

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Monday May 3, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Peterson at 7:06 PM. The meeting was held at the Windemere Township Hall and via Zoom.
- II. There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic(zoom), Dan Benzie, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick(zoom), Patty Stasson(zoom), Rita Menke, Loren Radtke, Bruce Jacoby(zoom), Clair Strandlie & Sherry Lahti(zoom). Excused: Mark Dunaski.
- IV. Mark Lambert, owner of Sand Lake Resort, made a presentation on a possible redevelopment at the resort. The concept would remove the existing buildings and replace them with a three-story building with about twice the occupancy of the resort from 28 to 50-60 units. The project would include underground parking and an indoor pool. The resort sits on about four and a half acres with 400 feet of frontage on the lake.
- V. The minutes of the February 17, 2021 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED.
- VI. Dan's financial report was sent out earlier. The checkbook balance is \$88468 (general fund \$32330, milfoil \$44058, water quality \$10750 and memorial \$1330). A motion was made by Chip and seconded by Laurie to approve the report. APPROVED.
- VII. Patty provided a report on 2020 membership. There are 321 paid families (135 Sand, 110 Sturgeon, 60 Island and 16 smaller lakes). The spring newsletter and 2021 membership form were just mailed to the 321 families. 145 people on Island Lake that are not members were sent a letter encouraging them to join along with a membership form and the newsletter. Business recruitment was discussed. Dan suggested that we utilize the chamber to advertise our activities.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported the lake level is dropping. There was a lot of activity on the lake this past weekend.
 - ii. Sturgeon-Terry reported for Mark. The lake level is down. Significant ice jacking has occurred on the southwest side of the lake. Mark has asked the township zoning administrator to estimate the cost of the repairs on the lake due to the high water. Mark has discussed the high-water issue and possible solutions with an engineering company in Fargo. He will share the information with the township and the lake association board.
 - iii. Island- Chip reported that the lake level has dropped, and the outlet continues to work well. The water quality study is moving forward. The MPCA will not be funding part of the study but the funds approved earlier by the board will be adequate. The lab cost was less than expected but we may have to purchase a piece of collecting equipment.
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-Laurie stated that she has no information to report.
 - b. AIS-Sherry reported that Pine County and the state have awarded us grants for EWM treatment this summer. She will be contacting Rich Rezanka about surveying in a couple of weeks.
 - c. Road Pick Up-Rita asked her volunteers to do the first pickup of the year. She still needs a volunteer from Harmony Lane to Military Rd.
 - d. Newsletter-Laurie reported the spring newsletter has been mailed out. Patty who had it printed stated that having color on all pages was not much more expensive than only the cover page.

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- e. Brush-Laurie reported for Bill. The township has reversed itself on leaving the gate to the gravel pit open. As a result, Bill will be monitoring the brush pile 10 to 1 on the third Saturday of the month from May through October.
 - f. Website-No report.
- IX. Old Business
- a. There was not a report from the Sturgeon High Water Committee, but Mark will lead a panel discussion on the subject at the June general meeting.
 - b. Mark provided Terry with two proposed changes to the bylaws. Article II, section 2 would have the following sentence added "Voting for directors will be limited to one vote per membership registration." It was moved by Chip and seconded by Dan to Approve the change. APPROVED. Article III section 4 would have the following sentence added "The election will be by secret ballot with one vote per membership registration." It was moved by Patty and seconded by Laurie to approve the change. APPROVED. The two changes will be presented to the general membership for approval.
 - c. There were no new ideas about celebrating the 50th anniversary of the association. An article in the newsletter encouraged members to send in pictures.
 - d. Loren discussed meeting at Holy Angels Church this summer. We will need to provide coffee and cookies. Loren will check with the church on use of a coffee machine and the availability of a PA system. Patty moved and Laurie seconded to provide a \$100 per meeting to the church as a contribution. APPROVED. The speakers will be Sturgeon High Water Committee (June), Windemere Zoning Administrator (July) and Pine County SWCD Manager (August).
- X. New Business
- a. It was decided to leave the 2022 membership dues unchanged from \$25.
 - b. There was discussion about business sponsorship recruitment. It was decided to keep the sponsorship amount at \$100.
 - c. Terry, Dan, Mark, Rita, Sherry, Clair, and Bruce have their terms on the board expiring this August. All but Rita and Mark responded that they would be willing to serve another term. Rita stated she wished to retire but would be willing to continue to oversee the road pickup project. Mark was not in attendance.
 - d. There was no further discussion on the Sand Lake Resort Redevelopment presentation since we were not asked to take a position on the project.
 - e. Dan briefly discussed liability and director and officers' insurances. The members were in favor on getting more information on obtaining coverage.
 - f. Patty asked about the three-fold lake association brochure. It was decided that Laurie would revise it and send it out to the board for comment.
- XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Chip and seconded by Dan to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 5/5/2021