

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BLPOA APPROVED MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2017

Attendance: Officers: Rick Anderson, Ron Vendl, and Denise Evans. Directors: Diane Andrews, Aileen Collura, A.J. Gappa, Rik Ritzler and Gayle Smith. Absent Mary Topelian and Diane Blais. There were thirteen property owners in attendance.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Rick led the Pledge to open the meeting.

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. Rick also noted Denise Evans will be recording the meeting.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting - Rick asked if there were any changes to the February 4 meeting minutes. No changes were noted. A motion was made by Gayle Smith to approve. Diane Andrews seconded and the motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report – Ron gave report for February, 2017. There were disbursements of \$7,127.00 and deposits of \$11,366.00 with a total in all accounts of \$126,024.57 report. Rick asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Denise Evans, seconded by Gayle Smith and the motion carried.

5. BLPOA Beautification Committee Report - Diane Andrews reported not much was happening. Spring bulbs were planted with the hope they do not freeze. Diane stated that the front of the building under the bell needed to be redone as the wood is starting to rot. She also stated we have a new flag to put up.

6. Bass Lake Conservancy District Report – Larry Collura reported that the total precipitation for the month of February was only 1.59 inches - for a total of 4.06 inches for 2017. Going forward, the BLCD will be looking for a better system for determining rain measurement that would take into account the speed and direction of the wind. He presented a graph of the lake pump usage for 2016. The pump was only used in June, July and August for a total of 95 million gallons pumped into the lake. Larry noted the monthly pump flow reading is recorded with the Indiana DNR. The water currently is still spilling over the outlet structure and the lake level has been consistently high since the new structure was completed last September. Other conservancy news: the Purdue University Fish Hatchery will be opening two ponds this year and will be utilizing the sewer system. In addition to payment of the standard monthly usage fee, any pond discharge will be metered and the university will be charged accordingly. Larry also reported the BLCD Board has been working to restructure the sewer rates now that the last bond payment will be made this summer. There will be a public hearing at the May 15 Conservancy District meeting to discuss the changes. It will be held at the BLPOA building at 6:00 PM.

Bass Lake Website Report

Larry continued with the Bass Lake website. He is working with Denise Evans to do some data cleansing. He stated that there are over 1000 email addresses between the various databases and they began "cleaning out" email addresses to mirror current membership. The website has been

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updated to reflect 2017 activities and the events he has been made aware of. Larry is also looking to update the website with some new "summer" photos.

7. Social Committee/Bass Lake Festival Committee Report – Rick stated Mary was not here but that the social activities have been planned and are on the schedule. There will also be donuts and coffee at the first Membership Drive the morning of May 20. The Pizza Party will also be May 20 in the evening; the Ice Cream Social on June 10; and the Soup Social will be October 21.

Rick also stated that the Festival activities are in progress.

8. Buoy Report – Rick stated there are three buoys that need to be replaced. He is ordering six new ones. He will also order about twenty solar lights for about \$10-20.00 dollars each (instead of the previous type which cost \$200.00). He will use solar lights for the red and green buoys channel markers instead of the blinkers.

9. Building Maintenance Committee - Rick gave the report for building maintenance. He stated that the Blue Room was completed and we have gotten compliments on the renovations. We may be installing an extra security camera on the west side of the building with the new business next door planning to open soon. We are concerned with someone backing up to our building and damaging the a/c units and/or the sewer lines along the building.

10. Rental Summary - Diane Blais was absent. Diane Andrews asked with all the emails regarding problems with the rentals, if we have straightened out all the rental issues. Rick stated it was handled.

11. Neighborhood Watch Report – Ron stated that the March 6 meeting is being postponed to April 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM since most of the drivers are currently out of town.

12. Questions/discussion from the audience - None.

Old Business:

1. **Park Board** - Rick reported that Park Board's Five-Year Plan is still being discussed and the next meeting is March 14.
2. **Intersection Improvements** - Rik Ritzler reported on proposed changes to Intersection CR210 & 600S (Old SR 10). Funding passed the house and is waiting Senate approval. If approved, the project could start as early as next spring, 2018 or as late as spring 2020. They are possibly looking to work with the Prairie Bike club and see if there are any funds to help tie the bike path to Bass Lake.
3. **2017 Directory** - Ron reported that the directory progress has been steady. Our "deadline" is March 24. We have 67 paid ads so far and are awaiting payment for an additional 45. So far, we lost 11 advertisers from last year, but added 7 new ones. Ron

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stated there are 6 free ads – Community Services, Chamber of Commerce, Starke County Historical Society, Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, Starke County Humane Society and the Starke County Library. Some more advertisers still need to have follow-up phone calls/visits.

4. **2017 Elections** – Rick reminded everyone that Ron does not plan on running for Treasurer again in July, but would like to run for the Director position left open by Diane Nowaczyk's move to Florida. Anyone interested in the Treasurer's position, keep in mind the Elections will be conducted at the Annual Meeting on July 8.

5. **Guest Speakers** – Steve and Mary Lucas gave a presentation on Bike Trails in the area and explained where they are and where they go. They are part of the Prairie Trail Bicycle Club and are hoping to get more people around the lake familiar and interested in joining. The part of the Trail that is maintained by this club is 9 miles long, 10 ft. wide and is an asphalt paved trail that runs from IN 35 to North Judson. The closest trail access from Bass Lake is south 1.6 miles from 450 E. The club wants to plan a fundraiser ride from Bass Lake to Bailey's and try to get more people involved. The Starke County Trails are part of the National Bike Trail System

6. **Additional questions /comments from the audience.** None

A motion was made by Aileen Collura and seconded by Rik Ritzler to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

The next scheduled BLPOA Meeting is April 1, 2017 @ 9:00 AM

Denise Evans, Secretary