

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 6/01/19

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian, A.J. Gappa, Kathy Laiter
- B. *Directors:* Diane Blais, Cindy Hunter, Rich Linkus, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- C. *Absent:* Aileen Collura
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 64

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick 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 of the May 4, 2019 Property Owner's meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Topelian with a second by Gayle Smith to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

III. Treasurer's Report

The May treasurer's report was reviewed, approved for audit and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:	MAY
Beginning Balance	35,408.81
Withdrawal/Transfer to General Checking or CD	---
Interest	51.96
Ending Balance	35,460.77

Misc:

CD	100,000.00
Grant Checking Account	25.00

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT :

Beginning Balance	25,261.34
Disbursements	16,139.21
Rec'd: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	40,412.30
Ending Balance	49,534.43

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS

185,020.20

IV. Stellar Community

Larry Wickert and Rik Ritzler showed a video of what would be used for the Stellar Community presentation and answered any questions. Some ideas for the money would be to improve the entrances to the County as well as the beach house at the State Beach. Larry further explained they could use more volunteers on the committee with the amount of work that needs to be done.

V. Beautification Committee

Gayle Smith advised that Monday, July 1, Board members will be meeting at the BLPOA building to catch up on some outdoor projects.

The clean-up weekend was a success. The County picked up a full truck of bags filled with garbage that home owners picked up around the lake.

The new flower boxes have been placed and filled at Sporty'z and Bass Lake Pub. Flower beds around the lake have been weeded.

A member stated the new intersection looks nice, is much safer, and appreciates the work that was done. Rik Ritzler stated the new intersection has already reduced truck traffic.

Jerry Taylor stated that his wife, Sharon, has agreed to cut the grass and take care of the flowers around our sign on 625 East and Toto Road as she had done in previous years. Rick Anderson thanked him and Sharon and also stated that Art Wagner is taking care of the sign on US 35 and the Old Golf Course Road (500 S.); again thank you.

VI. Social Committee

Rick Anderson stated the pizza party was a success. Thanks to Papa's Restaurant returning our check for \$100 we were only \$20.70 from breaking even. Everyone had a great time. Rick thanked all of the volunteers that assisted.

Mary Topelian noted that donuts and coffee were served at the first membership drive thanks to Diane Blais. Gayle Smith will serve ice cream at the June 8 drive and Mary would serve popcorn and sell festival t-shirts at the last drive on June 22.

The Soup Social is scheduled for October.

Mary Topelian stated that the new Bass Lake Bunco Club meets once a month at various homes as well as having one outside activity. If interested in participating you can reach out to Mary.

The Bass Lake Festival is scheduled for the last weekend in July and things are moving along. Anyone who has a couple of hours and would like to volunteer should reach out to Mary Topelian.

VII. Building Rentals

Diane Blais advised that we have two new rentals.

VIII. Building Maintenance

Ron Vendl thanked Rick Anderson for his assistance while he was out of town. There are some outside lights out and once it stops raining they will be replaced.

It was mentioned that when it rains the water runs into the Honey Hole parking lot. Rik Ritzler stated that when we get a lot of rain, like we have been over the last several weeks, the roads also flood and there is really nothing that can be done.

IX. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl stated the crime app alert is not working correctly so they are not getting any updates as to what is going on.

They are still looking for a secretary for neighborhood watch committee.

Ron updated members that the hanging was a suicide. He was a known drug/gang member recently released from prison. Nothing in the news yet.

The next meeting is this Monday at 6:30. Our officer will not be in attendance. Ron is working on getting a rep to give updates.

Rick Anderson stated that we will invite Sheriff Bill Dulin to our next meeting (annual meeting).

X. Nominating / Audit Committees

Kathy Laiter reviewed the election process that would take place at the July meeting and asked for any other volunteers that would like to run for a Board position.

XI. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Rick Anderson read the report in Larry's absence.

Rainfall for May totaled 5.39 inches with a YTD total of 19.08 inches.

Aquatic Control completed an invasive vegetation survey of Bass Lake this week. Eurasian watermilfoil acreage increased from what was mapped in 2018 (20.2 acres in 2018 vs 62.7 acres in 2019).

They observed expansion of variable pondweed around the shoreline and beyond (especially in the south basin), and it was generally intermixed with the milfoil, but was also found in patches by itself throughout the lake. Other submersed species observed included curly-leaf pondweed, horned pondweed, chara, and sago pondweed. Approximately one acre of phragmites was also found. They are waiting on the DNR regarding what may be allowed to be treated in terms of the milfoil. The Conservancy District should have maps posted on the BLCD website (BLCD-IND.ORG) sometime this week.

Russ Blais stated that Aquatic Control was out for two days this week to check the lake for milfoil. Last year the DNR only let us treat a half acre. This year there is 68.2 acres, mostly at the south end. A Lear Grant for \$3900 was awarded to the Conservancy District and they will share up to 50% of our costs for treated weeds. Eurasian Milfoil is all the DNR will let us treat; very invasive. Any homeowner can treat 625 square feet in front of their property.

A question was asked if need permission and Rick Anderson said no. If interested in treating the lake in front of your home please contact Jerry Broadstreet at the Conservancy District as to what product to use.

A member noted some weeds grow bottom up and others top down. Russ said we treat bottom up.

The pump house roof and fan were replaced. Russ stated there is a breach in the wall of two treatment lagoons and leaking. They found muskrats and a trapper is coming out to capture and remove them. The next Conservancy District meeting is June 10.

XII. Buoy

Gary Laiter and Rick Anderson are working on the buoys. Gary noted that the channel markers have been put in. He explained there is a new rock map and we will have copies at the next meeting. Gary stated that when you see a rock buoy to keep a distance from it as there may be more than one rock in the area. While it will take some time he has plans to go around the lake and confirm the locations of all buoys with the spreadsheet he was given. Gary stated that Shelly at the marina has agreed to continue accepting shipment of new buoys. Rick stated that a buoy is about \$165 and an ice buoy \$65.

XIII. New Business

Garbage/Recycling extension is in place. We have sent Republic a list of 113 members who have signed up for recycling so far. They are purchasing the cans and distribution will be toward the end of June with the first pick-up being July 8. A question was asked if recycling is a five year commitment. Rick explained that the association has a five year contract/commitment with Republic and we ask that you honor your commitment as well. A brief discussion on recycling took place and Rik Ritzler noted that the recycling center north of Knox will be extending their hours to possibly include Saturday. The Board was thanked for tackling the recycling project as it was a big undertaking.

Boating Class: Scheduled for Saturday, 6/08, at Koontz Lake.

Prairie Trail Bike Club received a grant for most of the cost to extend the current bike trail that runs from 35 to the railroad museum in North Judson. The extension will be from 35 to 700. Russ Blais noted that some signs have been added to the trail and some new ones with historical information will be posted as well.

XIV. Old Business

Healthy Shoreline Grant is on track and should be approved in August.

Reminder given to call the Sheriff if you see anyone speeding around the lake. A member asked about extra patrols. It was noted there will be some spot patrols at different times.

A complaint was made regarding the Honey Hole in regards to loud motorcycles and music. The Board stated there is nothing we can do.

Larry Wickert stated there are currently two ordinances regarding stray dogs and this year an amendment was done to address continuous barking dogs.

A question was asked if lines could be painted on the street at the intersection by Sporty'z. Rik Ritzler stated that if the lines were not already painted they would be the following week. A discussion took place about installing signs with spinners on the top but the cost prohibits it being done.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am. The next meeting will be July 13 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
Secretary, BLPOA