

MATTESON LAKE ASSOCIATION

May 27, 2023 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 50 members.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Charlie Doner moved to approve last meeting's minutes with a minor correction, Marv Kirchoffer seconded. Approved.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Wendy Lemke moved to re-elect the entire Board, Rachel Jackson seconded. Approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dave Cleveland from DMCI Broadband spoke about their plans to service the Lake with fiber internet beginning Spring 2024.

Township Supervisor Kevin Barnes introduced himself to the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association has activated 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, allowing us to manage State grant funds ourselves. Erik is going to determine whether membership dues will be tax deductible. The balance in the Fish Fund: \$531.75, General Fund: \$9,668.55, Lake Management Fund: \$5,039.44. Larry Lemke moved to approve the report, Joan Fein seconded. Approved.

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

- We have 102 paid members to date, hoping to meet or exceed the total of 134 from last year.
- New members introduced themselves.
- Zone reps and lake chairs were introduced.

SECRETARY UPDATE

- This is the second year we've had online membership signup, going well.
- Solicitation for postings to the web site.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Apparel – Rachel
- Picnic – Tricia/Rachel/Melissa
The picnic will be held at the Township Hall this year, and will be an ice cream social rather than a full meal.
- Garage Sale –
Request to post info on social media rather than advertising.
- Fish Committee –
1650 walleye were planted by the State in October, and we will get an offer to conduct planting matches every other year. We will not be planting fish this year.
- Water Quality Committee – Larry
Matteson Lake is in the Little Swan Creek Watershed. The lake is tested regularly and is generally healthy, although we are concerned about eutrophication that is occurring over time. We are working on developing a watershed management plan that is approved by EGLE so we will be eligible for grant funding to make improvements. Our first proposal was not approved, although we got good feedback, and have now submitted an \$18,000 request for the area upstream of Matteson Lake. Also, we are soliciting the membership for help collecting data.

NEW BUSINESS

- We re-iterated that the Lake Association has no jurisdiction over private road maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman
Secretary