

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 3/07/20

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, Kathy Laiter, Mary Topelian
- B. *Directors:* Terry Chmiel, Rich Linkus, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith,
- C. *Absent:* Zac Binkley, John Bucher, A.J. Gappa, Ron Vendl
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 20

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 February 1, 2020 Property Owner's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Topelian with a second by Gayle Smith to approve the February minutes as presented. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

III. Treasurer's Report

In A.J.'s absence Rick Anderson reviewed the January treasurer's report. It was approved for audit and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:		January
Beginning Balance		86,448.05
Deposits / Trans.		-----
Interest		121.94
Withdrawals / Trans.		10,000.00
Ending Balance		76,569.99
MISC:		
CD		100,000.00
GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:		
Beginning Balance		25.00
Deposits		43.54
Disbursements		43.54
Ending Balance		25.00
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT :		
Beginning Balance		7,206.64
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling		11,813.00
Disbursements		8,518.26
Ending Balance		10,501.38
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS		187,096.37

IV. Veterans Memorial

Guest Speakers: Kathy Norem, Jim Berg, Mark Smith, Hunter Smith, Bob Simms

The above committee made a presentation for a new veteran's memorial project. The current one covers wars starting with WWII. This new memorial will begin with the Civil War through current as well as leave space (sadly) for future conflicts/wars. The new Veterans Memorial will totally be funded by donations and to date over half of the money needed has been raised. Individuals can make donations or the plan includes space for 800 pavers that individuals can purchase to help offset the expense of the memorial. If someone would like their paver in place for the dedication the forms/payment must be submitted by July 1. The entire project is expected to cost approximately \$170,000 and the committee is looking to raise \$200,000 for unexpected/future expenses. The dedication is scheduled for November 11, 2020 with ground breaking on Memorial Day. Project overview is to be posted on the BLPOA website to include a video, detailed description of the work to be done and the paver order forms (two sizes). The Board agreed to discuss a donation to include a possible paver from the BLPOA.

V. Social Committee

Rick Anderson stated the 5th Annual Pizza Party is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and at our next meeting will look for a committee/volunteers to help.

Mary Topelian advised members the committee would like to hold a Christmas Marketplace the first Saturday in December (12/05). We started too late last year so when they reach out to their vendors for the July festival they will also ask them to save the date for our Christmas Marketplace event. The committee will also advertise elsewhere for vendors. The fee will be \$10 a site and if you wish to use a table an extra \$5. A suggestion was made to advertise in church bulletins as well. A motion was made by Rich Linkus and seconded by Gayle Smith and approved to use the BLPOA building for the Christmas Marketplace Event.

VI. Building Rentals

Rich Linkus stated that we currently have four rentals; three for 2020 and one for 2021.

VII. Building Maintenance

Rik Ritzler stated that we are on schedule for the parking lot repair and blacktop/sealing project this spring.

Discussion was held on the condition of the outside of the BLPOA building. It was noted that we have upgraded the interior however have done nothing to the outside and it is deteriorating. A committee was formed to look into quotes for power washing and/or painting as well as changing the lights on the front of the building to LED and have them refurbished/painted. The goal is to complete the projects this year to help Starke County win the Stellar Award this year. The Board will revote to reaffirm last year's motion to provide a donation if/when Starke County wins the Stellar Award.

VIII. Buoys

Gary Laiter stated the approved GPS will be ordered shortly. He noted that we need a few No Wake buoys along with some lights. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase items needed.

IX. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl was out of town so Russ Blaise gave an update. There were approximately 18 incidents in the area over the last month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6. The team has added some additional volunteers to drive but would like a few more and they are still looking for a secretary. Russ also stated that the County is still shorthanded officers.

X. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Russ Blaise stated there is nothing new and they will be doing the camera check to the sewers/homes on RT10 this year. They are working on the weeds/grants for this year.

XI. Healthy Lake & Shoreline

Rick Anderson stated 44 people have signed up for the glacial stone grant. The grant covers 50% of a project and two homeowners have been reimbursed to date.

XII. New Business

Directory Update: Mary Topelian stated that last year we had 128 ads and to date we have received 76. All ads and member information are due by March 20 in order for the printer to have the 2020 Directories back to us by early May.

Boating Class: June 20 will be the next DNR boating course to be held at the BLPOA building. A big “thank you” to Aileen Collura who has been running it for the last couple of years. Rick Anderson stated we are looking for one or two people to be the new chair(s). Rich Linkus and Terry Chmiel volunteered to co-chair the event.

Rik Ritzler stated that while we came in 2nd Place for the Stellar Project last year we are reapplying this year and have changed consultants. We will be using the same consultant as last year’s winner (Marshall County). As runner up we received \$333,333 and the decision was made to do park improvements. There are 11 parks and some public areas that are covered in the five year plan and these are the focus for these funds. Our submission needs to be finalized by April 17. Prior to the 17th there needs to be two public meetings for individuals to submit ideas/suggestions. All are encouraged to attend the meetings and all ideas are welcomed. The two meetings will be held an hour prior to the Park Board meetings on March 10 and April 14 from 5-6 pm at the annex building at the courthouse. A suggestion was made to have our Catch & Release newsletter advertise the two public meetings.

XIII. Old Business

Question asked about installing a couple of flashing stop signs. Rik Ritzler stated that some were recently installed at 23 and 8 and they were stolen shortly after. Discussion took place about people just slowing down and continuing to ignore the new signs at the new “T” Intersection.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
BLPOA Secretary