

Maple Lake Association

April 17, 2025

Present: Frank, Don, Doug, Diane, Sherry, Mike, Anne, Dona Excused Sue
Public Present: Roman, David, Shirley and Chuck Lund

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

Treasurer's report- Anne said we have \$11,329.57 in the account and received some new dues to deposit. She collected over \$1000 in dues at the holiday party and people were generous with other donations. Anne is discussing with Ava the cost of the holiday party.

Nominations of Board of Directors- Don, Sherry and Diane were elected at the meeting in December. The officers are President-Frank, Vice President- Don, Secretary-Mike, Treasurer Anne.

Weed Control Don said he calls Jim at Aquatic Weed Control in May to review the lake. So that will happen next month. We will probably treat the first week of June. Frank said he has been talking to the township about renewing the 6 year special assessment for weed control. We will not be asking for an increase in the rate, it will be a renewal. Don made a motion that Frank can work with the township on the language to keep the current rate the same and use Aquatic Weed Control as the vendor, Sherry seconded, All agreed.

Doug had nothing new on the weed boat at this time. We won't know if we need it till later this year.

Village Updates- Roman said the DEQ approved the new foot bridge permit to the island and construction will start right after the fourth of July. The bridge will be closed the rest of the season after the start of construction. The Board was disappointed that the island will be inaccessible for most of the season. The grant that is going to pay for a large part of the project has to be spent by December 31st so construction must start in the summer. The new bridge will be wider (10 feet wide), and will look very similar to what it is there now. The cement posts will remain and wooden pilings will be added. A sign will be posted about the construction and with other areas for picnics etc. The dam permit was submitted and we are waiting on the DEQ for their approval at this time.

MLSA Conference in April- Mike is going to the conference in Muskegon, Frank suggested that he go on the lake tour as they show testing processes of the water and sediments etc.

Website- Dona said that Shirley updated the calendar on the website, thank you Shirley for your help. Dona said she will ask for some input from the board members on what to put in the newsletter. She will also mention that the special assessment rate will remain the same.

Hats, Visor, Shirt sales- Diane reports that she will be ordering some hats and has not had any recent sales.

Communication- Anne asked that the board approve that we pay for the usual materials we get each year from the MLA, Riparian etc. We usually subscribe to 3 lake subscriptions or memberships. Diane made a motion and Sherry seconded that Anne be allowed to pay those invoices. Frank said a lake owner has a boat lift he wants to get rid of, but you have to move it. He has the persons number.

Frank reports the Region 3 Lake meeting will be May 3rd from 9am to noon at Porter Township Hall, south of Lawton.

Public Comment Shirley Lund asked about the lake treatment assessment and vendor.

One other item discussed was a idea about a lighted boat parade as part of the Wine and Harvest Festival, we also discussed the possibility of doing it during Paw Paw Days. We will discuss further.

Don made motion to adjourn, Doug seconded, all in favor.

Submitted by Mike Pioch