

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 8/19/23

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Terry Chmiel, Rich Linkus, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter,
- B. *Directors:* Tom Busch, Aileen Collura, Shirley Grajewski, Mary Jesso, Ron Vendl, Cathy Wagner
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 18

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 July 2023 Property Owners' meetings were reviewed. Motion made by Rich Linkus with a second by Aileen Collura 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 July 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>JULY</b>
Beginning Balance	77,379.63
Deposits / Trans	---
Interest	82.73
Withdrawals / Trans.	---
Ending Balance	<b>77,462.36</b>
<b>MISC:</b>	
CD #1	104,145.96
Interest	252.71
CD #2	70,000.00
Total CD -- ending balance	<b>174,398.67</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	130,007.34
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	7,565.00
Disbursements / Transfer to CD #2	<b>85,534.72</b>
Ending Balance	<b>52,037.62</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>303,923.65</b>

**IV. Guest Speaker**

Officer Austin Fletcher from the Starke County Sheriff office brought a bike the BLPOA donated. The bikes will be kept in a storage unit across from the marina. The Sheriff's office has purchased first aid kits and other supplies that will be mounted on each bike. Working with the LaPort City Bike Patrol Program, officers will go through an intensive training program. The bikes can go over 30 mph (speedometer goes up to 50) and an officer can pedal that also helps with recharging the batteries. There will be a police car nearby for backup as needed.

**V. Building Maintenance**

Ron Vendl noted that two new rentals signs have been ordered. We are looking into our plumbing issues and remediation options. The locks on the doors in the blue room ladies' room are being repaired. Lastly, options are being looked at for a new electronic sign to replace our old one in front of our building.

**VI. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl stated that for July there were 56 incidents reported. He reviewed a breakdown of the incidents. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4.

**VII. Rentals**

Rich Linkus stated we had five rentals in June and one in July. Rentals are slowing down this time of year. We have a few already scheduled for next year.

**VIII. Social Committee**

Shirley Grajewski noted that the next event will be our annual Soup Social on Saturday, October 28. Tickets will be \$5 and 10 & under free. If you would like to make a soup or chili please reach out to Shirley.

**IX. Welcome / Beautification**

Mary Jesso shared that fall flowers will be added to the planters after Labor Day and after Thanksgiving they will be changed to a Christmas theme. We are looking for anyone who has any evergreens they would like to donate for the base of the winter decorations we would appreciate them. Aileen offered a suggestion to check with surrounding tree farms for their leftover items.

**X. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

Larry Collura shared that we had 6.32 inches of rain in July and pumped 32 million gallons bringing YTD total to 202 million gallons. Meetings are the second Monday of every month. He noted there is a possibility of a rate increase in the future as the system is now 23 years old.

For more information and lake maps please go to their website at: <https://basslakecd.in.gov/>

**XI. Park Board**

Tom Busch stated that the piers have been in for several weeks and that the new permits are valid for two years so next year the process will be much smoother. The Board is expecting a response for the \$1.25 million grant by end of October. The County has agreed to match up to \$575,000 should it be approved.

**XII. New/On-Going Business**

*Glacial Stone:*

Terry Chmiel read a note from Kathy Carrier stating that we did not receive the grant money for the glacial stone project. We are hoping next year will be approved. Please contact Kathy with questions.

*Technology Update:*

Terry Chmiel stated that our cameras have been out for a long time and after searching for a new vendor we will have a new camera system on our property as well as upgrade our internet system with extenders throughout the building for better service as well as for future electronic sign. The new system will also include a new phone system sending messages directly to the appropriate Director.

### **XIII. Q&A from Members**

*Member asked about association making a donation to paramedic families.*

Terry Chimel replied we are discussing it and that the fire department has asked for people to make donations directly to the family as Go Fund Me or similar organizations takes a sizeable amount of the donations. Another member made a suggestion we put out a donation container at the annual Soup Social.

*Member asked if any update on the second pump.*

Terry responded that we have not received any updates. Doral has reached out to him with possibility of meeting with us. Rick Anderson responded the pump is to be in by March 2024.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 AM. The next meeting will be October 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
BLPOA Secretary