

Maple Lake Association 4/21/2022

Present: Frank, Don, Phyllis, Anne, Nadine, Doug and Mike Excused: Sue, Shirley

Anne made motion to accept the December minutes, Nadine seconded, all in favor.

Anne reported that we have a balance of \$5837.82 in our bank account.

Old Business: Roman reported that the auto lake leveling system is working well.

Weed Control: Don said he will call Aquatic Weed Control early May to do a survey and they usually treat in early June. The water is not very clear right now which is normal this time of year.

Village Updates: Roman reported that Tim is the new DPS director and he will be the one to discuss lake issues with. The new Village Manager is Will Joseph and we will invite him to a future meeting. The buoys will be going into the lake and some changes were made to the weed boat, bigger paddles, and throttle changes which should improve its speed. The natural shoreline will be extended on the west side of the island. Also, the swim area will be getting some improvements this year to encourage more people to swim in the bay area. Around the boat launch, there will be more planting added and a walkway installed near the shore that was provided by a bequest of a resident. Roman also said there will be a Streetscape ribbon cutting ceremony at Paw Paw Days.

Sue is not here tonight to discuss possible grant ideas.

Shirley is not here tonight to talk about web statistics.

Phyllis sold a visor over Christmas and that's all she has sold lately. She said we had plenty of stock right now.

Frank mentioned the spring newsletter draft and he asked Roman to put in an update. Frank said he will put in the newsletter what he recalls about the lake history. Frank recalls truckloads of carp that he thinks were put in the lake to reduce the weeds. Then we had too many carp and they shocked them with electrical sticks and hauled out the carp. The Board discussed some stories about past lake management.

Frank said there is a meeting with the Region 3 Lake group this month at Porter Township on April 30 at 9:30am. Not sure if it is in person or online. He will let Shirley know so it can be posted.

Mike asked about the lake conference in Crystal and if anyone was going. Mike said he was thinking of going but not sure. Don said there is some good sessions, depends on presenters. Anne made motion that the board would pay for conference and lodging expenses, Phyllis seconded, all agreed.

We discussed some management issues like starry stone wart and that the cold and extended heat will also kill it. We discussed information sharing from MLSA or the 2 Rivers Coalition, and other organizations that members should share if it can be useful in our work.

Roman said the hospital will pay for the weed treatment in front of their property and that Doug will be managing the weed boat volunteers and scheduling.

Public Comment: Chuck Lund asked about the fountain project, Frank said that it may be more work than beneficial. Who would take care of it, take it out, how to light it, he would like a bigger fountain and so on. He was talking to Dion about it and he was going to get some information. Frank will pursue it and see what can be done. Chuck said he found Charlie Maxwell's buoy floating in the lake and put it on his dock. Frank will call him so he knows it is there. There is a loose raft near the island. Anne wanted us to put a blurb in the newsletter thanking Troy for the Christmas tree on the lake and thank others that participated in Lighting the Lake. Nadine also commented that people should put a name or address on rafts or even docks in case they float away.

Don made a motion to adjourn, Anne seconded , all in favor. Next meeting is May 19th at 7pm at Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mike Pioch