

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 7/13/24

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Terry Chmiel, Tom Busch, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter,
- B. *Directors:* Aileen Collura, Mary Jesso, Bill Slavik, Mary Topelian, Ron Vendl
- C. *Absent:* Shirley Grajewski, Cathy Wagner
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 51

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Chmiel 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. Election

Candidate slate was not full so President asked for floor nominations. There was one filling all positions. Results:

Vice President – Tom Busch

Treasurer – AJ Gappa

Board: Mary Topelian, Ron Vendl, William Oliver III, Rodney Redweik

### III. Guest Speakers

#### Sheriff Jack Rosa

Sheriff Rosa thanked everyone for the support in regards to the electric bike as well as other ways. One thing they are going to concentrate on are golf carts and side by sides which will mean people will get stopped. You are expected to get your sticker and abide by all of the laws. Any questions on the laws either Sheriff or Skip can answer after the meeting. He also shared information regarding the Anonymous Tip line. He will leave info on the table. This initiative began at the end of April and six individuals that were known drug offenders were targeted with all six having been arrested. Six more will be targeted and will continue the process. The more information you can give the help line like license plate numbers, description of people, etc. the better. The office was awarded \$57,000 for drug enforcement and they were able to purchase equipment that was needed that they did not have. Prior administrations did not make drug enforcement a priority but it is now. Most crimes, if you trace it all of the way back, is a result of drugs. This is a main focus and they are trying to curb all of it.

A member asked about speeding around the lake. Sheriff stated they have a sign board that they will move around the lake. A lengthy discussion took place with potential options.

#### Don Binkley, President Starke County Commissioners

Welcomed everyone and stated they will be beginning to work on the roads in Boa Shores. In regards to speed bumps around the lake he invited everyone to the Commissioner meetings so they can discuss during the audience participation portion of the meeting. Don mentioned that the Park Superintendent left her position and they would begin a new search (Tom to cover in his report).

### IV. Minutes

Minutes for the June 2024 Property Owners' meetings were reviewed. Motion made by Tom Busch 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/>

**V. Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, AJ Gappa, reviewed the May and June reports. Motion made to “Approve for Audit” by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Bill Slavik, and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

<b>OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
Beginning Balance	92,082.62	92,139.40
Deposits / Trans	---	---
Interest	56.78	64.40
Withdrawals / Trans.	---	---
Ending Balance	<b>92,139.40</b>	<b>92,203.80</b>
<b>MISC:</b>		
CD	<b>72,912.65</b>	<b>73,215.39</b>
<b>GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:</b>		
Beginning Balance	25.00	25.00
Deposits	---	---
Disbursements	---	---
Ending Balance	<b>25.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT:</b>		
Beginning Balance	60,158.37	55,173.52
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	43,506.00	90,269.33
Disbursements	48,490.85	51,804.76
Ending Balance	<b>55,173.52</b>	<b>93,638.09</b>
	<b>220,250.57</b>	<b>259,082.28</b>

**VI. Beautification / Welcome**

Terry Chmiel thanked Shirley and Mary J for their time on the Board as they decided not to run.

Mary Jesso shared she has one packet to give out and that the planters have all been brought back to the building until new coordinates are found.

**VII. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl shared that they use the Starke County GIS website and pull information from the Crime Mapper Alert. He has reports for May and June and reviewed, at a high level, items that pertain to our area around the lake. For May we had 41 incidents and 56 for June. Ron stated the next meeting will be Monday, August 5. In the past the meetings were held in the evenings but they have been asked to move earlier so Sheriff/team can attend other county meetings in the evenings so they are trying 1:00 PM.

**VIII. Building Maintenance**

Ron Vendl noted that there was nothing to report for June.

**IX. Rentals**

Terry Chmiel shared that the building was used 7 times in June. June is usually a very busy month so if you know you may need it next year you may want to reserve it early. There are a few rentals in July.

**X. Social Committee**

Kathy Laiter shared that our annual bike ride is next week however might be canceled as we are still looking for coordinator(s). Rick Anderson and Ty Jones offered to meet people at 8:00 AM and will explain the route they usually take and assist anyone needing it.

**XI. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

Larry Collura noted that we had 4.83 inches of rain. He noted that different areas have different levels and they use the plant as the official site. The lake pump has been off since early April and will be turned back on once the water stops running over the weir. He shared that Aquatic Control was out to check on the weed treatment and we are waiting on the results. There is information on the table for the correct way to treat the weeds in front of your home since everyone can treat up to 625 sq ft. It should be noted that the homeowner must do it and not hire a company.

Larry stated they had their annual meeting and election. Area 2 was up for renewal. Chairman Novello accepted to continue in this position. There were no other interested candidates.

The next meeting will be August 12 at 6:00 PM in this building.

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

**XII. Park Board**

Tom Busch shared that the Park Superintendent resigned on July 3. The application is on their website for anyone interested. They are also looking for someone to work part time to assist in cutting/edging grass and some other light work. On Monday they will be presenting their 2025 budget for approval.

Starke County did not make the top four for the Stellar project so we will not be moving forward. There were 19 applicants applying for the grant.

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

*Bass Lake Festival*

Mary Topelian noted that the festival is coming quickly. They are still looking for volunteers, even for a few hours, to help with an event or sell shirts/sweat shirts. We would like to expand the festival as they have a list of 30 events which would mean 30 coordinators. They have a website you can review scheduled events: [basslakefest.com](http://basslakefest.com) The grand marshal this year will be the California Township Fire Department.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. The next meeting will be August 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
BLPOA Secretary