

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 2/01/20

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter
- B. *Directors:* Zac Binkley, Terry Chmiel, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- C. *Absent:* John Bucher, Rich Linkus, Mary Topelian
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 13

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 November 2, 2019 Property Owner's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Gayle Smith with a second by Ron Vendl to approve the November minutes as presented. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

### III. Treasurer's Report

The November and December treasurer's reports were reviewed, approved for audit and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

<b>OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
Beginning Balance	101,182.63	86,317.17
Deposits / Trans.	-----	-----
Interest	134.54	130.88
Withdrawals / Trans.	15,000	-----
Ending Balance	<b>86,317.17</b>	<b>86,448.05</b>
<b>Misc:</b>		
CD	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
Grant Checking Account	<b>25.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT :</b>		
Beginning Balance	8,295.95	14,960.66
Disbursements	9,165.29	8,039.02
Rec'd: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	15,830.00	285.00
Ending Balance	<b>14,960.66</b>	<b>7,206.64</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>201,302.83</b>	<b>193,679.69</b>

**IV. Social Committee**

Rick Anderson advised that the 2020 Boating Class will be held at Bass Lake this year. We are looking for someone to run it so anyone interested please let him know. The class is an all-day event to include a continental breakfast and lunch and ends by 5 pm. Indiana residents 15 years or older can attend and for out of state 16 years of age. Terry Chmiel is contacting the DNR to confirm a date in order to reserve the green and fireplace rooms.

The annual pizza party is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and thanks to Don Freese for creating a flyer.

**V. Building Rentals**

Rich Linkus stated that we had 12 rentals last year for \$1,975. Three people have called interested in dates for 2020 but nothing confirmed yet. A discussion took place as to the non-profit organizations that are allowed to use our facility at no cost.

**VI. Building Maintenance**

Rick Anderson stated that the parking lot repair and paving is on hold until May. Rik Ritzler will be coordinating the project.

Zac Binkley purchased a new recorder for the security camera system and the system is up and running.

**VII. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl stated that the last meeting was held in early December and the meetings will take a break for a few months. Three pairs of new drivers have been signed up. A schedule has been developed through April 6; the next scheduled meeting. All are encouraged to attend the meetings and they are held in the fireplace room.

**VIII. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

The paperwork has been submitted for the LARE Grant for 2020. There is an article on the BLCD website describing the grant and how it is used. It should be noted that the grant is to be used for invasive weed control only. The 2020 estimated grant is about \$5,000. As a reminder homeowners can treat about 625 sq. feet in front of their homes.

Rainfall for 2019 was the second highest since records have been kept. We received a little over 43 inches of rain. The highest rainfall was in 2007.

The lake pump was not turned on until July and turned off November 4.

The BLCD website has a lot of information regarding the lake area and all are encouraged to review it.

**IX. Healthy Lake & Shoreline**

Kathy Carrier stated 44 people have signed up for the glacial stone grant. Two homeowners have completed their project. We have received \$2,500 from the State Auditor's office and the treasurer will deposit the check and reimburse the two homeowners their portion of their project. The total grant money approved is \$35,000 and a homeowner reimbursed 50% of the cost for the stone installation.

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**X. New Business**

Rick Anderson reviewed the 2020 Annual Letter and registration form. Beginning mid-February they will be emailed monthly to the membership. A hard copy will be mailed at the end of March to all.

Ron Vendl stated he mailed to 126 businesses their directory ad and as of yesterday we have received 46 ads. Ron will be leaving for Florida at the end of February and Mary Topelian will be back and continue with the ads.

Larry Collura advised the Board that the internet domain name is due for renewal.

A member asked about cars driving off the road and across private property by the new T intersection. Rik Ritzler explained that a study was completed and chevrons will be placed around the curve.

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**XI. Old Business**

Rik Ritzler explained that the County has been doing speed studies around the lake. The results show that speeding is worse during the winter months and that 95% of the infractions originate from “driveways”, or homeowners, around the lake.

Rik Ritzler notified everyone that Starke County came in second for the Constellation of Starke project; Marshall County won. We will be applying again this year and plan to improve and expand on our current project. It was noted that in the past the second place County usually won the following year. The proposal is on the County’s website if anyone would like to review it. A suggestion was made to add the link for the Stellar project to be added to the BLPOA website. Rik is to email the link to the secretary to be added to our website.

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A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be March 7, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
BLPOA Secretary