## BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## **BLPOA NON-APPROVED MINUTES FROM JULY 8, 2017**

**Attendance:** Officers: Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian, Denise Evans and Ron Vendl. Directors: Diane Andrews, Aileen Collura, A.J. Gappa, Gayle Smith and Rik Ritzler. Absent: Diane Blais. There were thirty-six property owners in attendance. Starke County Commissioners: Kathy Norem & Don Binkley. Sherriff Bill Dulin

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance Rick Anderson led the Pledge to open the meeting at 9:00 AM.
- **2.** Comments on Property Owners Meeting Participation Rick reminded everyone that the board welcomes questions and interactions during the meeting. If you would like to speak, raise your hand, wait to be addressed and then state your name so that the secretary can duly note your concerns.
- **3.** Minutes from the Previous Meeting Rick asked if there were any changes to the June 3 meeting minutes. No changes were noted. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and the motion carried.
- **4. Membership Drive Update -** Denise Evens reported that 727 members had paid and 23 selected no garbage pickup.
- **5.** Treasurer's Report Ron gave the Treasurer's report for June, 2017. There were disbursements of \$33,825.21 which included a transfer of \$25,000.00 to our Money Market. There were also total Receipts of \$38,824.00 making a total in all accounts of \$198,332.02. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report for audit, it was seconded and the motion carried. Ron then Reviewed the Annual Financial Report for 2016. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report for audit, it was seconded and the motion carried.
- **6. BLPOA Elections** The Election Judges Judy Deputy, Lois Huntington and Sandy Bernardi were introduced and thanked. The candidates up for election introduced themselves and made comments.
- **7. BLPOA Guests -** Sherriff Bill Dulin introduced himself and took questions from Gary Laiter, Lena Johnson, Kathy Laiter, Scott Loudenber, Aileen Collura and Kathy Wagner. The 1700 golf carts in Starke County was a main topic of discussion. Carts need to be inspected every year due to safety concerns. Some tickets have been given. Bill talked about several stereo theft out of boats.

Kathy Norem introduced herself and talked about Commissioner activities. She said she was glad to be invited to our annual meeting.

**8. Recycling & Recycling Bins -** Rick led a lenghty discussion on recycling with property owners Bill Bryzgalski, Mary Topelian, Kathy Laiter, Debbie Mix, Nancy Sonnemaker, Gene Novello, Scott Loudenber, Ray Mix and Earl McGuire participating. Curbside recycling may come up for a board vote in 2018 if Starke County decides not to go with curbside for the whole County. The Cameras are working and we have caught some illegal dumping. We are trying to

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improve our % bin recycles by working with Starke County Environmental and the Sherriff's Department. It was agreed that a sign to encourage responsible recycling will be added to the POB Receptacle area. Rick will ask for a price for weekly recycle pickup between Memorial Day and Labor Day and will report back.

- **9. BLCD Report** Larry Collura reported 18.64 inches of rain YTD and that E-coli reading have averaged 9.4 out of and acceptable level of 230 MPN. The sewer bond has been paid off and the new rate will be lowered to \$34.10 per month beginning in August. A 41.85% reduction.
- **10. BLPOA Website Report** Larry Collura reported on usage and that he is looking into upgrading the system to high definition.
- 11. BLPOA Beautification Committee Report Diane Andrews reported things are going well.
- **12.** Bass Lake Festival and Social Committee Report Rick reported the Bicycle ride will take place on July 15th. Mary Topelian gave an update on Festival activities. There will be a new "Kayak Race Around the Lake". The Soup Social will be on October 21.
- **13. Boating Class This** year the boating class will be at Koontz Lake on July 22 from 9 AM to 5 PM
- **14. Building Maintenance Committee -** Ron reported a sink hole in the back of the building was filled with sand again, but still needs some refilling after rainfalls.
- **15. Rental Summary** Rentals remain good.
- **16.** Neighborhood Watch Report Ron reported that there were three extra patrol over the 4th of July weekend.
- **17. Election Results -** Rick Anderson was elected President, Mary Topelian was elected Vice President, AJ Gappa was elected Treasurer. Diane Blais, Aileen Collura and Gayle Smith were elected as Directors. No one filled the Secretary position vacated by Denise Evens.

## Additional questions /comments from the audience:

1. Rick will check with Larry Wiser on Rock Buoys.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.

The next scheduled BLPOA Meeting will be on August 19, 2017 @ 9:00 AM.

Rick Anderson; President, BLPOA