share it with your neighbors.

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Please mail your entry to Patti and Erik Koseck at 5185 Oakwood Ct - \$10 per entry



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3676 Sandbar Dr.
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 MLS# 20230063864 **\$549,900**
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2740 Ravinewood Dr.
Commerce Twp, MI 48382
 MLS#20230061929 **\$464,900**
 4 Bed, 2.1 Baths. 3 car attached garage. Over 2400 Sq. Ft. of living space. Natural light & wood flooring throughout most of the 1st floor.



3176 Pikewood Ct.
Commerce Twp, MI 48382
 MLS#20230054219 **\$700,000**
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1500 Ring O Kerry

Milford Twp, MI 48381

MLS#20230046201 **\$650,000**

4 Bed, 3.1 Baths. 5 car detached garage. 2553 sq ft & a gorgeous, 2.5 acre slice of paradise! Finished LL, 1400+ sq ft w/ bar & tons of storage. Purchaser has first right of refusal to buy the adjacent vacant 2.5-acre parcel for \$169,900.

5462 Leafwood Dr.

Commerce Twp, MI 48382

MLS#20230061625 **\$425,000**

3 Bed, 1.1 Baths. 2 car attached garage. Best of both worlds w/Lake Sherwood privileges & inground pool w/ KOI pond!



4784 Ravinewood Dr.

Commerce Twp, MI 48382

MLS#20230061375 **\$450,000**

3 Bed, 2.1 Baths. 2700 Sq. Ft. Premium location w/Lake Sherwood privileges w/docking & backing up to park! Spacious family RM w/slate fireplace & natural light throughout this contemporary home!

4713 Surfwood Dr.

Commerce Twp, MI 48382

MLS#20230063957 **\$1,100,000**

4 Bed, 3 Baths. 3770 SQ. FT. of luxury! Located on all sports Lake Sherwood. 1st floor primary suite, large chefs kitchen w/large island, and spacious sunroom and outdoor deck w/outstanding lake views!



6103 Rosewood Pkwy.

White Lake Twp, MI 48383

\$450,000

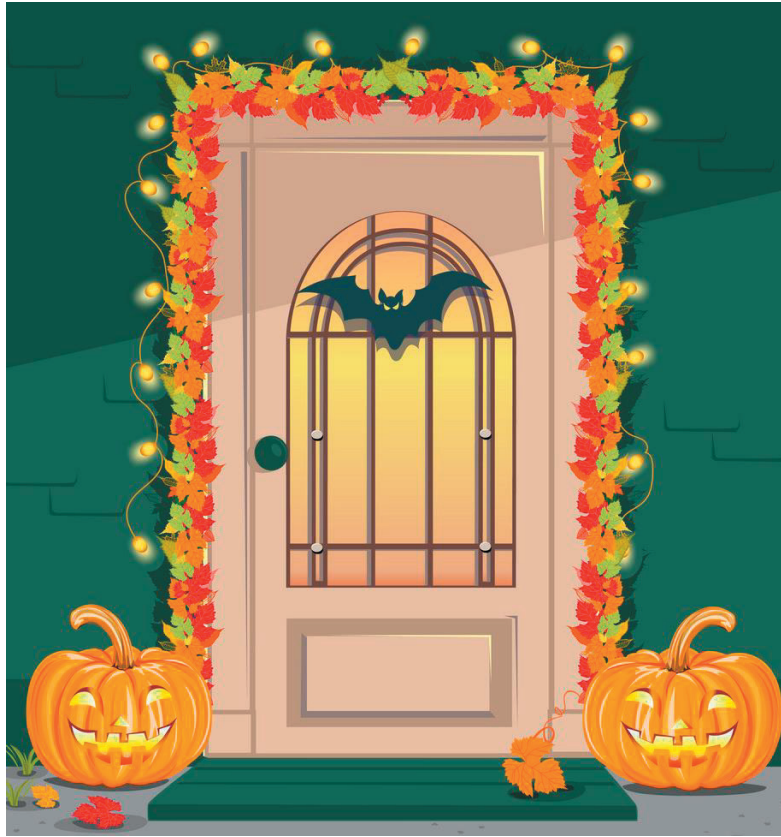
3 Bed. 3.1 Baths. 2200 Sq. Ft. of living space w/additional 85 sq. ft. in finished lower-level w/flex RM, rec RM & full bath! Move in ready & meticulously maintained inside & out!



RE/MAX CLASSIC

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5th Annual Halloween Decorating Contest



Thursday, October 26th from 6 - 9pm



Judges will be driving around the neighborhood in search of the most creative, scary, and creepy houses. Temporary **Yard Signs** and **Prizes** will be awarded to **1st, 2nd and 3rd place home winners!**



Lake Sherwood A-Lot

Linda Gepper



Of the 159 a-lot slips around the lake, we have 11 slips open. 3 of the open slips will accommodate a pontoon.

By moving docks within several a-lots this year, we have gained 3 pontoon slips.

Good news, since we've had a shortage of these slips as popularity for pontoons grows.

As the water quality of our lake worsens, it is imperative that we all do whatever we can to

help our lake. This includes raking your slip to reduce decay of leaves, cuttings, etc. It will also reduce muck and leave a sandy bottom.

Questions, ideas and comments are always welcome. Contact Linda Gepper (lwgepper@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,
LSA A-lot Dock Committee



Lake Sherwood Association General Membership Meeting Dates

October 4th 2023 (Wednesday)
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
*Member voting on By-law updates

Oak Valley Middle School

See you there !

10.08 **Boat Ramp (PROPOSED NEW SECTION)**

- a. The Boat Ramp Committee is established and authorized by the Board to administer and manage boat ramp access. Access is only granted to active members in good standing, as defined in Section 4.02, and requires submission of a signed Boat Ramp User Agreement and proof of ownership for all vessels. In addition, Lake Sherwood boat ramp users must inform the Boat Ramp Committee of any change in fleet (sold or purchased boats), for which the User Agreement will be amended for the updated fleet composition.
- b. Each Lake Sherwood active member is allowed to apply for one access card. The card remains the property of the Association and is issued for the sole use of the assigned active member and is not to be shared with anyone else, except as authorized pursuant to boat ramp use rules developed by the Boat Ramp Committee. The Association may charge a fee for lost card or use of the card inconsistent with this Section 10.08 or the published rules of the Boat Ramp Committee.
- c. Each Boat Ramp user is responsible to confirm secure closure of gate after each use. In the event of gate malfunction and/or ramp facility damage, the user shall use their best efforts to contact a member of Boat Ramp Committee to support continued lake access security. The user assumes the risk of any and all boat ramp area hazards (e.g., slippery ramp) and is personally responsible for their safe use of the Boat Ramp.
- d. The Boat Ramp User Agreement will be renewed automatically each year unless terminated as a result of a breach of the Boat Ramp User Agreement. Automatic renewal also requires the user to continue to be an active member in good standing and proven active member ownership of watercraft(s).
- e. The Boat Ramp User Agreement and access card assignment will terminate immediately on the date the user no longer owns property in Association Territory as defined in Article III. The access card will be deactivated on that date, and the user must return the access card to the Association.
- f. Improper use of the access card, or violation of the boat ramp use rules published by the Boat Ramp Committee, may result in fines and/or suspended boat ramp access. The duration of a suspension and assessment of any fine will be determined by the Boat Ramp Committee and/or Rules & Regulations Committee. Improper use of the access card includes but is not limited to: (a) letting a watercraft not registered to the User gain access to the boat ramp, whether intentional or not; (b) leaving the gate open; or (c) any user damage/vandalism to the electric gate system (e.g., disabling/impairing the security cameras, system hacking, impeding the automatic gate closure).
- g. Failure to adhere to the requirements of this Section 10.08 may result in a loss of Association privileges including, but not limited to, boat ramp privileges as defined herein and/or assessment of fines as outlined in Section 10.02, Violations – Notification and Enforcement, and Section 10.03, Regulations Committee.

Comment: This is a NEW BYLAW SECTION proposed by the Boat Ramp Committee to facilitate and support operation of the electronic gate and issuance of key cards by the Boat Ramp Committee. It is similar in form and intent to 10.06, A-Lot Docks, which facilitates and governs the use of A-Lot boat slips by LSA active members. It has been reviewed by the Bylaw Revision Committee and the Board and its adoption is supported by both.

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Congratulations to CH UCH Stoneridge Rock Solid CGC, JH for earning his AKC Senior Hunter Retriever title. Owned and loved by Cathy and Nick Brush.

Title: Safety First: Navigating Roads for Walkers, Runners, and Cyclists

Dear Neighbors,

As we enjoy the warmth of summer and engage in outdoor activities like walking, running, and cycling in our neighborhood, safety remains paramount. With the right knowledge and precautions, we can ensure a secure environment for all road users.

For pedestrians, the age-old practice of walking against traffic on the left side of the road is crucial. By doing so, you gain better visibility of oncoming vehicles, allowing you to react swiftly and avoid potential accidents. Being aware of your surroundings is vital, especially in areas without sidewalks. Make yourself as visible as possible to motorists by wearing bright or reflective clothing, and use lights or reflectors when walking during low-light conditions.

Cyclists, as road users, should ride with traffic on the right-hand side. It's essential to respect the rules of the road and yield to vehicles when needed. Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops, making your intentions clear to other road users.

To ensure safety in our neighborhood without traffic signals and sidewalks, here are some essential tips:

1. Stay Vigilant: Always be aware of your surroundings and be prepared to react to any potential hazards.
2. Use Hand Signals: Cyclists should use hand signals to indicate turns and stops, making their intentions clear to drivers and pedestrians.
3. Be Visible: Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially during low-light conditions, and use lights or reflectors to increase your visibility to motorists.
4. Yield to Vehicles: Be considerate of vehicles on the road and yield when necessary to ensure a smooth flow of traffic.
5. Respect Each Other: Show respect to all road users, whether pedestrians, cyclists, or drivers, to create a harmonious and safe environment.
6. Be Cautious Near Intersections: Approach intersections with caution, even if there are no traffic signals. Look for oncoming vehicles and be prepared to yield if needed.

By adopting these safety measures and encouraging others to do the same, we can collectively create a safer neighborhood for all. Let's foster a culture of attentiveness and consideration as we enjoy our outdoor activities this season.

Stay safe and have a wonderful time exploring our unique neighborhood!

Robert Cross

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Recording Secretary

Diane DeVincent



Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting
July 26, 2023, 6:30 PM
Oak Valley Middle School

52 households in attendance

The Official Start of the Lake Sherwood General Membership Meeting was at 6:34 PM by President Steve Biebel.

Steve asked if there were any new members in attendance. Jim Byrne on Winewood, Erik Peterson on Driftwood, and George Fadool on Wavewood introduced themselves and the membership welcomed them to the neighborhood. The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the May 20th, 2023 General Membership Meeting. Motion made by Adam Piper and seconded by Dan Devine to accept the minutes as printed in the View, motion passed. He asked that everyone be courteous and not interrupt whomever is speaking. He went on to let homeowners know if they have suggestions, or would like to volunteer to contact anyone on the Executive Board or Area Representatives, which can be found in the View or on the website.

Vice President, Jody Payne introduced herself. Please let her know if anyone has any suggestions.

Treasurer, Paul MacDonald reported that we are still early into the season for billing purposes. There have been 2 weed applications thus far. As of last week, there are 16 members who have not paid their dues. Letters will go out to those members soon. He thanked Gloria Hughes for all she contributes to making the fireworks happen. This was the first time the fireworks were delayed a day due to weather. The Board will be having a meeting in August to set up the budget for next year. If anyone has anything they need budgeted please send the information to Paul soon. He mentioned that our volunteers save us thousands of dollars every year. The Association saved approximately \$20,000.00 on Sunset Island alone. The reserve fund at this point has approximately \$500,000, with many bills yet to be paid for the year. It was suggested by a couple members that we look into an interest bearing account with some of the money now that some banks are paying 4% interest. Paul said we may pay fees that would offset the interest earned on the financial statements. He also will look into a better interest earning account.

Recording Secretary, Diane DeVincent had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary, Thea Vagiates, not present, and had nothing to report.

Water Quality, TJ Gurski, not present. Steve B. reported that he is in possession of 35 Eutrosorb bags and has 3-4 volunteers to help place them in culverts this upcoming weekend. The committee will maintain the bags over the rest of the season. A map will be posted of the known culverts, if anyone knows of others, they should contact Steve. A new committee has been suggested that would go by the name of Water Health. We are looking for a few volunteers to help address water issues in the lake and how to remedy the water quality. Dan D. reported that Dr. Jude's analysis will not be ready till maybe February.

Boat Ramp, Todd Wood said that there have been 714 uses of the ramp with no issues. There has been only 4 technical issues and 8 violations of people not closing the gate and lending out their ramp card. Nine members have lost their cards, replacement cards cost \$20.00. The system is costing the Association around \$30-40 dollars per month in electricity. He will be purchasing some spare parts over the coming months in case of a breakdown. The main dock at the ramp was in bad shape and some volunteers repaired and upgraded it. Lastly, on the board at the ramp is a list of the 9 members on the ramp committee, if someone has a problem, they should contact one of the members.

Beautification, Karen Adams said that the grass is scheduled to be cut once a week. However, rain or mechanical issues may alter the schedule. He will be mowing till November 15th. Arbor Green is in the 2nd of a 3-year contract. He is paid extra to clean up goose poop. Skiers Island has been seeded 3 times now and nature has not been good for growing grass with heavy rains and drought. The addition of new top soil will be assessed. Some topsoil will be added and it will be seeded again this fall. Cheryl Mueller made a point that we could do better with the landscaping and asked what we could do to help. It was suggested that more money be added to the budget. A comment was made regarding the 4 corners of the Ledgewood Bridge being overgrown. Kathy Sawicki said that 3 of the corners are on privately owned land, she will contact the homeowners to see about what can be done to clean it up.

A-Lot, Linda Gepper there are 11 open slips, with 2 of them able to fit a pontoon boats.

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Website, Rick Kirchner reported that there are 304 registered users. There are photo galleries that are being worked on. The site will host the previous 6 issues of the View, along with maps of the lake and Association. The Board minutes will also be posted. He is looking for comments and ideas going forward for improvements.

Social Committee, Jody Payne said the next event is the Anchors Down, Bottoms Up music event at the Katzman's point. Come and anchor your boat and enjoy the music from 2 till 6 PM. Then on August 6th the Fishing Tournament will take place, no registration is necessary. Be on Higgins Island at 6:30 AM, the event runs till 11:00. On September 16th at the south end of the lake by U-Turn Island there will be music from 3-5PM. Lastly, on October 7th is the Chili Cookoff at Kendall Park. Cheryl M. suggested we look into having a holiday party in December.

Islands, Tom Hochthanner and Andy Sarkisian reported the Skiers Island seawall project took several years to complete due to the State holding up permits for the work. Going forward they recognized that there is much more to do, so they came up with a 5-year plan to address future island issues, such as reseeding, deteriorating seawalls, shade structures and plantings. The deflector on Skiers Island needs to be sanded and painted. Another suggestion was to add steps to access Higgins Island. There are currently 8 members of the committee and are looking for a couple more from outside of the Board. They will have a meeting on July 27th at the boat ramp at 9 AM for anyone interested in helping.

Water Safety, Brandon Leslie is asking for consideration and be nice to each other while boating. If you see a boating violation, contact him with the information and he will contact the owner of the boat/jet ski to address the situation. The sheriff will be out on the lake periodically.

Ad Hoc Committees

Wildwood Canal, Gary Koch and Steve B. are working on multiple issues with the canal. The testing has taken place and the results were what they expected. The next step is with the State EGLE to let us know what we can do. They were expecting a permit to take 3 more years, but it looks like we may get it this Fall. So, they are working on getting new quotes for the dredging. In the meantime, two different devices/methods for eating the muck will have been installed shortly. Measurements are being taken upon installation and performance will be evaluated in an ongoing fashion to determine if one performs better than the other. This information will be used if we decide to install these types of systems as a long-term maintenance measure after any dredging or silt removal if approved. These actions will be used for ongoing muck control at the end of the canal and possibly other areas if successful. This canal is the main source of water coming into the lake. To date \$27,781.00 has been spent on the project. They expect the dredging to be around \$100,000, which will require an additional vote by the membership. The initial money (\$77,000) was approved back in 2021.

By-Laws, Kathy Sawicki reported that the By-Law changes will have been published in the View the required 2 times and will be voted on at the Fall General Membership Meeting in October. They will take effect immediately after the vote. Any questions from the members can be directed to Kathy. The 2nd phase of the By-Law revisions will be worked on in the coming months. She would like to have 2 groups to handle the issues, one group dealing with home businesses and the second group handling short term rentals.

New/Old Business

Steve B. brought up the new group called the Kendall Park Preservation Committee. They as volunteers stepped up and cleaned, fixed, painted, and installed many yards of mulch to make the park a nice place. They have asked for a budget to maintain the park and the Board is happy to accommodate them with a budget for the coming years. This will be a new Operating Committee headed by Anna Thompson & Nalani Forster.

An appeal was made for some new volunteers to assist with the many projects in the neighborhood. A couple Area Representative positions may be available. Dave Fregerio and Anna Thompson volunteered. Any others who wish to be nominated should contact Steve B. by August 25th. The fall issue of the View will publish the nominations.

The beach closures due to E.coli at the Ledgewood A-Lot were caused by the large goose population on the lake and their poop. The beach has now been cleared for swimming. A permit is required to do a goose roundup. There was no goose round up for the past 2 years due to an Avian Flu. The State does not want to spread the virus to other areas in the state, so no permits were given and the result is a larger number of geese on the lake.

The township is in the process of requiring a septic tank inspection prior to the close of a home sale. It is felt that this will help to clear the lake of pollution from leaking septic tanks/fields. The system must pass to complete the sale of the home. Local Realtors will hopefully be educated soon on the requirements.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rick Kirchner and seconded by Paul MacDonald. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

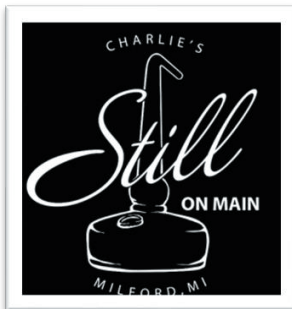
Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane DeVincent, Recording Secretary

Attention all Snowbirds

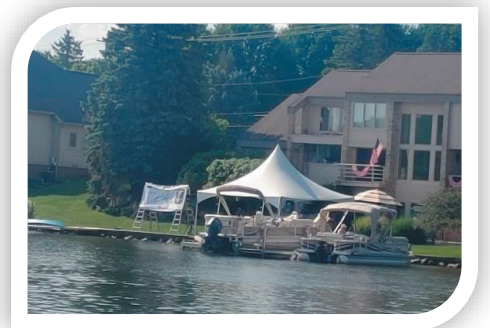
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Treasurer's Report

Paul MacDonald



Lt Paul MacDonald

2024 Proposed Budget and 2023 Forecasted Results

	2023 Forecasted Results	2023 Approved Budget	Positive (Negative) Variance	PROPOSED 2024 Budget
Revenues:				
Current Year Dues	\$249,600	\$248,200	\$1,400	\$249,150
Prior Year Dues	880	1,350	(470)	900
Advertising for VIEW	10,185	12,000	(1,815)	10,000
Interest Income (less offsetting bank fees)	5,030	180	4,850	12,000
Total Revenues	\$265,696	\$261,730	\$3,966	\$272,050
Expenses:				
Lakes Committee - Weed Control	\$108,217	\$108,500	} 8,436	\$108,500
Lakes Committee - Ramp	408	6,200		1,000
Lakes Committee-(water testing, fish stocking, etc)	9,661	12,022		13,545
Ongoing Grounds Maintenance	38,257	37,562	(695)	43,576
Beautification Committee	635	2,100	1,465	6,900
Newsletter/Communication Costs	18,794	20,244	1,450	21,704
Fireworks	24,300	24,550	250	25,300
Social	3,226	3,125	(101)	3,695
Insurance & Legal	7,945	7,670	(275)	10,670
Island Committee (including docks)	9,999	10,000	2	19,150
Utilities - Street Lights	2,596	2,500	(96)	2,700
Pontoon expenses	400	650	250	650
Storage Unit Rental	960	1,000	40	1,000
Supplies, billing & collection, office	533	915	382	2,900
Total Expenses	\$225,930	\$237,038	\$11,108	\$261,290
Net Income (Loss)	\$39,766	\$24,692	\$15,074	\$10,760

*** 2023 Financial Notes:

- We've collected Dues from all but 11 of the 631 members. Thank You to all those that have paid! This is imperative to keep the Association running smoothly.
- With interest rates rising, we have moved some funds into a secure savings account that will net some additional earnings.
- We expect to be under budget in the Lake Weed Control area, but until the season is over, we forecast to be at or near budget.
- In the Lakes Committee section, we had budgeted for some work at the boat ramp that wasn't needed resulting in a positive \$5,000, along with a few other areas that should come in under budget (marine patrol, well pump operations, utilities, etc). Because several of the projects have been delayed over more than one budget year, the Board has agreed to forecast the expenditures in the year budgeted, and then earmark a reserve for the future cash outlay. The "Water Quality/Dredging" project is the largest of these, and the reserve is approximately \$31,500. The other smaller items amount to approximately \$6,200.
- + We expect to have unencumbered cash of approximately \$423,000 at 12/31/23 after spending the forecasted amounts above.

*** 2024 Proposed Budget Notes. This will be presented for a vote at the Annual Membership Meeting in October.






- After deep discussion on all of the budget lines (it took 2 full meetings this year), the Board voted to recommend holding the 2024 annual dues at \$400. This would result in a small amount of Net Income, but there is always a chance of overruns given the complexities and age of the subdivision. The discussions also included possibly adding more monies into savings **now** (by increasing Dues) to help support future major expenditures like seawalls at Higgins and Castaway Islands, additional dredging, etc. Using some of the savings would reduce the amount of Dues required at the time the project commences.
- One of the larger items in our budget every year is the weed treatment for the lake, and we anticipate that we can hold that at the same budgeted amount as 2023. This line will also be used for the Eutrosorb bag concept that was implemented in 2023, and Phragmite eradication if needed.
- The Water Quality / Wildwood River issue is still delayed. Once we satisfy what EGLE requires and obtain a permit, we can move forward. Due to the uncertainty surrounding this project, we aren't budgeting any additional dollars in 2024, but we are going to implement some new concepts to help contain the problem (ie: the Bio-Health Pod System). As noted above, there is a reserve already for this, but we may need to request additional funding if the project scope or pricing changes.
- The Beautification line has a new amount to improve the look of the Surfwood isthmus that faces both the lake and the ramp bay. There is a newly formed committee that began in 2023 named the Island Committee. This group has presented the Board with a 5-year plan to maintain and improve the various islands. In the not so distant future, this will include seawall replacement at the islands in need.
- Although there is not a proposed budget for all 5 years, there has been significant thought put into the possible needs and when to act on them. The \$19,150 budget for 2024 includes a sun shelter on Skier's Island, follow-up work on the shoreline barriers at Sunset Island, goose droppings cleanup, dock install/removal, and other smaller items.

Paul MacDonald - LSA Treasurer

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to call me at (248) 685-9736 or email: Treasurer@lake-sherwood.org


2023 Fall Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11 	12	13	14	15	16 Boat Bash 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30






OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 ANNUAL MEETING 	5	6	7 
8	9 	10	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30	31 				



NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Annual Fishing Contest Winners

20th Annual Fishing Tournament took place on Lake Sherwood on a rainy cold August 6th this year. Thank you to the **21 teams** that came out and braved the weather and had some fun. A lot of good fishing and it was great to see so many **kids out this year enjoying the lake**. We were able to tally and give out awards and were rushing to try and beat the next delivery of rain from mother nature when drawing for the raffle prizes (we did not get the names of the raffle winners -- we were just trying to move it along).



Kids Largest Fish:

Ivy	Pike 20"	Caden	Bass 19"
Pernell	Walleye 22"	Parker	Crappie 13:

Smallest Fish: Heide Pilgeran



Largest Multi Species 1st Place Team Fredenberg of Surfwood Dr
2nd Place Team Knoll of Leafwood Ct

Largest Bass 1st Place Team Knoll of Leafwood Ct
2nd Place Team Hull of Winewood Lane



Guessing jar winners (the jar and a \$25 gift certificate)

How Many Bobbers in the Jar Winner: Chris Ettinger

How Many Fish in the Jar Winner: Nick Geisz



Thank you to **Diana Grober of Surfwood Dr.** for donating the Participant bags for everything to go into and try to keep dry this year. And thank you to **Sandra Biebel of Starwood Dr.** for her donation of cookies for the participants.

And a **HUGE Thank You to Beth Conner of Sandbar** who host this event and puts in many hours to make this event a success!



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Type of Business	Business Name	Phone	Recommended by	Comments
Junk Removal	Blue Eagle Junk Removal	Sal 248-242-1376	Linda Gepper Triwood	Excellent! Prompt, courteous, efficient!
Boat Covers	Bill's Custom Canvas	Bill 248-343-8571	Linda Gepper Triwood	Excellent! Very well made!
Decks	David Kates Deck Building	704 685 1793	Jim Clear Wavewood	He just finished my deck and did a great job!
Tree Service	Linn Tree Service aka Davis Tree Service	Samuel Davis 248-820-2348	Sharon Sarkisian Tiquewood	Did a marvelous job taking down a 100 plus foot tree and shrubbery.
Stump Removal	Stump Pro	Bill Wells 248-891-4917	Sharon Sarkisian Tiquewood	ground remaining 6 foot stump
Landscaping	S&D Seasonal	Sean Dennis 248-467-0023	Sharon Sarkisian Tiquewood	re-landscaped the backyard after tree removal
Residential and commercial remodeling	R2 Renovations LLC	313 475-0246; 719 930-8875	Dave Lang Gulfwood	Excellent work, Reliable, retiled foyer, added backsplash, painted interior, gas fireplace, kitchen sink, cablinetry, anything!
Mobile Marine Service	Mike's Mobile Marine for boats inboard/outboard, jet skis, winterization & detailing	- 248-464-3532	Tom Zabawa Tiquewood Circle	Mike was prompt, knowledgeable and reasonable when fixing my Mercury engine. I'll only use him from now on.

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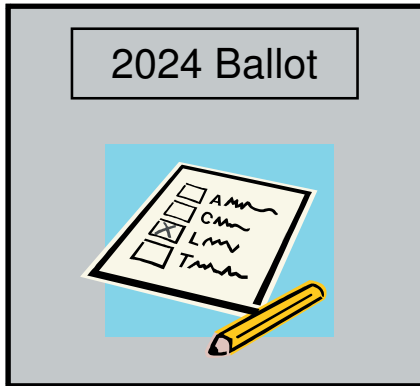
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Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday – October 4th, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Oak Valley Middle School LGI Room



AGENDA

- Election of 2024 Officers
& 2024 Area Representatives
- Budget Review and Approval
- Vote on proposed By-Law updates

MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP VOTE COUNT!

The Board of Lake Sherwood Association welcomes your attendance at all meetings of LSA members to vote for business matters covered at the meetings. A notice of each Annual and General Membership meeting will be published in the View, and notice for any special meeting of the membership will be sent out with the most reliable and expeditious methods available before the meeting, including U.S. mail. **If you do not plan to attend these meetings**, we encourage you to take advantage of the proxy as a convenient way to cast your vote.

If you wish to vote by proxy, use one of the two voting methods outlined below to cast your ballot. *You may revoke your proxy at any time by submitting another proxy that is signed on a later date, or by voting in person at a meeting of LSA members.*

VOTE BY U.S. MAIL

Complete, date and sign the Proxy form that appears on the next page and insert it in an envelope with your name and return address in the upper left corner. Send it by First class U.S. Mail to:

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PROXY

I appoint Steve Biebel as Proxy, with the power to appoint a substitute, and authorize any one of them to cast my vote at the October 4th, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting and at any other General Membership meeting or Special Meeting of the Members of Lake Sherwood Association, Inc. (LSA), and at any adjournment of these meetings, held within twelve months of the date of this proxy. The Proxy is authorized to vote for the following candidates for election as Lake Sherwood Association, Inc. directors and officers, for the 2024 LSA Budget and dues, the Bylaw changes, and in their discretion, on other business matters presented for a vote at the meetings.

1. Election of 2024 Officers: (circle name or write in alternate)

President: Jody Payne or _____
Vice President: Sharon Sarkisian or _____
Recording Secretary: Diane DeVincent or _____
Treasurer: Paul MacDonald or _____
Corresponding Secretary: Thea Vagiates _____

2. Election of 2024 Area Reps: (circle name or write in alternate)

Area #2: Dave Frigerio
Or Mike Krafchak
or _____
Area #4: T.J. Gurski or _____
Area # 6: Anna Thompson or _____
Area #8: Gary Koch or _____
Area #10: Tracy Golles or _____

3. I approve the 2024 budget with dues of \$400 a year, not to exceed \$425: Yes No

4. I approve the proposed By-Law changes as proposed in The View: Yes No

Member Name(s) (Please print)	Address	Signature of Member(s)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date: _____

(If undated, the date of receipt will be inserted by LSA)

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Thursday, December 14th from 6 – 9:00pm



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The judges will be driving through the neighborhood in search of the houses that will sparkle, shine and twinkle!

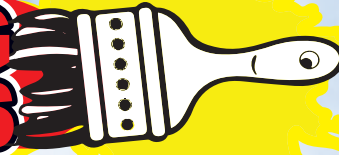
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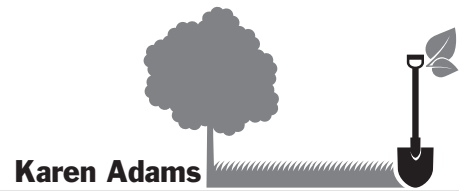
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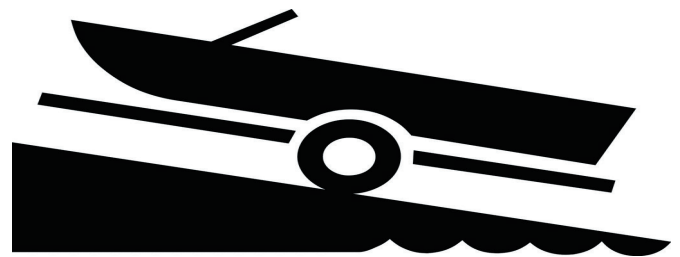


Steven Papas from Arbor Green, our contractor for lawncare and landscaping, went to the islands on Friday, August 25, the day after the storms. He cleaned up the storm debris which included several large branches and a lot of pine cones. Of course he cleaned up the goose droppings and cut the grass too. He has “weathered” a lot of storm damage on the A Lots this year and has done a great job clearing all the debris. The lawn on one of the busiest A

Lots, Ledgewood, has filled in nicely after years of large dirt patches. Even the bushes transplanted on Park Lynne, the new A Lot on Commerce Road, are doing well after someone’s repeatedly uprooted them (thankfully whoever was doing that finally stopped). Steve even came out in the winter to replant them.

Karen Adams
Chair, Beautification

Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp



Hours of Operation

April: 8:00AM— 8:00PM
May: 8:00AM— 8:00PM
June: 8:00AM— 9:00PM
July: 8:00AM— 9:00PM
August: 8:00AM— 8:00PM
September: 8:00AM— 7:00PM
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Reminders

Always check the bulletin board for any new announcements or notices about the ramp.
Allow two weeks for your dues payment to be processed until your access card is activated.
Never use your access card for your friends or neighbors, as you aren’t able to be sure if their dues have been paid or if they are a member in good standing.
Always make sure the gate closes completely after each use. The quickest way to do this is to use the Close Gate button, located on the south side (right) of the ramp on the LSA sign post.
New users must fill out, sign and return the User Agreement and provide proof of ownership of their watercraft. The User Agreement can be found on the Lake Sherwood website.
Please contact any member of the committee when you buy or sell any watercraft to keep all records up to date.
If you have any questions or concerns on how to use the boat ramp, or have issues while using the gate, feel free to contact a committee member listed above.



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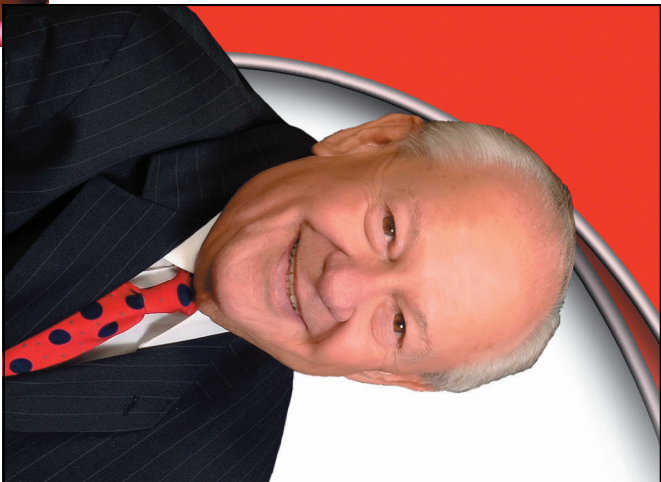
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