

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 6/03/23

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, Rich Linkus, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter,  
B. *Directors:* Tom Busch, Terry Chmiel, Shirley Grajewski, Mary Jesso, Stefanie Neal,  
Ron Vendl, Val Williams  
D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 34

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### II. Minutes

Minutes for the May 2023 Property Owners' meetings were reviewed. Motion made by Rich Linkus with a second by Shirley Grajewski to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website: <https://www.inbasslake.com/>

### III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, AJ Gappa, reviewed the April report. Motion made to "Approve for Audit" by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Rich Linkus and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

<b>OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
Beginning Balance	76,994.77
Deposits / Trans	---
Interest	126.66
Withdrawals / Trans.	---
Ending Balance	<b>77,121.43</b>
<b>MISC:</b>	
CD -- beginning balance	102,895.13
Interest	---
CD -- ending balance	<b>102,895.13</b>
<b>GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:</b>	
Beginning Balance	25.00
Deposits	---
Disbursements	---
Ending Balance	<b>25.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT:</b>	
Beginning Balance	53,755.65
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	37,838.00
Disbursements	10,103.31
Ending Balance	<b>81,490.34</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>261,531.90</b>

#### **IV. Social Committee**

Shirley gave an update on the pizza party held May 20. She shared that 273 people attended and this year we made a few hundred dollars. Woodshed Tap, Bourbon Street, and Osborne Mini Mart all donated their pizzas.

Rick stated that the next event will be our annual bike ride on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will meet at the BLPOA building at 8:00 AM.

#### **V. Welcome / Beautification**

Mary Jesso showed the new smaller signs that will be installed on the planters around the lake. They mirror the large welcome signs we have. She noted the new Welcome sign was installed at the new "T" intersection just off of 35 and now they will look at beautifying the area under it.

Rick shared that we are looking at a replacement sign out in front of our building. Rich Linkus noted that Ron Vendl has already started looking at companies and obtaining bids.

#### **VI. Rentals**

Rich Linkus shared that we had three rentals in May for \$425. We have quite a few for June. July will be slower because we have so many activities taking place. He has taken a rental for June 2024!

#### **VII. Building Maintenance**

Rick shared that he and Ron will be repairing the crack along the front of the building to stop some leaking we are having during heavy rain storms.

#### **VIII. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl stated that for May there were 33 incidents reported. He reviewed some of the incidents. The next meeting will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IX. Park Board**

Tom Busch stated that the County has agreed to match the grant application submitted of \$1.15 million. The County will match up to \$575,000. He stated they have not yet heard from the DNR regarding the pier permits. The meeting a couple of weeks ago was great and everyone was able to share their views. Once the decision is made there will be an 18-day waiting period for appeals.

#### **X. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

Larry Collura shared that we had 3.1 inches of rain in May and pumped in 31 million gallons. We are running a little behind in annual rainfall. For the year 138 million gallons of water has been added. He noted that when we have sunny and windy days like we recently have had we are not keeping up with evaporation.

Larry noted that Aquatic Control identified 172 acres of weeds and the DNR has approved treatment for 164.91 acres. The estimated cost is \$35,000 and they received a \$5,000 grant. They are scheduling June 14<sup>th</sup> as the treatment date weather permitting. Several email notifications will be sent along with a map of the area to be treated. You can also find the map on their website at <https://basslakecd.in.gov/>.

#### **XI. New/On-Going Business**

##### *Garbage / Recycling:*

Rick Anderson stated we are working with Republic on a garbage extension. Our current contract ends June 2024. He stated Republic has some new personnel in place and there is some confusion with the second can process. There is a disconnect and we are looking at getting one contact number.

##### *Boating Class:*

Terry Chmiel stated that the DNR boating class is scheduled for Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. As of this morning there are 11 registered. We will provide lunch for those participating. Registration can be done on the DNR website.

##### *Glacial Stone:*

Kathy Carrier shared that in 2019 we applied for DNR grant monies to assist homeowners to install stone in front of concrete sea walls. We received \$35,000 and 19 homes were able to get assistance to install stone. Last year we were denied and in January we again applied for 80% versus the 50% match we

requested in 2019. We have requested \$53,000 and are hoping to hear in July. Kathy also shared a post card that lists 10 things you can do to keep our shorelines healthy and encouraged everyone to pick one up. They also printed biodegradable bags to pick up trash around the lake. Please take as many as you want and let's clean up the garbage around the lake.

Kathy explained she attends the Indiana Lake Management Society class about healthy shorelines every year. The echo zone is a strategy that other lakes have implemented to have part of their lake healthy for plants and fish. It is very controversial when it comes up so she has never brought it up but learned that last year the DNR created an echo zone in our lake. She asked a few DNR officers they work with how it came about but she does not have an answer as of today. Kathy volunteered to dig into this and find out how it was created or what other information she can get but the DNR owns the lake and can do what they would like.

*Pump:*

Rick Anderson stated that the new pump could pump up to 500 gallons a minute and would produce about 700,000 gallons per day. Rick believes the lake would be full with this output.

Rick shared that over the last couple of weeks he has had meetings with Doral and Lochmueller Group and are in the final stages of engineering. They were hoping for a May installation but looking like June. Lochmueller has not heard from the DNR for several months so they are sending a letter stating that since they have not heard they will assume it means it is ok to move forward. A lengthy discussion took place along with the property owner sharing information from Doral. Until the Board receives information from Doral nothing will be voted on or done.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 AM. The next meeting will be July 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
BLPOA Secretary