

TWIN LAKES OF MATTESON MINUTES

August 31, 2019 GENERAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. President Bill Sweers, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 19 members.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Charlie Doner moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Wendy Lemke seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The General Fund has \$11,115.17, the Fish Management Fund has \$6,010.75, and the Lake Management fund has \$7,843.08 as of August 13. Outstanding bills for fish stocking, water analysis, bingo hall, and annual bond still to be paid as they come in. Rick Jackson moved and Charlie Doner seconded.

SEVEN LAKES ASSOCIATION MEETING REPORT

Blair Shaman spoke about a gathering of representatives from seven area lakes held on August 10. Notes available.

PICNIC OBSERVATIONS

Bill Sweers spoke about the picnic. Marvin and Gene were very helpful at the picnic. There were no complaints that we opened with a prayer. 50/50 held. Grand Occasions provided tables and chairs, and we had a port-a-potty, both of which worked out well. \$381 in proceeds from the auction. Roughly half of the membership attended.

WATER COMMITTEE

Larry Lemke presented. Did a comprehensive sampling mid-August at a cost of roughly \$1800. Cost is relatively low because we gather the samples ourselves. Samples analyzed by Pace Labs, now in Grand Rapids only, and need to be delivered within 6 hours. Phosphorous, Nitrogen, suspended solids, and E Coli monitored. No concerns raised by analysis. Algae samples processed by Central Michigan University for free. Scorecard will be calculated and summarized when we get all the data.

Discussion of sediment carried from local area into lake. Discussion and demonstration of adding Alum to lake water, which binds to sediment and settles to the bottom, leaving the upper levels clear. This has been done in some lakes although it is controversial. Further investigation needed to answer some questions, including effectivity, how long it lasts, side effects, cost, permitting requirements, and others.

David Johnson talked to the Drain Commissioner about dredging the area between little lake and big lake and was told that we would not be able to get assistance from the county. Discussion about the impact this could have on water circulation. Aeration also discussed, expensive.

There are springs in the lake that impact subsurface hydrology. Clearing of springs presented as alternate method of improving water quality.

The Water Quality Committee will research consultants that could be brought in to analyze problem and present solutions. We can reach out to other area lake associations as well.

FISH COMMITTEE

Chair Scott Gieske presented books, research and discussion about fish species that would be good for fishing on our lake. He is surveying the lake for different types of habitat conducive to spawning. Idea was raised to plant mussels or clams in addition to fish, as these help clear the water. Mussels can be problematic but clams may be helpful, as this lake used to have freshwater clams. The Fish Committee and Water Quality Committee will work together on this suggestion.

BOAT PARADE

Original date rained out but held on makeup date and enjoyed.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

127 paid members this year, 2 fewer than last year. Please reach out to Sharon to welcome any newcomers to the lake.

ZONE REP ASSIGNMENTS

All sections covered.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Reminder that this service is available to members.

BINGO

Shelley Miner presented. \$1,248.51 made, similar to last year. Legion will host again next year. Shelley's hard work was greatly appreciated.

APPAREL SALES

Shelley Miner presented, had apparel available. Apparel does not sell well. Shelley welcomes suggestions on what apparel we want, will send email for suggestions. Additional advertising may help.

GARAGE SALE

There was pretty good traffic for the garage sale. Suggestion for three days next year instead of two.

FACEBOOK SITE

The amount of posts to the Facebook page has been disappointing.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Memorial Lanterns - 72 have been purchased and are being stored. List has been started, open to additions for remembrance. We plan on doing this every year, with this first year will be inclusive of past years. Will launch from pontoon boat in middle of lake on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, with rain date on Sunday. Sharon to solicit additions to list. Ring a bell with each lantern. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lake Association Web Site
Question posed to membership whether they want the association to create a web site. Some research has been done indicating cost of \$100-150/year. Township has new website hosted by Google at minimal cost, and WordPress is another option. Rick Jackson moved to move ahead and spend up to \$200/year, Larry Lemke seconded, approved.
2. Tom Schmeltzer presented that the middle dam needs repair. The dam cost \$270,000 in 1990 and needs attention. Long history of dam presented, was originally built by special assessment. No one knows where the documentation for the dam exists, and many people originally involved are no longer around. There is a lot of confusion over who is responsible for the dam, as it does not fall within the purview of the Lake Association. The landowner on the other side of the dam has the key and gets orders to raise and lower it. Mike Hart has said that the county does not have responsibility for the dam. The township board was formed in 2001, after the dam was built, and wouldn't have any record of it. Generally considered that investigation should start with Mike Hart. John Welch also likely has a lot of information. Idea to bring Mike Hart, John Welch, and landowner on other side of lake in to discuss with group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman
Secretary

