

**White Lake Citizens League
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2009**



Board Members Present: Larry D'Angelo, Tom DeSantis, Frank Dyson, Bob Parrett, Darrol Spurgeon, Carol Webb, Gary Webb,

Board Members Absent: Jack Butler, Laura DeSmith, Larry McCullen, Walt Koziol, Bob Pisoni, Lenny Wojewoda

Other Members Present: Laura Colley

- The Regular Meeting was called to order 7:05 pm.
- **Minutes:** No minutes were available from the August meeting.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Carol Webb presented the treasurer's report.
 - Frank Dyson made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Larry D'Angelo. Motion carried.
 - Tom DeSantis reported that he will transfer the Hot Line billing from Verizon (\$35.42/month) to Comcast (\$10.00/month). The phone number will remain the same. He is looking into only running the Hot Line during the May - November period.
- **Weed Control:**
 - Frank Dyson reported that Starry Stonewort is becoming a significant problem in the lake. The north bay is almost completely covered. He has been working with our contractor to test various treatments to control the problem, and thinks that they have developed a "cocktail" that will hopefully control the problem during next spring's applications.
 - They will be meeting with other area lakes to confer on lake treatment plans and strategies.
 - Frank Dyson made a motion to terminate our contract with Aquest Corporation for weed control surveys as required by the DEQ in relation to our use of Sonar weed treatment, and to contract instead with Aqua Weed Control Inc. (at a significant cost savings). Seconded by Gary Webb. Motion carried.
- **Special Assessment District**
 - Tom DeSantis reported that the White Lake Improvement Board held a public hearing on September 16, 2009 to review the Special Assessment for the 2010-2012 period, and approved the assessment recommended by the WLCL at that meeting. The new assessment for the 2010-2012 period will be: \$150/year for lakefront property owners; \$18/year for lake access property owners; and \$368/year for commercial property owners.
 - Tom reported that the WLCL presentation during the hearing was successful. The PowerPoint presentation was developed by Bob Parrett and Tom DeSantis, and presented by Tom DeSantis, Darrol Spurgeon, Bob Pisoni, and Walt Koziol.

- **New Business:**

- Laura Colley presented a letter from Jack Olstein and Jacqueline Gougeon regarding Dawson Island, and requested that it be read into the meeting record. The text of the letter follows:

To: White Lake Citizens League 9/21/2009
From: The Owners of Dawson Island

Citizens of White Lake,

The owners of Dawson Island would like to take this opportunity to offer you, the citizens of White Lake, the option to purchase Dawson Island before it is placed on the open market for sale.

Based on the response of the citizens approximately three years ago when a developer was interested in the purchase of the island, we thought that you, the residents of White Lake, should have the chance to prevent the development of the island and keep it in its current natural state for the beautification of the lake and possibly for the recreational use of the lake residents.

If you, on behalf of the citizens of White Lake, are interested in discussing this matter further please email us as soon as possible at lclakeview@comcast.net

Sincerely,

Jack Olstein
Jacqueline Gougeon

- Discussion followed regarding the possibility for the lake owners to collectively purchase the island. Frank Dyson explained that the White Lake Improvement Board can not reopen the present Special Assessment due to specific requirements for notification, advertisements, etc. A new Special Assessment could be opened, but requires a specific process including a petition signed by 85% of those assessed.
- Larry D'Angelo made a motion to publicize the above letter on the WLCL website and in an electronic newsletter, as well as in the meeting minutes. Seconded by Bob Parrett. Motion carried.
- Tom DeSantis reminded those present that the board generally does not meet in November, and has a Christmas party in place of the December meeting. He is investigating not meeting in January as well.
- There was discussion about board members who have missed several meetings without contacting the president. Tom DeSantis will write a letter to those in this category explaining the the board will vote to remove them if this continues.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Bob Parrett