

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 4/02/22

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, AJ Gappa, Kathy Laiter, Rich Linkus
- B. *Directors:* Tom Busch, Terry Chmiel, Mary Jesso, Rik Ritzler
- C. *Absent:* Ron Vendl, Val Williams
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 33

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

II. Minutes

Minutes for the March 2022 Property Owners' meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Rich Linkus 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 February reports. Motion made to "Approve for Audit" by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Tom Busch and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:

February

Beginning Balance	76,763.69
Deposits / Trans.	---
Interest	0.59
Withdrawals / Trans.	---
Ending Balance	76,764.28

MISC:

CD – beginning balance	102,843.69
Interest	---
CD – ending balance	102,843.69

GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance	25.00
Deposits	3,250.00
Disbursements	3,250.00
Ending Balance	25.00

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance	41,774.36
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	3,310.00
Disbursements	10,799.77
Ending Balance	34,284.59

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS

213,917.56

IV. Welcome/Beautification Committee

Mary Jesso stated she has contacted Knox High School regarding the possibility of art students painting murals on the five planters around the lake. She has not received a response as of today.

Mary reminded everyone that at the March meeting a discussion took place regarding the proposed welcome sign for the new T intersection. She asked if anyone would like to assist with the project. Michael Olshansky, Bonnie Bech and Bridget Foody volunteered to assist. Bridget stated from past work experience she is able to assist with some of the requirements that will need to be met. Rik Ritzler shared that the committee should reach out to Dan Dipert, Highway Superintendent, at 574-772-3011 as he makes decisions on roadways.

V. Social Committee

Rick Anderson stated that with the assistance of Russ Blais they will reach out to the pizza restaurants in the surrounding area for the pizza party on Saturday, May 21. He reminded everyone that the doors open at 5:30 pm and serving begins at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

VI. Building Rentals

Rich Linkus reported that rentals are increasing nicely and reminded everyone that the two rooms together hold a lot of people for larger events.

VII. Park Board

Rik Ritzler stated last month a new superintendent was hired. Her name is Camryn Kopka. He noted that at 8:30 am next Saturday there will be a beach and campground cleanup event. Anyone interested in meeting her or in assisting is welcome to attend. The Park Board is looking for someone to fill the open clerk position.

VIII. Building Maintenance

Rick Anderson noted that the phone system is very old and the old equipment and wiring needs to be removed. Roger Huntington will assist Rick with the project.

Rick informed everyone that we are waiting on the delivery of the four new hand dryers. He stated the cost was \$820 each and we were able to receive a discounted price of \$750 each which the Board approved and have been ordered. We will need new electric feeds as well as installation four new 20-amp circuits. We will use Live Oak for the electrical work.

IX. Neighborhood Watch

Russ Blais stated there were 39 incidents for March and those were mostly ambulance calls. Russ reminded everyone that this group is made up of volunteers and they are looking for additional members. The meetings are usually the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm however for April the meeting is scheduled for the 18th.

X. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Russ Blais shared that we had 3.27 inches of rain in March. The pump was turned on March 7. So far this year we have had 7.07 inches of rain and we have added 33.4M gallons of water to the lake in March. Charts for rainfall as well as other information can be found on the BLCD website.

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

XI. New Business

BLINYC (Bass Lake Indiana Yacht Club):

Jim DeYoung, the President of BLINYC, stated they are a new organization to the area. Last year 19 sailors ran nine races. There are more people interested in joining the group and all are invited. They are 501c7 and the Board consists of Jim DeYoung as Commodore, Terry Lavery as Vice Commodore, Michael Olshansky as Treasurer, Kim Spoa-Harty as Secretary. Their mission is to be inclusive as possible in the lake area and do events for power boaters as well as those that do not own boats. The next meeting will be a "Meet & Greet" on June 3.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.blinyc.org/>

Hazardous Waste Day:

Starke County Environmental Group will be hosting a hazardous collection day at the County Garage located on 250N, just off of 35, on May 7 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. The BLPOA will email the information to members.

XII. On-Going/Old Business

Boating Class:

Terry Chimel informed everyone that Koontz Lake has not yet scheduled the class for this 2022. He noted that anyone interested in a class can check the DNR website as they have a list of boating classes available. Some upcoming courses are scheduled on April 16 in Wheatfield and LaPorte County Fairground, and Pine Crest Marina at Cedar Lake will be hosting one in June. You can also take a class on line for a fee.

Bass Lake Festival:

Mary Topelian thanked the BLPOA for the use of the building and partnering on activities. She also thanked the membership for their financial support for the fireworks. The festival is always the last full weekend of July and this year July 29, 30 and 31. She stated there are a few openings that need a volunteer to run as well as individuals to sell t-shirts that weekend. T-shirts have been ordered and they are taking orders on specialty items. They will be available by pre-order only.

Healthy Shoreline:

Kathy Carrier reminded everyone when using the different types of fertilizer around the lake to be careful to keep away from the lake. Additional information will be published in the monthly newsletter. This is very important as some fertilizers can contribute to weed growth in the lake.

Stellar Projects:

Rik Ritzler stated there were four projects scheduled from the money awarded from the Stellar Project. After receiving the bids, the amount was over funds awarded so the decision was made to remove the restroom building.

Member Comments/Questions:

A member asked about home rentals around the lake and how we can help control issues. Rik Ritzler explained that the Commissioners are over the CVC Board. They collect the innkeeper taxes on these properties. There is information on the Starke County website under CVC Board as to when their next meeting is. You can also go to Commissioners meetings and state your concerns/questions.

A member asked about rental properties and the fee they pay for their sewer service. Russ Blaise, from the BLCD Board, stated that this is being looked at.

A member suggested that Bass Lake should look into incorporating the area into its own township. Rik Ritzler explained that this would significantly raise taxes as schools, a highway department, fire department, etc. would need to be created. After a discussion took place Michael Olshansky offered to look into incorporation and report back to the BLPOA at the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 AM. The next meeting will be May 7, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter
BLPOA Secretary