

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 8/18/18

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter
- B. *Directors:* Diane Blais, Aileen Collura, Rich Linkus, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- C. *Absent:* Mary Topelian, Rik Ritzler, Cindy Hunter
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 18

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Rick asked that 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 July 7, 2018 Property Owner's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and the minutes "Approved" for posting on our web site.

### III. Treasurer's Reports

- A. Money Market Account July 2018
  - Beginning Balance: \$125,129.69
  - Withdrawal/Transfer to Checking: \$60,000.00
  - Interest: \$0.00
  - Ending Balance: \$185,129.69
- B. Checking Account July 2018
  - Beginning Balance: \$93,309.59
  - Disbursements: \$67,188.22
  - Received Memberships, Rentals, Directory: \$2,844.00
  - Ending Balance: 28,965.37
- C. Total All Accounts: \$214,095.06

### IV. Healthy Lakes Initiative

Kathy Carrier gave updates for the committee regarding their meetings and research. It was noted that grant monies for fish habitats are due by 10/15. There is \$300,000 and we can apply for whatever grant monies for projects that we would like. The committee received several ideas from their various meetings and contacts and while some are good ideas some were not practical. Some audience suggestions/questions were perhaps looking at adding some jetties about 30 feet from shore by the pocket to help reduce shoreline erosion. Another suggestion was at another lake they put old Christmas trees in the lake creating a natural habitat for fish (private lake so not certain we would be able to do this).

The committee has started working with Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership this year and the first item was monitoring water clarity. If we continue with them they have all kinds of exciting initiatives that have been funded at other lakes and we can look at doing. Currently we have approximately 30 homeowners intermittently around the lake that are interested in getting glacial stone. A question was asked with our lake not being really deep would the stone raise the temperature of the water. Kathy Carrier said the DNR supports us doing the glacial stone and they would look into the lake temperature question. It was mentioned that we need to be aware that glacial stone can crack sea walls if proper placement of the stone is not done correctly as well as using the correct size. Kathy Carrier volunteered to write the two grants needed.

Rick Anderson mentioned we begin looking at a second pump. A practical location would be at the beach because the County owns the property and it would not disturb property owners. The first pump was started by the BLOPA and then transferred to the Conservancy when they started up. We would look into a grant for a second pump at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

**V. Fireplace Room Renovation**

Mary Topelian stated that they are still taking quotes and once rentals are done this fall and things slow down the work will be done.

**VI. Social Committee**

Soup Social is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> and looking for more entries. Last year we had about 20 soups and trying to get 25 this year; expecting a large turnout again.

**VII. Festival Committee**

Festival went well and done for the year. Planning for 2019 will begin early next year.

**VIII. Facility Rentals**

Diane Blais stated that there were no change in the rentals until yesterday when we received three more.

**IX. Building Maintenance**

Ron Vendl noted that the fire extinguishers need to be checked and he will take care of that. The floors have been stripped and waxed with cost approximately \$1,800.

**X. Buoys**

At this time Daphne has been handling the paperwork and Rick Anderson handling the buoys. Looking for volunteers to remove/maintain the channel buoys going forward. This year Rick will remove and add ice buoys.

**XI. Garbage Collection**

Rick Anderson advised he has been in contact and meeting with Republic. We will have an updated list to them shortly. Recycling was brought up at the commissioners meeting and several reps from different areas of government attended. Since the meeting we have not been having issues. The next Commissioners meeting is Tuesday at the annex in Knox and they are looking for a bid/recycle vendor. Rick will be attending the meeting.

## **XII. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl stated that Rob Olejniczak is the officer on our committee that attends the monthly meetings. The 8/04 crime app alert reported 18 incidents of breaking into cars with four juveniles arrested and two adults still at large; they wore masks and hoodies and Canine Zardo assisted with the arrests. A property owner noted that there were supposedly 30 car break-in reported the previous weekend. The next meeting will be 9/03.

## **XIII. Website**

Larry Collura proposed we move to a mobile platform as 92% of the people on the lake access our site on a smart device like an iPad, iPhone, etc. When you go to our site we are not mobile friendly as well as not being secure anymore; not encrypted so no longer safe. Larry is proposing we move to a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) platform. Apheus Solutions LLC would charge us \$299 to convert to a mobile platform. We also need to make some updates as we need a larger mail server. The new platform will allow people to unsubscribe from emails and allows us to send 17,000 emails a month. Apheus Solutions is located in Plymouth, IN. Diane Blais made a motion to move to the new platform seconded by Aileen Collura. The Board unanimously voted to move to the mobile platform with Apheus as our vendor.

## **XIV. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

Larry Collura noted that we received 1.93 inches of rain in July and 2.65 for August. Ecoli testing has been changed to once a month and the average has been 6.67 with a concern if over 230 so from an Ecoli standard the lake is good.

In July the pump added 46 million gallons of water to the lake at 1.5 million per day. The pump has a capacity to add 1.75 million gallons per day when working at full capacity. It was noted that between the pump and the new weir the lake is holding its own. The pump will be turned off in the fall. A question was asked why the pump is not run at full capacity and Larry explained that for maintenance reasons it should not be run at full capacity as well as it is not good to turn the pump on and off should the lake level get high.

It was noted that there is a potential candidate for District 1 that has been vacant for a while. The next meeting will be 8/20.

## **XV. Old/New Business**

None

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at about 10:05 am. The next meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
Secretary, BLPOA