

Linda Walker

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Subject: JUNE 2021 LSPOA minutes

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

June 10, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance: Che-ray Bellingar

Call to Order:

Che-ray Bellingar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Vice President – Che-ray Bellingar

Secretary – Linda Walker

Security – Jeff Bennett

Parks – Terry Taylor

Water Quality – Don Tappan

Board members Absent:

Building Control – Kelly Langley

President – Jodi Dahlberg

Treasurer – David Kelley

Officers Reports:

- **Secretary – Linda Walker**

Presented May 13, 2021 meeting minutes, on a motion to approve by Cher-ray Bellingar and seconded by Terry Taylor, the minutes voted on and approved.

- **President – Jodi Dalhberg**

No Report

- **Vice President - Che-ray Bellingar**

Discussed Lake Maintenance Consultant possible hire to assess Lake Somerset. State funds are loosening up for help with consulting farm run off abatement, lake quality, etc. Don Tappan made a motion to spend \$10k for lake assessment. Motion was put on 'hold' due to board requesting to get Keizer (engineering firm) to come and pitch their services for what they can provide and possible cost scenario. An association member wrote to the board suggesting an increase in dues on for cost-of-living assessment annually. Our current dues have not kept up with inflation. In 1969 the dues were \$50 which would be approximately \$360 today. Keeping this topic in discussion, roads assessment by the township also should be considered (even if they are not part of the dues).

- **Treasurer - David Kelley**

Linda Walker presented the May 2021 financial report, on a motion to approve by Don Tappan and seconded by Che-Ray Bellingar the minutes were voted on and approved.

• **Security-Jeff Bennett**

No new reports, no security complaints. Bruce Rendick (lives across from main park) requested that some of the park lights be turned off during the late-night hours. The few lights that are left on are to deter vandals and other malicious acts from occurring. Motion sensors are put on most, just a few are left on for security purposes.

• **Building Control-Kelly Langley**

Approved 5 permits. 2 for sheds at \$50 each, 2 decks at \$50 each and 1 deck repair to an existing deck - not changing the footprint so no charge was assessed. \$200 total for the month was collected. Thank you, membership, for complying and submitting permits.

• **Parks-Terry Taylor**

Sand delivery at the parks and plans to spread before the holiday will occur. Maintenance building fence is being repaired and waiting for parts. West Park graffiti occurred and has been cleaned up. There is a willow tree on the island and looking to cut this down and clean it up. Stump by the main park will be removed. More toys to finish, many have been done. Carousel, and two spring toys are completed. Two more spring toys to finish, and the pedestal stair step toy in the East Park has been installed. A request from the membership to place a few extra docks on the main park, east of the swimming area, if within budget. Also some coves are requesting that the new buoy (blue at night) would also be replaced in other coves. It's very visible and clear to see.

• **Roads-Eric Mozer**

Potholes were filled except for Brookhurst. However, the board called about the missed road and the county came back to repair. Road replacement is still on track for Killybegs later this summer or early fall. Call John Sanders, Hillsdale county road commission to keep pressure on for our roads to be repaired.

• **Water Quality-Don Tappan**

Lake has seasons: Curly Pond Leaf (cool water grows and is invasive, so we can kill it). It's already making way through other dominate native plants. The eel grass is starting and so Savin will be doing earlier treatments on the eel grass. Algae blooms are happening, a balance of how much can be killed is necessary. If too much algae is killed, it will create fish kill....so need to be careful, that the rot of the algae doesn't deplete oxygen. Best removal for algae is to use netting vs killing it. Using specific herbicides for the Eurasian Milfoil vs something that kills all the native species is best. Plant life is part of the ecosystem for fish and other aquatic animals to survive. Another non-threatening way to manage plant life is using the Harvester for the curly pond leaf. Early harvesting in April requires volunteers to get the harvester in early.

Typically in the past 5 years the harvester is put in May. Savin did treat the curly pond leaf as planned and it was gone within the week of treatment.

Old Business:

Goose round-up is still being planned for end of June/July. Only about 18 geese have been seen. This is partly because of the early nest/egg buster work that this vendor performed for this.

Lake Somerset is an ALL SPORT lake, this means FISHING too...while we ask fishermen to WATCH your lures...muck maps – and boat covers, we also ask those who DON'T fish to make a place for fishermen. Some of the buoys need to be brought into the cove more. Some seem to be in the general lake area due to drifting.

Maintenance – Hiring a part-time maintenance person is still in discussion. Plans on how this should work is still to be determined.

New Business:

Tour of Homes – realtors expected to place boats on our lake for tours, asking last minute permission to do this came with a big 'no' from our board. This annual 'event' needs to be coordinated in MAY (not June) and normally permission asked/granted in February. Currently there has been tremendous activity in selling of homes and lots. This is noted by the many, many new pontons and ski boats.

Boats without stickers – a check will be done in June to determine if there are any boats without stickers.

Audience Participation:

One of our members has invited a township police officer (off duty) to our June kick-off party, building community with our police.

A motion to adjourn was made by Che-ray Bellingar and seconded by Linda Walker. The motion was voted on and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 809pm.

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