

Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation
Executive Committee: Ralph Stewart, Chairperson • Sandi Jeffery, Vice Chairperson
Jeanie Stewart, Secretary • John Leonard, Treasurer • Dick Larsen, Assistant Treasurer

Spring Meeting Minutes
Saturday May 29, 2010

9:00 AM -- Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

Meeting was called to order at 9am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions by 60 members present.

2009 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved (1- T VanDamme, 2 – C Radewahn).

Treasurer's report was approved (1 – D Pennoni, 2 – J Carrigan).

Guest Speaker: Newly promoted Undersheriff Rick Miller spoke about the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Clare County, citing a 43% reduction in crime, and that ours is the most aggressive NW program in Michigan, with nearly every township having an active program or starting one. He also indicated that the National Neighborhood Watch will utilize some of the materials generated by our Eight Point Lake NW program. On other topics, Miller said ORV laws would be somewhat relaxed regarding golf carts; however, no one under 12 may operate one. Also, the Marine Unit budget was cut to just \$4000, so expect marine patrols to be less frequent. There is however, a 1-week class available to become an official Marine Officer with the ability to issue tickets for marine infractions. Contact the Sheriff Dept. for more information.

File of Life: Len Pilz explained the new File of Life program recently introduced in Clare County, funded by the Enterprise Community Foundation. Every member received one in their copy of the Lake Directory: a red magnetic envelope on the refrigerator holds a form with your medical information to help first responders provide immediate and potentially life-saving help in a medical event.

Website Report: The website is highly successful with an average 230 visitors monthly (over the first 8 months). A motion was made not to add a Cards & Flowers section to the website for those in hospital or bereaved families, due to privacy and crime issues (1 – S Kinnear, 2 – J Carrigan). With regard to the subject of how many years of meeting minutes should be available on the website, the Board will address that topic at the May 2011 Board Meeting.

Fireworks Report: New committee chair Larry Hummel provided a status report on plans for the 2010 Fireworks. The permit to have fireworks was obtained from Garfield Township. Wolverine Fireworks was contacted to work up a contract. Opposition by Van Welt #2 property owners to using Van Welt Park for loading the barges resulted in offers by two other families to use their property for loading.

Clubhouse Report: Tracy Salazar cleaned the clubhouse for \$45, Jim Carrigan and Bob Porritt opened the building. Four dead plants from the 2008 landscaping were replaced, and the men's toilet was repaired. Appreciation to those who volunteer to mow: D Sopchak, B Batten, J Carrigan, R Stewart. There is one reservation for the Clubhouse on August 14, for use by the Wild Cherry Beach reunion party.

Membership Report / Follow-up Dues Letter: as of May 29, 2010, we have:

Unique Addresses:	472
Property Owners:	465
Primary Residence:	110
Waterfront Properties:	311 (66% of the unique addresses)
Primary Residences (Waterfront):	56
Current Memberships (05-29-10):	320 (68% of Unique Addresses)
	258 (80% waterfront memberships)
	22 memberships realized from 2 nd mailing effort)

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We also have 268 email addresses from the membership.

A follow-up dues letter was mailed to 168 addresses in an effort to capture new memberships and remind those who forgot to send in their dues form. The dues form included was printed in a different color from the first one to effectively track the success of this effort. 22 memberships came from this effort.

Lake Directory: This year there are 11 color ads (4 last year). Contact your Shore Rep if you did not receive your Directory.

Lake Treatment Update: The lake survey will be done around June 10, with treatment to follow when the water is warm enough, tentatively around June 20. Treatment dates will be posted on our website. A bumper crop of Eurasian Watermilfoil is expected this year due to early warm water temperatures. The Lake Improvement Board held their public hearing on May 8, and a 5-year assessment district renewal was approved at that time.

July 4th Entertainment Plans:

- Road Race – will be coordinated by Tony Voisin and Shaun Holtgrieve, with support by Sandi Jeffery, Jane Seibt, and others. Tees and new banner are ordered.
- Flag Raising & Essay Contest – musicians still needed to for the group sing-along at the Flag Raising. Also, the Essay Contest this year is open to adults.
- Boat Parade – 5 entries received so far, but parade will be canceled if 10 entries have not been received by June 25. Entries have been on the decline for 3-4 years, with only 7 last year. Decision to hold or cancel the Boat Parade will be posted at Bev's, and on the website.
- Road Parade – Carolyn Wiese (coordinator) ordered 20 extra entry numbers for this year. The \$25 permit fee was again waived by Steve Stocking (Road Commission), 2 patrol cars and the fire truck have been requested. There may be more categories to win this year. Convertibles for the Grand Marshall (Mair's/Moneysmith family) have been offered by Rich Hughes and Marion Taylor.

Marine Safety – boats must travel **counterclockwise** around the lake.

Lake Cleanup Day – July 10, 9am – meet at the Clubhouse.

Boater Safety Training – June 26th from 9-3, lunch provided. Class is for ages 12 and over.

Garage Sale: Margaret Sopchak will receive and store your garage sale donations now if you bring them to her home, 11900 S Shore Dr. Drop off items 9-3 July 12-15. Sale is July 16-17 from 9-3.

Lake Fisheries: Jim Darland is the new Chair of the Lake Fisheries Committee, & introduced himself as a 2nd generation full time resident. He made some remarks about the Northern Pike issue: Jim Baker of the DNRE Fisheries Dept. supports legal harvesting of N Pike, and they may be able to implement a change in the current rules by 2012, but it may not actually happen until 2013. In the 2010 DNRE Fish Survey of our lake only 1 of 117 netted were the legal 24" size. The Bass and pan fish survey will be conducted June 1-4. The DNRE will prepare their management prescription this winter. Concerns regarding the VHS fish virus concerns prevent any stocking by the DNRE at this time. We will plant Walleye this year.

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New Business:

- 65th Association Anniversary (2011): volunteers for the committee include Bob Denoyer, Mike and Micki Denoyer, Dan and Margaret Sopchak, Clarence Radewahn. Dale Bagby also volunteered to be on the Committee.
- A Thank You card was received by the Association from Hilda Sharp following her broken foot episode.
- A member suggested we consider color-coded map sign boards on the roads to assist visitors in finding addresses.

10:55am -- motion to adjourn (1- G Verette, 2 – C Radewahn) passed.

Submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
July 31, 2010

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Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday September 4, 2010 – 9:00 AM
Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and introductions by the 46 members present.

- Minutes of the 2010 Spring Membership Meeting were approved (1-D Pennoni, 2-T VanDamme)
- Treasurer's Report was approved (1-C Radewahn, 2-J Ridenour)

Membership: Dick Larsen reported we have 339 paid memberships (72% of 469 property owners) as of August 20, 2010.

Recognition: Terry Tisdale presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing board members, Micki Denoyer, and Bob Porritt..

Election of Shore Representatives: (Terry Tisdale). The ballot for Shore Representatives was approved as presented (1-M Walter, 2-J Ridenour). Bill Galambos replaces outgoing Shore Representative Bob Porritt, and at present there is no Shore Rep for Wild Cherry Beach to replace outgoing Micki Denoyer.

Website: Jeanie Stewart reported that after 10 months operation, the website has an average 282 visits per day. Due to privacy concerns, we will not add a Cards & Flowers section to the site. We need more photo contributions, and no fish photos have been sent in for the website. We plan to further develop The Historical section this coming year, and regular information updates will continue.

Fireworks: Larry Hummel asked to borrow some anchors for the barges. An orange ball on the water will indicate the location of the barges for the show. Lakeside Motors and B&G each donated the loan of a barge. Otherwise, plans are all in place for the Fireworks Display. We can rent barges for \$150, or we could buy two barges of our own for \$600 and avoid future rental charges.

Fish Report: Jim Darland announced the fish winners, and that information will be posted on the website. Jim has applied for the necessary permit to order 1000 6-9" Walleye from Stoney Creek. Fish planting will occur around October 18 or the last weekend of October. Bob Denoyer asked if we have to name each fish again this year. The DNRE is doing a temperature and oxygen survey, and can determine the age of the fish through scale and spine samples.

Lake Treatment: Mark Walter reported that we spent over \$25,000 treating 65 ¾ acres of Eurasian Watermilfoil in the lake this year (a record high due to warm water temps early in the year). A secondary treatment was not necessary. The income from assessments was just over \$9,000. Assessments for 2011 have been set at \$40 per waterfront lots and \$4 for back lots, with estimated 2012 rates at \$70 and \$7, respectively. The Lake Improvement Board was approved for renewal in the spring through 2015.

Water Quality: Mark Walter reported that lake water quality tests were excellent, although alarming increases were noted in phosphorus and nitrates. Waterfront property owners are urged not to rake or dump leaves into the lake, and if you use fertilizer on your lakeside lawn, use only Miracle-Gro. An increase in the number of Zebra Mussels has been noted – over 50 were found in one spot.

Lake Cleanup Day: Clarence Radewahn reported there was a lot of trash at the DNRE public launch site. Most other areas around the lake were fairly clean.

Boater Safety: Clarence Radewahn reported that 25 signed up for the Boater Safety class this year, 19 showed up, and 17 passed the course. The Course was taught by Sgt. Hager, as Sgt. Larsen, who taught the class for several years, has retired. No meeting was held for Marine Safety. More infractions have been observed, such as skiers without a spotter in the boat, and pontoon passengers sitting on the front of the pontoon. Boaters continue to travel around the lake in the wrong direction. Clarence will check on the possibility of installing signage about the boating rules at the DNRE site.

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Lake Directory: Jane Seibt has brought in many more advertisers in the last 7 years of coordinating the Lake Directory. This year there are several ads in full color. Call Jane if you can suggest a potential business for future ads in the directory.

5K Walk/Run & Fun Run: Tony Voisin reported there were 108 runners and 43 walkers this year. Results of the event are posted on the website. T shirt sales went well, and more will be ordered for next year.

Flag Raising: Micki Denoyer reported that the Flag Raising Ceremony went well, with a great turnout for this annual event – folks feel it is a great way to kickoff the holiday activities. We had just 2 entries for the Essay Contest, and hope for more next year.

Boat Parade: Since the boat parade was cancelled, some wondered if it could be revived in a different form. Suggestions included 1) a non-decorated cruise around the lake just for fun, with no prizes, or a token prize for all who participate, eg. a medal; 2) having the boat parade, but on a different date, eg. Labor Day. More discussion or ideas may follow at the next meeting in the spring.

Road Parade: 60 participants this year, and winners are posted on the website and at Bev's Store.

Garage Sale: Margaret Sopchak reported a net profit of \$726.96 this year and thanked all those who assisted with the setup and sale days. She said she has adequate storage and can receive donations for the sale all year long.

Clubhouse: Jim Carrigan thanked everyone for their help in keeping the clubhouse grounds mowed. Rick's Excavating has been hired to even out the ruts in the ball field which hinder mowing efforts. There was one clubhouse booking on August 14 for the annual Wild Cherry Beach Reunion.

Neighborhood Watch: Len Pilz reported on the NW Showcase & Awareness Event that was held August 18 in Farwell. The public was invited to see equipment and methods used in safety and crime prevention, including trained canines, helicopters, and taser demonstrations. The event was coordinated by Undersheriff Rick Miller.

New Business: The 65th Anniversary Celebration needs someone to chair the committee. The date has been set for July 30, and committee members include Bob, Mike & Micki Denoyer, Dan & Margaret Sopchak, Dale Bagby, and Sandi Jeffery.

We have position vacancies: Fireworks Chairperson, and Shore Rep for Wild Cherry Beach.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
October 21, 2010

