

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 5/01/21

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, AJ Gappa, Kathy Laiter
- B. *Directors:* Terry Chmiel, Mary Jesso, Rich Linkus, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- C. *Absent:* Mary Topelian
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 32

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Anderson asked if anyone would like to speak to please raise their hand, be acknowledged, state their name and then make their contribution(s).

II. Minutes

Minutes for the March and April 2021 Property Owners' meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rik Ritzler with a second by Terry Chmiel to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website <https://www.inbasslake.com/>

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, AJ Gappa, reviewed the March report. Motion made to "Approve for Audit" by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Gayle Smith and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:	March
Beginning Balance	76,756.61
Deposits / Trans.	---
Interest	.65
Withdrawals / Trans.	---
Ending Balance	76,757.26
MISC:	
CD – beginning balance	102,779.47
Interest	---
CD – ending balance	102,779.47
GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:	
Beginning Balance	25.00
Deposits	514.84
Disbursements	514.84
Ending Balance	25.00
GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT :	
Beginning Balance	30,101.26
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	18,891.00
Disbursements	9,520.24
Ending Balance	39,472.02
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	219,033.75

IV. Beautification / Welcome

Gayle Smith stated that the flowers have been placed around the lake and new welcome brochures have been delivered to local realtors. New homeowner contacts have slowed as there are limited properties around the lake at the current time.

V. Social Committee

Rick Anderson stated the annual bike ride will be held July 17, the Soup Social October 23 and in early December there will be a Christmas Marketplace.

VI. Building Rentals

Rich Linkus advised that we are “back in business” for building rentals. If you are interested in renting any rooms to contact him. His contact information is in the front of the Directory. Rental prices are listed in the directory and we have already had one rental and two more are scheduled. Rick Anderson asked Rich to look at the tables as some had damage and we need to see what might need repair or replacement.

VII. Park Board

Rik Ritzler stated the beach contract has been voided and Larry will continue to run the campground and beach this year. They are looking for a Park Manager to manage all of Starke County parks. All monies will be run through the Auditor’s office going forward. The piers will be put out. The next meeting will be May 11 at 6 pm.

The new Trail Head Project is scheduled to be completed this year. There will be a parking area and bathroom facility.

VIII. Building Maintenance

Ron Vendl stated that now that the weather is warming up he would work on repairing the flagpole. It was noted that some of the new patch was coming up in the back of the parking lot and needs repair.

Rick Anderson noted that now 6 of the 8 cameras are working and purchasing a new system is on hold. He further stated that we need to look at hiring an exterminator for the building and restart the service. Any referrals please send to Ron or Rick.

IX. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl stated the next meeting will be on Monday at 6:30 pm at the BLPOA building. As of last night, the Crime Mapper Alert reported 40 incidents for April.

X. Bass Lake Conservancy District

A survey for weed control is scheduled to be completed on Wednesday. Rain for April was only 2 ½ inches.

To stay current on lake activities and updates please visit the BLCD website:
<https://www.blcd-ind.org/>

XI. Old Business

Directory: Ron Vendl stated that we had a total of 91ads for the 2021 Directory, which is down 10 from last year. The cost was \$5,995.23. To date we have collected \$5,155 with 30 still needing to be collected.

Solar Farm: Rick Anderson stated he has exchanged emails with Nick Cohen/GEG and everything is on schedule. Assisting him on the Irrigation Committee is Tom Bush, Bill Slavik, Bob Fasno and Kim Harty.

XII. New Business

BLPOA Election: Judges for our election at the Annual Meeting will be Laura Loudember, Donna Demaira and Kathy Lucas. Kathy Laiter asked for anyone interested in assisting with the Nominating Committee to please let her know. The positions up for election this year are the President (need to be a former or current Board member for this position), Secretary and three Board positions.

Boating Class: Terry Chmiel stated the 2021 Boating Class originally scheduled for June 5 has been rescheduled for June 26. There are forms on the back table to register. The class will be held at the BLPOA building. The maximum number of attendees is 25 and currently we have five confirmed (need six to hold class). Koontz Lake residents are also invited to attend. Rik Ritzler stated he would contact the Koontz Lake Board about the boating class.

Member asked about property assessment increase. It was noted that it was for the Kankakee River Basin to clean up the area and river. The entire county had their taxes raised.

Member asked about the possibility of a local artist developing a poster of Bass Lake. He did the Starke Beauty poster. Rick Anderson asked the member to please check into it and bring some specs back to the Board.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. The next meeting will be June 5, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
BLPOA Secretary