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Subject: Sep 2019 LSPOA minutes

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

September 12, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Weber

Call to Order:

Jim Weber called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Board Members Present:

President – Jim Weber

Vice President-Jodi Dahlberg

Secretary – Linda Walker

Roads-Eric Mozer

Water Quality- Don Tappan

Security-Jeff Bennett

Board Members Absent:

Building Control-Kelly Langley

Treasurer-Mike Dear

Parks-Terry Taylor

Officers Reports:

- **Secretary – Linda Walker**

Presented August 8, 2019 minutes, on a motion by Jodi Dahlberg and seconded by Don Tappan the minutes were approved.

- **President – Jim Weber**

Jim's last meeting will be October. A lot of great things are happening with our lake. After many years, the dredging is underway. The quality of the lake, fishing and parks are fantastic. Our social gatherings both planned and unplanned are a reflection of how great this community is and how we all get along. In the financial statements we talk a lot about reserves. I just wanted to clarify about the word "Reserves". We have money set aside that requires additional money for emergencies. This is maintained to help with the overall health and maintenance of the lake community in many aspects. This is

created so that we can afford to manage risks and emergencies. At times we need to use reserves to cover these emergencies. Likewise, when we spend the reserves, we need to replace them as well. Think of it as savings account.

• **Vice President-Jodi Dahlberg**

Dredging update:

- Size of first spoils area is smaller than anticipated, need to seek alternative storage to spoils site 2 at the church site.
- Routing of pipes will need to change, but impact is small. If residents agree to allow pipes to come across their property, it will save about \$30k in added expenses.
- Assessment needs to be extended one year to accommodate additional costs.
- Important note: The amount of muck taken out is a set cost based on the dredging paths agreed to complete. So, if there is more muck to be taken out than the estimate (estimated for DEQ) it will be taken out.
- It can be taken down to original lake bottom (hard bottom).
- Width of dredging is 100 ft, and no closer than 10 feet from shore.
- Dredging per day will be 100 ft without any issues.
- A second dredge machine will be added to help with the timing of the dredging.
- Near the pole barn there will be increased traffic with pipes being staged and trailers. Take caution when driving near the staging area.

Received quote from Kacy Utterback to change website. Requested to get annual maintenance costs from him before agreeing to re-do it and provide annual maintenance.

• **Treasurer-Mike Dear**

Jim Weber presented the financial statements.

Linda Walker motioned to approve the reports, and Jodi Dahlberg seconded.

• **Security-Jeff Bennett**

A reminder to lock the gate when entering and exiting the main park docking area. This prevents unauthorized boaters on the lake, and provides a safety precaution to our residents.

• **Building Control-Kelly Langley**

The building Control committee approved two permits in August.

Shed - \$50

Replacement of Deck - N/C

• **Parks-Terry Taylor**

Basketball hoop report will be done in October
Waiting to hear back from Farrell to schedule the seal coating.

• **Roads-Eric Mozer**

Contacted Scott Burns and he confirmed that Hillsdale County road projects are still behind. The county's priority is to complete projects south of US-12 prior to working on our community's roads. Killybegs road is still on the plan. Road weed mowing by the county has been done 3 times, but residents are saying that some road areas are getting missed.

• **Water Quality-Don Tappan**

Harvester engine has been installed and tested. Still have a few items to finish, and will not do any harvesting for the remaining year. A BIG THANK YOU to Dave, Jeff and Ken (others as well) – their effort and helped saved \$8-10k by a finding a discounted engine and help with installation by our members. With Savin managing the herbicide treatments and coming in for a "big splash" weed clean up to help us while the harvester was out, really helped with keeping the weeds under control. All the floaters (eel grass) in the lake are caused by boat traffic only. Repair of the truck transmission is complete and the truck is running great.

Weed pick up has been a challenge later in the season. With school starting (both high school and college), getting hired help to pick up the weeds are not successful. Looking to find other volunteers and employees to help with September weed pick up, etc. Suggested to ask local school groups to help us as part of a fund raiser for them.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Audience Participation:

Discussion about dues and clarification. Remember to attend the annual meeting in October. You vote matters, and we need to hear from ALL of our members about the dues increase. We have not kept current with the cost of living, so our expenses have increased, but our dues have not for 10 years! The increase is \$3 per month per lot. Jim Webber is looking for invites to any football parties this fall and he will root for Michigan (at least most of the games).

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm with a motion by Jim Weber and seconded by Eric Moser.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Walker, Secretary
Lake Somerset Property Owners Association Board of Directors