

# MATTESON LAKE ASSOCIATION

## August 24, 2024 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 42 members.

### **WATER QUALITY UPDATE**

Water Quality chair Larry Lemke gave an update on testing results and lake water quality. We have been testing for microcystin that cause harmful algal blooms. Results have been good, with a minor exception during one test. Annual water testing has determined that the lake is safe for swimming from a bacterial standpoint, as it has been for the roughly 20 years that we've tested. The one exception is the levels near the dam, which are unsafe, so it is inadvisable to swim near the dam and streams. Nutrient runoff from area farms and lawns continue to contribute to the eutrophication that causes cloudy water. The full water quality update has been completed and will be posted to the Association website.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

We continue to work toward creation and execution of a watershed management plan. Larry Lemke introduced Matthew Hanauer, Environmental Quality Analyst from the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Kalamazoo District Office. We've been working with Matt to secure funding to create a watershed management plan, which we would then use to secure funding for implementation.

### **LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Don Beatty moved to approve the minutes from our June 2024 meeting, Blair Shaman seconded. Approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance in the Fish Fund: \$3023.75, General Fund: \$21,507.99, Lake Management Fund: \$10,628.44. Don Beatty moved to approve the report, Sharon Kolassa seconded. Approved. Bingo, picnic, apparel sales, and the salsa fundraiser were all noted as sources of funding.

### **VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE**

- New members introduced themselves.
- We have 143 paid members this year.
- The picnic was very well attended and successful this year.

### **SECRETARY UPDATES**

- No new updates

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- Paul Felcyn (Fish Committee) spoke about the optional walleye plant planned for next year and solicited input on other planting options for next year. He also asked for input on what people are catching on the lake.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lee and Karen Swift are hosting a "Dinner on the Farm" fundraiser to help provide food for kids in need. The dinner will be held Sept. 25 with a rain date of Sept. 26. More information to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman  
Secretary