

## Maple Lake Board Meeting April 18, 2024

Present: Frank, Anne, Doug, Don, Dona, Diane, Mike

Absent: Sue and Sherry

Roman introduced the new Village Manager Bryan Myrkle, Bryan comes with much experience and last worked in Charlotte. Welcome Bryan!

Anne made motion to approve the last meeting minutes, Doug seconded, all in favor.

**Treasurers Report** Anne stated that we have a balance of \$9676.79 in the account. Lacantina gave us a reduced cost for the holiday party. Thanks Lacantina for your support. Mike made motion to accept the report, Diane seconded, all in favor. Anne asked us to pay our dues to the Waterfront Alliance. Anne made motion to pay \$200, Doug seconded, all in favor.

New business, Phyllis Norman has resigned from the board. The Board thanked Phyllis for her years of service. Frank made a motion to appoint Diane Wilke-Karna the new member to fill Phyllis Norman's term, Don seconded, all in favor.

Don went to the Region 3 meeting earlier this month. A lot of local lake leaders go to the meeting to learn about lake management or issues that they have on their lakes. Don said there is a new state bill to restrict wake boats on lakes HB5532. It would not allow them to be in water that is less than 20 feet deep and they would have to stay 500 feet away from other boats. Wakeboats can make 3 feet or higher wakes and can damage lakeshores. The rule now is that they have to stay 100 feet away from structures. They are seeking feedback on the proposed law. The Board asked Dona to draft a letter of support of the bill. Don made a motion to ask Dona to draft a letter of support of the legislation house bill 5532, seconded by Dona, all in favor. The MI Lakes and Streams conference is next week April 26 and 27 in Muskegon if anyone is interested. Let Frank know if anyone is interested, we will pay for the expenses.

**Weed Control** Don said he would be calling Aquatic Weed Control this week to look at the lake and make a plan for the application. The permit is \$800 a year.

**Weed Boat** Doug said it is not in yet but ready to go and at the village. The village staff said there was a concern about the warranty on the motor and is discussing taking the boat out when we don't use it. They are still making a plan at this point.

**Village Updates** Roman said the same as Doug about the weed boat. It will go in late May or early June. It probably needs to be runned once in a while if we are not using it. It may be taken out and brought back depending on use and need. There will be another training as before. The village council (Dave McQueen is on the Board now) is looking at a request from Leaders Marine to do an event on Maple Lake. They would use the sunset boat launch area May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1pm to 7 pm for a Seadoo Switch demo opportunity. They will have 2 boats and 4 staff there. The time slots on the boats will be an hour. The Board agreed it seemed OK. Bryan talked to Leaders about the concern of parking. They would load and unload people at Maples Isle and use the parking lot across from the bridge. They have been very willing to adjust to our concerns. We should restrict them from the channel area. Anne made motion to allow Leaders to use the launch area per Bryans comments, Doug seconded, all in favor. Roman reported the

Maple Isle Bridge will be done this winter and they will need to do a drawdown. Briggs Dam will be done at the same time hopefully. Roman explained how the state grant funds and village funding will be used to do the work. The village will have to provide a large match.

There was a discussion about the new bridge and could there be seating or fishing areas and so forth as part of the new construction. Roman said adding these ideas was too expensive. Roman did say it would be great to have a new aluminum dock near the bridge that would be handicap accessible. The Board discussed that perhaps we could pay for that improvement. Roman also had an idea for a new sign for the bridge and maybe that is something that could be paid for. Anne suggested the sign should match the new village signs, they are very nice. Roman and Bryan said they will try to find out some potential costs for these 2 items so the Board can discuss them at another meeting. Roman filed the 2023 IRS return - the 990N. He gave a copy of it to Frank and a memo about the process.

Frank said he talked to the Township about the weed assessment as this is the last year of the current assessment. He read us a letter to send to the Township Board that we asked for a renewal for the 6 year assessment 2025-2030. The amount will be increased 3% each year. The terms are the same as previous agreements. Diane made motion to approve, Anne seconded, all in favor

**Website** Dona reported that she and Shirley are working on some changes to the newsletter and they are working on updating some items. The statistics are similar to previous months. They are brainstorming on how to get more people to the website and facebook and so forth. She will talk to Anne about new people moving in and how we welcome them to the lake. Dona passed out a form with Board emails and addresses and a schedule of events.

**Hats and Visors** Diane said she would take over the fundraising efforts in selling Maple Lake merchandise.

**Grants** – Sue is not here tonight

Public comments- None

Mike said he has not received any correspondence from anyone.

Anne moved to adjourn, Diane seconded all in favor.

Submitted by Mike Pioch

