

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 10/05/19

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter
- B. *Directors:* Zac Binkley, John Bucher, Terry Chmiel, Rich Linkus, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- C. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 8

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Anderson asked if anyone would like to speak to please raise their hand, be acknowledged, state their name and then make their contribution(s).

II. Minutes

Minutes of the August 24, 2019 Property Owner's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Topelian with a second by Rich Linkus to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

III. Treasurer's Report

The August and September treasurer's reports was reviewed, approved for audit and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:	August	September
Beginning Balance	100,728.68	100,881.41
Deposits / Trans.	-----	-----
Interest	152.73	148.03
Ending Balance	100,881.41	101,029.44
MISC:		
CD	100,000.00	100,000.00
Grant Checking Account	25.00	25.00
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT :		
Beginning Balance	35,018.47	27,018.09
Disbursements	11,011.88	7,981.00
Rec'd: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	3,011.50	705.00
Ending Balance	27,018.09	19,742.09
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	227,924.50	220,796.53

IV. Beautification/Welcoming Committee

Gayle Smith stated that she received information on six potential new property owners. Five of these have actually purchased homes. Gayle plans to reach out to each family to welcome them and educate them on garbage and recycling pick-up as well as other lake information.

V. Social Committee

Soup Social -- Rick Anderson stated the Soup Social is scheduled for 10/19 from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. The cost is \$5 and ten and under is free. Payment will be made at the door and you can vote for the Fall-Tastic Yard Event as well as your favorite soup.

Bass Lake Festival -- Mary Topelian explained that the festival has gone through many changes and leadership. The committee is looking for some strong people to help organize an event. Most of the work is done prior to the actual weekend and in order to expand additional help is needed. The next meeting is October 20th at 10:00 am. The committee is also looking for Officers and the Secretary role is open. The committee asked if the BLPOA could send an email inviting the membership to attend the meeting and/or volunteer. The Board approved the BLPOA request and an email notification about the meeting will be sent.

VI. Building Rentals

Rich Linkus stated there are no new rentals at this time. He informed us that he is looking to find a new cleaning service for the BLPOA building. Rich has contacted approximately eight businesses and has received three quotes. The Board reviewed the bids and decided to move forward with Honey Loehmer for \$50 per week and in the slow season have cleaning performed every two weeks. Kathy Laiter made a motion that we move forward with Honey Loehmer as the new cleaning service, seconded by Mary Topelian, and approved by the Board.

Rich stated he tried several times to contact Century Link regarding our phone service and to see if voice mail could be added. After a few failed attempts the Board supported Rich in looking for a new answering machine that will allow a recorded message to contact different Board members for the service they are looking for.

VII. Building Maintenance

Rick Anderson explained that the parking lot has not been blacktopped in about ten years and is in bad shape. He would like the Board to approve the resurfacing project this year if we can still get it done. Rik Ritzler is to reach out to the company/bid we received to discuss the type of blacktop they use and who is their supplier. A motion was made by Zac Binkley, seconded by Gayle Smith, and the Board approved to move forward with the resurfacing project this year if possible.

Kathy Laiter noted that the tree line in the parking lot needs to be trimmed again and a suggestion was made that next spring we look at the possibility of cutting the trees back to stop the overgrowth.

Rick Anderson stated the video recorder for our cameras is broken and we are still looking at purchasing a new one that is compatible with our cameras. Zac Binkley offered to assist in researching the same brand or others that will work with our current camera system.

Ron Vendl noted that the fire extinguishers should be checked out this week.

VIII. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl stated the crime app is working again but it is different than it used to be. Detective Ron Lawson shared that we can go to the Starke County GIS website (<https://starkein.wthgis.com/>) and at the top of the page select Crime and then on the left select the time period you are interested in. The information is broken down by the different types of crime.

Neighborhood Watch is looking for some additional drivers as some are heading south over the winter. He stated they are still looking for a Secretary and have hired an additional patrol the day before Thanksgiving. The next meeting is October 7 at 6:30 pm.

IX. Buoy Update

The additional buoys have been received. Gary plans on reaching out to the buoy caretakers over the winter to see if any might need maintenance work before next season. He has also started research for the hand held GPS for buoy locations that was approved at the annual meeting.

X. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Rick Anderson gave an update that was submitted by Larry Collura. Rick noted that the DNR is beginning to get upset with the number of phone calls received regarding the weed situation from Bass Lake residents. He clarified that the Director of Water is in charge of weeds and not the DNR. There was a recent survey sent out on behalf of the Bass Lake Conservancy District asking the membership to complete and return it to them.

XI. New Business

Bill Sonnemaker stated that Rik Ritzler was named the Indiana Highway Superintendent of the Year.

Laura Loudenberg stated that new T intersection has been filled in but trucks are trying to drive through it. Rik Ritzler noted that the project is not yet done and a guard rail is to be installed as well as looking at signage for no jake brakes and possibly no truck route/signs.

Stan Kriz asked if accidents have been reduced with the new intersection. Rik Ritzler stated yes and safety is better but really will not have facts for three to four years however it has reduced truck traffic.

The Stellar application has been submitted and in November the committee will be going to Indianapolis to defend it. A decision should be made by early December.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. The next meeting will be November 2 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
Secretary, BLPOA