

WHITE LAKE CITIZENS LEAGUE

Minutes of June 24, 2015 Meeting

President Tom DeSantis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Jim Findley, Gary Webb, Bob Parrett, Joan Cooper, Linda Reid, Bill Maine, Chuck Neville, Paul Falzon, and Carol Webb. Members absent: Patte Day, Bob Pisoni and Lenny Wojewoda. Other residents present: Janis D'Angelo, Ralph Meloche, Ken Jankowski, Deb Parrett, Bob & Jean Schiff.

Minutes: Tom asked for a motion to accept minutes. Joan Cooper made a motion to accept minutes as presented by email. Seconded by Linda Reid. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Walt Koziol reported we have \$47,637.25 on hand. Receipts of \$1,890 home tour; \$500 reimbursement from WLIB for permit; dues and donations \$12,725; misc. \$38.41. Expenses: \$738 for liability insurance; \$25 to Am Vets for bugle; MLSA Clmp program, \$65; MLSA expenses: \$120.40; post office box rental: \$50. Walt reminded everyone that we have approximately \$23,000 that is committed to pay off the fireworks and other expenses through 2015. Walt suggested we get together to discuss a "rainy day" fund. Gary Webb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bill Maine. Approved.

Communications: Bob Parrett reported we have over 500 email subscribers and more people are liking us on Face Book. He will continue to remind everyone about the boat parade and other events.

Membership: Bill Maine reported we have 312 paid members. We have received many generous donations from some residents. He hopes we will be able to get 333 members to get to 50%.

Boat Parade: Set for July 4th to start at Mitch's at 2:15 p.m. Tom DeSantis will be driving the Judges boat. He has the Kowals, Bob Hoffman and other local officials coming.

Home Tour: Everything set up. Jack will be back in town Thursday to oversee everything.

Fireworks: We paid GenX a \$3,000 retainer to hold dates for us for the next three years which also enabled us to obtain a 10% discount. Next year will be on July 2, then July 1st and June 30 in 2018.

Social: Breakfast was a huge success due to hard work of many people. Nancy Stanton should be raffling off her goodie basket 4th of July weekend.

Weed Control: Jim Findley reported they treated the lake on June 17th. They did several spots including the bay by the White lake Inn. They might do an algae treatment before the 4th of July. We had 2 calls regarding weeds that were taken care of.

Dredging: Patte Day's email report: We should be getting the permit by the end of July to give us ample time to get the bids out and decide on a company. The DOC will receive a draft of the bid documents from Spicer's within 2 weeks. We will go over it, mainly to get our legal counsel to look at it.

Walt said we hope to do the dredging this fall and get rid of spoils in 2016. Bob Schiff asked if it was possible to add on the bid document that we delay final payment until 2017 if there was not enough money available to do the entire project this year. A motion was made by Walt Koziol that we consider including in the dredging bid, a request that the bidders consider the possibility of a delayed payment to be made in 2017. After some discussion, it was determined that this type of request to a contractor is not a normal request. Jim Findley said it happens sometimes and is called an add alternative clause. It was

noted that we do not know what impact this would have on potential bidders and that we would run this by our engineering consultant before actually including such a request in the bid document. Tom DeSantis called for a vote and the motion passed.

Sheriff: They have logged in 53.5 hours this year.

Boat Launch project: Patte has talked to the DNR about the launch and they told her most of the complaints they receive are that it is too small. They are adding parking spaces. They said the township has NO authority to mandate how many parking spaces the DNR puts on the land. The township has a permit pending regarding the building tear down. The local DNR has not been receptive to the township and isn't returning their calls.

Joan Cooper said she has called the township regarding the project and was told that they started work without the proper permits so Highland Twp. shut them down. Mr. Davis from the township said that the DNR is not very cooperative with them. It was suggested that we ask the DNR about putting in a boat washing station at the launch and also address the traffic problem in that area.

Joan wanted to know if we could ask Highland Twp. to hold a public hearing regarding letting the DNR add more parking spaces. She is going to contact Mr. Davis again. Once we get the facts, we could inform lake residents about what is going on.

Cardboard Boat Races: Bob Parrett reported a new lake resident is sponsoring the cardboard boat races and is putting up the money for prizes. He asks people who want to be part of it to pay \$40 and name a cancer group of their choice to donate the money to. The race will be on July 19 in the bay in front of the White Lake Inn. Bob Parrett made a motion that we donate \$100 to the cardboard races and also donate \$100 to the water ski show. Seconded by Jim Findley. Walt felt that this could lead to many other causes wanting donations. After some discussion, Tom called for a vote. The motion did not pass.

Business Drive: Lenny does not want to contact area business for donations to the WLCL. He will continue to contact businesses for donations for prizes for the Boat Parade. Paul Falzon volunteered to head up the Business donation drive. He should contact Lenny for any pertinent information and to find out who Lenny contacts so he does not contact the same people.

Fishing Tournament: It was a success. Pictures on the web site.

Sailboat Races: They had about 8 boats and had a good night.

New Business: It was suggested that we set up a committee to come up with ideas for new projects or activities for the WLCL. These would be presented to the Board and voted upon. Chuck Neville volunteered to head up this committee. Joan Cooper and Bob Parrett also volunteered to help. We would like some more members from the community that are NOT board members to volunteer. Bob Parrett will put up a notice on the web site.

The lake level is up about 4 inches. Information regarding lake levels is on county website.

Adjournment: Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Findley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Webb, Secretary