

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES 7/09/22

### I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Rick Anderson, AJ Gappa, Kathy Laiter, Rich Linkus
- B. *Directors:* Terry Chmiel, Mary Jesso, Rik Ritzler, Ron Vendl, Val Williams
- C. *Absent:* Tom Busch
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 97

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. Elections

Kathy Laiter (Secretary) explained the voting process and that it would begin once each candidate had an opportunity to introduce themselves. Once all candidates finished speaking voting began while the meeting continued with the guest speakers.

### III. Guests

The first guest speakers were Jerry Gurrado, President of Starke County Chamber of Commerce and Brenda Palmer, the Executive Director. The next to speak was Mark Gourley, Vice President - Starke County Commissioners, followed by Bill Dulin, Sheriff. The final speaker was Melissa Long from the Bass Lake Lions Club.

### IV. Minutes

Minutes for the June 2022 Property Owners' meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Val Williams with a second by Rich Linkus to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website: <https://www.inbasslake.com/>

### V. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, AJ Gappa, reviewed the April report. Motion made to "Approve for Audit" by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Rik Ritzler, and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

*(reports on next page)*

**OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:**

	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Beginning Balance	76,765.56	76,766.22
Deposits / Trans.	‘---	---
Interest	0.66	0.63
Withdrawals / Trans.	‘---	---
Ending Balance	<b>76,766.22</b>	<b>76,766.85</b>

**MISC:**

CD – beginning balance	102,856.37	102,856.37
Interest	‘---	12.97
CD – ending balance	<b>102,856.37</b>	<b>102,869.34</b>

**GRANT CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

Beginning Balance	25.00	25.00
Deposits	‘---	---
Disbursements	‘---	---
Ending Balance	<b>25.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>

**GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

Beginning Balance	66,879.29	83,252.17
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling	28,255.04	49,698.00
Disbursements	<b>11,881.16</b>	<b>19,003.11</b>
Ending Balance	<b>83,252.17</b>	<b>113,947.06</b>

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS****262,899.76 293,608.25****VI. Neighborhood Watch**

Ron Vendl shared that the Neighborhood Watch paid for two additional patrols; July 2 and July 3. The patrols started at 6:00 PM ending at 2:00 AM. Reports were submitted for each shift. Ron further noted that for the month of June the Crime Mapper Alert reported 47 incidents that included 11 traffic stops.

**VII. Park Board**

Rik Ritzler stated that incremental infrastructure improvements are on-going even if they cannot be seen by passing by. Wireless internet has been installed at the campground and one noticeable improvement is piers were purchased from the marina and are now installed at the south end of the beach. Another new addition is credit cards are now accepted. Plans for the next 2-3 years to include potential restaurant in a new or renovated building are in place.

The Stellar project is providing funds for a new T intersection and additional parking for the launch ramp. There was an effort by private individuals to fund the building that had to be removed from the original plans. The Park Board is forming a committee to start the process for the beach house.

Rik stated there is still an opening on the Park Board for anyone who might be interested in joining and that the Park Superintendent just resigned so they will begin a search for a replacement. The next meeting is this Tuesday and these as well as other topics will be discussed.

**VIII. Bass Lake Conservancy District**

Larry Collura shared the BLCD had just concluded their annual meeting and Melissa Long was sworn in for District 1, Russ Blais is the Member at Large, Gene Novello is District 2, Jerry Broadstreet is District 3, and Larry is District 4. Gene Novello was re-elected as Chairman and Larry as co-Chair.

Three Generac generators have been installed around the lake. Some additional ones will be installed next year. Larry shared that we had 2.12 inches of rain in June slightly under the average rainfall. He did indicate that we already had over 3 inches of rain in July. The pump added 114 million gallons of water to the lake YTD. Larry noted that 179 acres of weeds were treated successfully. Charts for rainfall as well as other information can be found on the BLCD website.

Russ Blais stated they spoke to the DNR regarding the public launch area and reflectors and some support stone was installed by the drop off, He noted that once they can secure the machine needed to remove the weeds it will be done.

To stay current on lake activities/updates please visit: <https://www.blcd-ind.gov/> -- please note the updated email address.

**IX. New Business**

*2022 Elections:*

Rick Anderson thanked the three election judges for their service; Lois Huntington, Mary Topelian and Sharon Danielson. The election results are Rich Linkus as Vice President, AJ Gappa as Treasurer, and the Board positions are Mary Jesso, Ron Vendl, Shirley Grajewski and Stefanie Neal.

**X. On-Going/Old Business**

*Welcome Sign Committee:*

Rick Anderson stated that there is a committee and they will be scheduling their first meeting probably in the Fall.

*Healthy Shoreline:*

Rick Anderson stated that Kathy Carrier should know in July if we will receive another glacial stone grant.

*Pump Update:*

Rick Anderson stated he met with Doral and Davis Drilling at the proposed second pump location. A test well needs to be drilled and they are hoping to do that next week.

**XI. Q&A from Membership**

A member asked about the location of the second pump. Rick Anderson shared that it is about 100 feet west of the public launch ramp.

A question was asked about a rock on the west side of the lake that is marked with an ice buoy and why a rock buoy has not been added. It was explained that someone needs to adopt the buoy meaning put the buoy in during the Spring and removed it in the Fall.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 AM. The next, and final meeting for 2022, will be October 15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laiter  
BLPOA Secretary