

# LONG LAKE

## Property Owners Association

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Eagle Pointe Plaza  
May 25, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Long Lake Property Owners Association was called to order at 10:56am by President Michael Lesich.

**Roll Call** was taken by Diane Carroll.

**Present:** Michael Lesich (President), Chris Lyon (Vice President), Diane Carroll (Secretary), David Wirth (Treasurer)

### Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2023 meeting minutes were not distributed. Meeting minutes will be distributed and presented for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting in July.

### Treasurer's Report

David Wirth presented the current Treasurer's report.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Diane Carroll, seconded by Richard Seaton and approved.

Lake Treatment SAD Balance: ~\$67,000

Fish Fund Balance: \$2,022

### Lake Treatment Update

Ben Schermerhorn from RLS presented information on the first lake survey of 2024.

- Treatment is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Starry Stonewort is a new invasive species that was identified in the lake in 2023. It is a macro-algae that spreads across the lake bottom and forms a large rolling "blob".
- Ben again reminded everyone that raking Eurasian Milfoil in an attempt to remove it can actually cause it to spread. Small pieces break off and "seed" other areas of the lake.
- RLS is again recommending Preselecor and Diquat to treat Eurasian Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pond Weed and a limited amount of nuisance natives. Lake has a generally healthy amount of native vegetation.
- There was a brief discussion about proposed wake boat legislation that would require boats to operate at least 500 feet from the shore in water that is at least 20 feet deep. If passed, this legislation would impact how and where wake boats operate on Long Lake as there is only one very small area that would support these requirements.

- Compared to last year, there is less Curlyleaf Pond weed in the lake but they do not yet have a systemic treatment available. While it cannot be eradicated, the goal is to treat early before it seeds. It naturally dies out in mid-summer.
- Weeds emerged earlier this year due to the mild winter and early spring temperatures. Less ice = more weeds because the sun is able to penetrate the thinner ice coverage.
- A question was asked about the large “green blobs” of algae in the lake. Ben shared that this is a harmless planktonic algae. There is a different type of filamentous algae in the canal area that will be treated later in the summer. Treatment in that area will be delayed due to a loon nest spotted in the area.
- Treatment will again focus on maintaining a healthy level of native species to support fisheries and other wildlife.
- First treatment is expected to cost \$14,300 to treat the following:
  - 6.65 acres of Eurasian Milfoil
  - 8.5 acres of Curly Leaf Pond Weed
  - 3.3 acres of nuisance native species

### **Zone Director Update**

Diane Carroll provided an update on the four Zone Director vacancies – Zone 2, 6A, 6B and 10. There was a brief discussion around the Zone Director duties. Duties mostly consist of making their neighbors aware of the LLPOA, sharing our role in protecting the lake resources and keeping property owners up to date on important issues that may require them to act. Attendees were encouraged to reach out if interested in volunteering.

### **Fish Committee Update**

Jay Peters provided updates on this years’ Fish Committee activities.

- Jay asked Ben from RLS what he observed relative to fish population on the lake during the survey. Ben reported seeing lots of fish activity and noted “big largemouth bass”. Encouraged everyone to donate to the LLPOA Fish Fund.
- A 5<sup>th</sup> generation Long Laker has started selling Long Lake swag on Etsy and a portion of the proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Fish Fund.
- It was proposed that we conduct a survey of the property owners around future goals of the Fish Fund. Mike Lesich will work with Jay to formulate the questions.
- Mike gave kudos to Jay for doing such a great job.

### **Michigan Lakes and Streams Conference Report**

Bill Alsop provided a report on his attendance at the recent conference held by the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association.

- Bill was very please with the conference content and said they put on a great program.
- Cliff Bloom, a Michigan lawyer specializing in riparian rights, was the most popular conference speaker and very informative.
- Dan Egan was the keynote speaker. He is the author of Death and Life of the Great Lakes and The Devil's Element: Phosphorous and a World Out of Balance
- The conference also highlighted the increasing concerns around septic tank and septic field failures and the impact on our lakes and streams. Periodic, mandatory testing is being proposed.
- There was discussion about the proposed wake boat legislation with many questions around who and how the restrictions would be enforced.
- Bill shared that you can find further information about HB 5532 on the Michigan Lakes and Streams website, the Michigan House website and the DNR website.
- Bill shared a written report with the Board and we will make arrangements to get it posted online.

### **Golf Outing**

- Will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Wicker Hills.
- Proceeds benefit the LLOPA Fish Fund.

### **Boat Parade:**

- Parade will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- Participants should gather in front of the Long Lake Bar at 12:30pm to register.

### **New Lake Signage**

Michael Lesich shared that we will be moving on to work with a new vendor as the previously selected vendor failed to deliver in a timely manner. He hopes to have a proposed design in time for the July meeting.

### **Goose Busters**

Chris Lyons shared an update on the work done by Goose Busters to help reduce the Canadian Goose population on the lake.

- Removed 3 nest and 17 eggs.
- Relocation is still banned by the state due to ongoing concerns over avian flu.
- Next April and May we will need to be more aggressive about nest identification and destruction.

### **Welcome Committee**

Scott and Jennifer Henson provided an update that with so many new owners they need more supplies for the welcome tote bags. They will be working with David Wirth to obtain what is needed. They are walking around every evening meeting owners and sharing details about the LLPOA. Many of the people they have met have never joined the LLPOA and appreciated the information. They hope their efforts continue to boost membership.

### **Member Comments / Discussion:**

- **DNR Boat Launch Road**

- Maureen Hearn brought up the fact that the road into the DNR Boat Launch needs repair. Mike Lesich shared that he had already been in contact with the township regarding the conditions.

**Next meeting to be held at Eagle Pointe Plaza on July 6, 2024 @ 10:00am.**

### **50/50**

\$95 total was donated to the Fish Fund

David Wirth also donated a \$20 gift certificate to the Long Lake Bar to be raffled off. Diane Carroll won the gift card.

Motion by Chris Lyon and seconded by Mr. Utrecht to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.