

member explained that the organization has always kept money local to support our community. AJ Gappa, treasurer, said he would check into local banks as to their rates and type of accounts offered.

IV. Healthy Lakes Initiative

Kathy Carrier, Rick Anderson and a DNR representative rode around the lake. Kathy is working on a grant for 80% coverage of the glacial stone and they feel it will be approved. The grant will be good for two years.

The committee asked the BLPOA Board to support Kathy writing a second grant requiring the association to add their name in support of it. The grant would be for approximately \$7,000 (with no cost to the BLPOA membership) and Kathy drafting the grant would be the matching in-kind donation portion of it. The grant is for the State Beach as it relates to the erosion of the beach shoreline. The DNR walked the shoreline and there are about a dozen old trees along the water's edge and the roots are eroding. If approximately 15 feet of glacial stone is placed in front of the trees it will help with reducing or stopping the erosion. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the BLPOA support of the beach shoreline grant.

V. Fireplace Room Renovation

Mary Topelian stated that the scope of work would include new flooring, painted walls as well as a new door between the green room and the fireplace room. Mary indicated that in addition to the fireplace room the bids would include the replacement of the wooden base boards in the bathrooms as they are not up to code.

A couple of bids were received and it was noted that there may be some "add-ons" to the original scope of work. Looking at the bids submitted a motion was made for Benchmark Construction to update the fireplace room, replace the baseboards in two bathrooms and update the floor in the kitchen not to exceed \$15,000.

VI. Social Committee

The Soup Social is scheduled for October 20th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The fee is \$5 for 11 and above, free to those contributing a soup as well as free for 10 and under. A question was asked regarding the desserts and Mary Topelian explained that desserts are voluntary and just slowly increased over the years.

Mary noted that the committee is looking to expand activities and looking for a few new ideas as well as volunteers to run events.

VII. Facility Rentals

Diane Blais stated that there were two new rentals since last month.

VIII. Building Maintenance

Ron Vendl noted that McGrath has done the routine checks of the furnaces, found one leak and repaired it at a cost of \$543.36. It was noted that there is some concern regarding trees overhanging the parking lot that are in need of being trimmed. A suggestion was made to maybe have a volunteer day and post on our website.

IX. Buoy

Rick Anderson stated that the current Buoy Master, Daphne, is retiring and so he is looking for a new one for next year. The role would involve keeping the records updated and helping to find volunteers to put in and remove some buoys.

X. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl stated the last meeting was October 1st and the officer in attendance mentioned that one home is having frequent false alarms. Should the alarms continue they could potentially be charged. He also noted that the 13 year old that was involved in the car burglaries went before the magistrate, got mouthy and was sent to Porter/Starke.

Extra patrols for the holidays have been lined up covering Wednesday, 11/21, from 4 pm to 12 am and for Monday, 12/31, for the same hours. Money from the Neighborhood Watch account funds the additional patrols.

A new resident, Dave Turner, asked about speeding around the lake on 210 and if perhaps speed bumps or additional patrols could be added. A discussion took place noting that rumble strips and speed bumps cause more issues then helping the situation. The drivers do not lower their speed because of them and it was suggested people should attend the Commissioner's meetings to complain. Rik Ritzler will reach out to the Sherriff and ask if more real tickets could be issues versus just warning ones.

A question was asked about the new "T" intersection coming from old SR10/CR210 triangle and when it would be done. Rik Ritzler stated we should know by the end of the year if the project is approved and if it is it should be done by spring.

Additional discussion took place regarding the repaving of Elm Street and now the homeowners yards flooding. Rik noted that people need to reach out to Craig Crase, the new surveyor, as some of the homes were not properly built.

XI. Website

Larry Collura stated we are moving to the new mobile platform since most residents/visitors use smart devices. We are looking at finding a new mail server if ours cannot accommodate the change. Larry noted that there will now be two webmasters with himself as primary and Kathy Laiter as back-up.

Larry suggested the Board develop a new logo for the website. A discussion took place and the Board approved Aileen Collura and Kathy Wagner to look at developing a new logo for the website/association.

XII. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Larry Collura noted that after the last meeting they met with their lawyer that the Charter only allows for one pump maintenance so they would not be able to support the maintenance and cost should a second pump be installed at the lake.

Larry stated the Ecoli results for May – September is 13 inches and we are below average.

The next Conservancy District meeting will be October 15th. Also the November and December meetings will be changed to the second Monday of the month versus the third Monday of the month.

XIII. Old/New Business

Recycling

Rick Anderson attended the Commissioners' meeting where it was stated that there would not be recycling as of January 1st due to half of the items are not recyclable due to cans not being rinsed out, etc. He noted that there is a recycling facility in Winamac that is manned and the county garage on 35 is looking to have a manned recycling center Monday-Friday from 6:00 am to 2:30 pm with no Saturday or Sunday hours. A discussion took place about the increase in garbage and potentially raising our garbage rates. Rick noted that you can request a second can for \$42 per year. One person raised a concern that people will begin burning their garbage. When the question came up about home recycling it was explained that the association asked residents and it was voted down by a large margin. Rick stated the Board would revisit home recycling.

Larry Wickert stated the county is working on obtaining a Stellar Community designation from the state. If this is achieved then we would have access to more grant monies. The next meeting is 10/09 at the Dembrowski Center in Knox from 6:00 – 8:30 pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Stellar Community effort is moving forward but they are looking for additional volunteers to assist.

Debbie Mix stated that the October Park Board meeting is being cancelled.

A question was asked if you could still install a sea wall. It was explained that yes you can apply for a permit but you are encouraged to add glacial stone in front of the sea wall to reduce the erosion.

Rick Anderson noted that last week another 143,000+ blue gill were added to the lake.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. The next meeting will be November 3rd at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
Secretary, BLPOA