

**Lake Geneva Property Owners' Association Board Minutes**  
**9/16/2020 Monthly Meeting**  
**(Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held virtually via Zoom)**

**Board Members Present:** Chadd Smith, Ginger Koester, David Zyble, Tom Antaya, Stu Shafer, Darrin Guyrich, Matt Miner, Ginny Haas, Samantha Patwell

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mike Lacharite (Assistant Treasurer)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chadd Smith at 7:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Lacharite presented the Treasurer's report

**Building Control Committee Report** (Stu Shafer):

- Discussed the shed at 1310 E. Geneva. Stu delivered a letter to the owners letting them know that sheds were not permitted in that subdivision. The owners took the shed down. Stu plans to send a letter to the owner thanking him for complying.

**Beaches and Parks Committee Report** (Tom Antaya):

- Tom met with the tree trimming firm who offered to charge by the day. **MOTION:** Tom moved to hire the firm for two days. **SUPPORTED** by Darrin. The MOTION passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed whether reserves are sufficient at this time and going forward. It was decided to discuss this further at a future meeting.

**Lake Level/Water Quality Committee Report** (David Zyble):

- The pumps have been turned off and they are not expected to be turned on until next season. Darrin asked whether the Association could put together a calendar that would let members know when the pumps would be turned off for the season and when they would be turned back on. It was pointed out that because of weather/precipitation fluctuations year-to-year, a calendar with date-certain entries would not be accurate.
- Darrin suggested that the lake treatment schedule should be posted on the website. Board members agreed. The Board also discussed that PLM (the lake management company) is supposed to post a "hard copy" of the treatment on lakefront properties during each treatment and that some members have said that they did not see that happen this year. Stu will speak to PLM and let them know that we expect the postings to occur on all waterfront properties.
- Darrin suggested that the "water quality" reports should also be posted on the website and Facebook page. The Board members agreed that this is a good practice.

- Heavy weed die-off. Weeds wash up on some shoreline properties more than others, depending on location, prevailing winds, and other factors. 2 members on the northeast side of the lake sent a communication to the Board regarding their weed issues. Ginny proposed that the Board investigate options for weed removal and let the membership know what is available. She did not suggest that the Association pay for it, but rather that if several lakefront owners work with the same firm the fee may be discounted. It was decided to bring this up at the Annual Meeting to gauge the interest of the members.

#### **City Liaison Report** (Darrin Guyrich)

- The 3 bridges in Dewitt will be under construction at various times, and will impact traffic.
- Stu questioned whether the traffic light at Herbison Road and East Geneva is now on a timer, as the light does not seem to be operating as it did when it was first installed. Darrin will raise this question at a future Dewitt City Council meeting

#### **Newsletter and Information Committee Report** (Ginny Haas)

- Ginny reported that she intends to publish the annual newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting rather than after the meeting.

#### **Welcoming Committee Report** (Ginger Koester):

- Ginger hasn't received any information from the City of Dewitt regarding new residents of the Association since the pandemic started. She is working on compiling a list of email addresses from members to assist in membership communications.
- A member approached Ginger about hosting a kayak "race" around the lake. A concern was raised about the Board "sanctioning" the event because of potential liability to the Association. Because it is so late in the season this won't occur this year. Chadd said that this would be a great Association Member event, and Ginger said that she would follow-up with the member to discuss this type of event for next year.

#### **Compliance Committee Report** (Stu Shafer):

- A property owner on the north side of the lake near the dam wrote a letter to the Board stating that they wanted notification in advance of any maintenance activities on the dam. They asserted that since the maintenance firms have to cross private property that notice needed to be provided. The Association has an easement across that property for dam and pump maintenance, so notice is not required. Tom has made an effort to inform property owners near the dam when there will be maintenance activity, and this practice will continue going forward.
- There was a yoga business that was holding classes on the West Beach. Because businesses are not permitted under the Association rules Stu will write a letter to

the owner of the business informing them of the rules and asking them not to hold classes at the park.

**Old Business:**

- 1040 East Geneva. The owners sent some questions to the Board regarding potential trespass issues on their waterfront. The Board is going to establish a subcommittee to examine this issue, as it will affect most of the waterfront property owners.

MOTION to Adjourn by Stu, SUPPORT by Ginny Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Zyble on October 21, 2020.