

Fall Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 30, 2014 -9:00 am
Clubhouse - 11020 Rock Road

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions~Sandi Jeffery.** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairperson Sandi Jeffery, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of attendees (over 50 present). Also introduced was Ray Meyer from Wolverine Fireworks. It was announced longtime resident Gladys Radewahn had died on August 29.
2. **Approval of Spring 2014 Membership Minutes~Gail Neff.** The Spring Meeting minutes of May 24, 2014 were reviewed by membership, Tom Van Damme motioned they be approved, seconded by Cindy Tank, and approved by all.
3. **Treasurer's Report~Ralph Stewart.** The Fish Fund has \$4485., the Fireworks Fund has done well, and the Safety Fund had enough revenue to pay for 7 days of dedicated marine patrol by a Clare County Sheriff Department marine officer. Len Pilz, seconded by Dick Pennoni, motioned to approve with unanimous consensus.
4. **Membership Report~Ralph Stewart.** Membership is at 345, up three from last year's record.
5. **Lake Improvement Report~Mark Walter.** The past two years 30,000 weevils had been planted and none survived last winter due to the 3' frost level in the lake. The weevils did wipe out lots of milfoil but did not reproduce. Therefore, we are returning to herbicide use. The Smart Bomb will treat large areas twice a year. 16 acres were treated in July and 5 acres are to be treated 9-2-14. Next year we will pay \$1,000 extra to post the treatment the night before and do the treatment early the following morning. The water quality report is to be posted on the website next week. Mark was commended for his excellent report.
6. **Recognition Awards~Terry Tisdale.** Marion Taylor and Connie Berg were honored.
7. **Election of Shore Representatives~Terry Tisdale.** Kim McLaughlin of Wild Cherry Beach was presented for 2014-2016. No nominations came from the floor. Dick Pennoni, supported by Connie Berg asked that the ballot be accepted. It was unanimously approved.
8. **Marine Watch Program~Len Pilz.** There are 16 Marine Watch people around the lake. 7 days of an officer were purchased in 2014. Marion Taylor motioned, seconded by Roy Musgrove, to rehire an officer for a minimum of 6 days in 2015, including some evenings. Motion carried.
9. **Boater & ORV Safety~Len Pilz.** 2014 ORV class cancelled due to lack of minimum students. 2015 class is scheduled June 13, 2015. The June 21, 2014 Boater Safety class passed 13 of the 14 students. 2015 class is scheduled June 20, 2015. Len submitted a more comprehensive written report for 8 & 9, included in Secretary's notebook.
10. **Fireworks Update~Dan Sopchak.** Ray Meyer, Wolverine Rep, is changing the fireworks from Saturday to Sunday due to 90% rain chance on Saturday. For 6 years the fireworks cost has remained constant, but time has gone from 15-20 minutes to 8-12 minutes. Mr.

Meyers offered a 7% discount if we sign a 3- year contract. Dan announced he is resigning as Fireworks Chair after this year.

11. **Fish Stocking Plans~Jim Darland.** Stoney Creek will stock black crappie and walleye in October. An e-mail notice will go out as to the date and time.
12. **Fish Contest Results~Jim Darland.** Frank Becker presented the Association a picture of the 37"/11.5# Northern Pike he caught here. Jim named the following contest winners: Northern pike - Pete Shannon (28.25" & 4.4#); Walleye - Frank Becker (24.25" & 4#); Large-mouth bass - Jon VanAlstine (18" & 2.9#); Small-mouth bass- Chris Lewis (20.5" & 4.2#); Black crappie - Sandy Hixson (13.5" & 1.1#); Bluegill - Graci Darland (9.75" & .7#); Sunfish - Ethan Rennaker (10.25" & .7#); Rock bass - Cody Icuis (11.5" & .9#); Yellow perch - Connor Newcombe (12" & .7#); Dogfish - Will Farr (25.5" & 4.2#).
13. **Lake Directory Recap~Jane Seibt.** Jane reminded us to patronize advertisers. Dan suggested we keep a directory in the Clubhouse.
14. **Summer Events Review~Sandi Jeffery.** a. Road race/ fun run-Tony Voisin: record # of runners and walkers b. Road parade-Cindy Russell: 29 entries, 1 car, Sheriff Dept didn't show. c. Venetian night-Jack Niemi: a new chairman is needed. d. Flag raising-Micki Denoyer: Dave Gillison played taps, someone is needed to lead singing.
15. **Website Updates-Photo Contest~Jeanie Stewart.** Association Website is averaging 380 visitors a month. Frank Becker's amazing pike picture will be added to our website. The photo contest had 21 entries: 0 kids, 1 teen, 20 adults. Len P won 3rd prize with "Rainbow", Karen Luginbill's "Sunset/Geese" placed 2nd, and the winning photo was "Dock/Boats" by Devin Morrow.
16. **Brick Paver Project~Janet Terrell.** 34 pavers are in place. Each line can have 19, not 21 characters.
17. **Garage Sale Recap~Sandy Hines.** We made \$829.80 with 11 helpers. Cindy R suggested we start taking donations the weekend before. Leftovers were donated to Goodwill and Salvation Army.
18. **Clubhouse Report~Dan Sopchak.** The carpet is to be cleaned this Fall, the furnace room has been authorized to be expanded past the fuse box, Margaret hung a different picture on North wall, a kitchen stove fan has been purchased and needs to be installed, some doors have been painted, winterizing Clubhouse estimate is \$125. Dan is resigning as Chairman and Brad Martin will be the new one.
19. **Neighborhood Watch~Ralph Stewart.** The Township contracted with the CCSD to hire an officer to work a varied schedule during the summer of 2014. The Twp Board extended the contract until the summer of 2015 to reduce the level of crime within our Twp with this program.

20. Road Signage/Speed Limit Research~Ralph Stewart. Jack Kleinhardt with the Clare County Road Commission is helping us on our request for additional 25 mph speed limit signs around the lake.

21. Dave Byl~a new fire truck is to be purchased and Sandi read a thank-you from them for our donation; a police patrol dedicated to the Township is anticipated; D & R plans to purchase some property for \$7500.; Township boundaries are Clarabella/Hemlock/5 miles before M115/Dunlop/Clareola; Twp Board meetings are the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm.

22. New Business~Sandi Jeffery. a. Gwen Tisdale inquired about a roadside sidewalk on Partridge for walkers and bikers. b. Dan inquired about the dry pipes for the fire department, c. Some inquiries about gunfire during day and middle of night. Dave Byl is working on establishing ordinances. d. Jim Burdick wondered about a sailboat regatta next summer. John Leonard and Bill Campbell used to be involved in sailing on the lake.

Terry Tisdale, supported by Larry Gassell, motioned to adjourn at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Neff
Corporate Secretary

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 24, 2014
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2. **Approval of Fall 2013 Membership minutes~Gail Neff.** The Fall Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2013 were reviewed by the membership. Jack Ridenour motioned they be approved, seconded by Roy Musgrove and approved by all.
3. **Treasurer's Report~Dick Larsen.** The Flower and Safety Funds were explained in response to questions by Cindy Tank and Roy Musgrove. Len Pilz, seconded by Jim Carrigan motioned to approve the report, unanimously approved.
4. **Membership Report~Dick Larsen.** Membership numbers are down.
5. **Lake Treatment Plans~Mark Walter.** A water quality report will be done in July. Herbicides and weevils are used in the treatment of milfoil.
6. **Lake Fisheries Report~Jim Darland.** New rules from 2013 allow keeping up to 5 pike with no size limit. This fall, plans are to plant 1000 5-8" walleye and 4-6" crappie. A 37.5", 11.5# Northern Pike was caught in the lake.
7. **Fireworks Report~Dan Sopchak.** They are scheduled August 30, 2014 with rain date 31st.
8. **Lake Directory~Jane Seibt.** There are 14 new accounts and everyone is encouraged to patronize the advertisers.
9. **Fourth of July Celebration Plans~Sandi Jeffery.** The schedule is in the directory. Tony Voisin reported the same route used by over 200 runners and walkers last year will be used again. The yellow form for runners and walkers is available online or at Bev's. Multiple kids can be on the blue form for the Fun Run. Early registration is encouraged. Micki Denoyer is looking for Veterans to read at the Flag Raising. Cindy Russell said forms are available online or starting today at Bev's for the Road Parade at 5 P.M. on July 5. Volunteer judges are needed and Len Pilz suggested judging be done at Clubhouse at the end of the race.
10. **Lake Clean-up Day~Len Pilz.** Will be July 12, 2014.
11. **Boater/ORV Safety~Len Pilz.** ORV is scheduled June 14. Golf cart is considered ORV. Boater is scheduled June 21. Both are at Clubhouse starting at 9A.M., open to all Garfield Twp residents with sign- up sheets at Bev's.
12. **Marine Watch Program.** 16 volunteers around the lake have signs on their docks. Sheriff marine officer will be on lake 7 days paid by Association.
13. **Garage/Bake Sale ~Sandy Hines.** Sign-up sheets provided for set-up July 15-17 and sale July 18-19.

14. **Venetian Night~Jack Niemi.** July 26 starting at dusk from Bev's.
15. **Clubhouse Report~Dan Sopchak.** Pump was repaired due to freezing over winter. The electric eye on flag light isn't working but rules on illuminating flag after dark more relaxed and near-by light sufficient. Doors and other things need painting. Horseshoe pits are gone. All Association members have free use of Clubhouse with a \$25. deposit refundable if things left as found. Kitchen stove is rusted and a donated new/used one is being sought.
16. **Memorial Paver Program~Janet Terrell.** Association only members may buy pavers in honor or memory of person for \$40. including 3 engraved lines and installation.
17. **Photo contest/New Facebook Pg/Tell Me A Memory~Jeanie Stewart.** Only 3 memories so far. Sandy Hines will moderate the new FB page. Print copies for photo contest will be accepted until August 15.
18. **Neighborhood Watch~Ralph Stewart.** 3 B & E's and 1 vehicle break-in at 8-Pt. have been reported to Sheriff. There have also been mail and license plate thefts in County. Green vests are worn by Neighborhood Watch people.
19. **New Business.** Dave Byl thanked us for our \$1000. donation toward a new Garfield Township fire truck. A petition was suggested to create a bike path on Partridge. Also speed limit of under 55 mph on Partridge was discussed but cannot be done as that road is not a town or subdivision. Cindy Russell will teach MaiJon at 1P.M. At the Clubhouse on Tuesdays for those interested. Janet Terrell reminded us up to 7 tires per trip can be taken to Transfer Station until Grant funding ends. New bar code stickers are being implemented at Transfer Station.

Jim Carrigan motioned meeting to adjourn at 10:12 A.M. Patrick Keenan supported the motion.

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Present: Janet Terrell, Terry Tisdale, Dan and Margaret Sopchak, Dick Larsen, Gail Neff, Sandi Jeffery, Bill Galambos, Ralph Stewart, Jim Darland, Sandy Hines, Jeanie Stewart, Dick Pennoni, Brad Martin, Dave Gillison, and Mike Geary.

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3. **Treasurer's Report ~ Dick Larsen.** Dick passed out the report for the Association including for each fund plus charts comparing giving and membership numbers 2009 through 2014. Dave G motioned to accept, seconded by Dick P.
4. **Membership Recap ~ Dick Larsen.** Dick reported our membership at 345, up 3 from last year.
5. **Nominating Committee ~ Terry Tisdale.** Dave G will re-up as North Shore Rep and Sandi J and Bill G will re-up their Chair and Vice-Chair positions.
6. **Fish Stocking Plans ~ Jim Darland.** We have too many small bass. This year Stoney Creek will stock walleye and crappie.
7. **Website and Photo Contest Updates ~ Jeanie Stewart.** On May 19, 2014 the Facebook icon link was added to our website. Facebook is being administered by Sandy H and Jeanie S. As of August 11, there are 28 "likes" and Janet T suggested we posted at Bev's to 'Like Us on Facebook'. Three people have entered the photo contest and judges will have the winners to announce at the Aug. 30 Fall Membership Meeting.
8. **Entertainment Committee ~ Sandi Jeffery.** a. July 4 activities went well with a record # of participants in walk/run. It was suggested the Road Parade move slower. b. We need a new chairperson for Venetian Night. c. The Evert Car Club Cruise around 8-Pt. is Aug. 29 around 7:00 pm. d. 4 cases plus 4 flares are left-over and are in Bill G's barn. Some people were misunderstanding the flares weren't lighted until the skier went by their place, but they are to be lighted at 10:00 pm.
9. **Marine Safety and Results of Extra Officer ~ Len Pilz.** Len not present for report but Ralph S said an officer from the Clare Co Sheriff is dedicated to Garfield Twp June, July, and August. One is needed during winter months but the Twp doesn't have the budget for it.
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11. **Garage Sale Recap ~ Sandy Hines.** Sandy reported she had 10 volunteers with praises to Cindy Russell for her daily help. We added \$829.80 to our treasury.
12. **Paver Project Recap ~ Janet Terrell.** We have 33 memorial pavers in place. We need a new broom which is to be purchased.
13. **Lake Treatment/Weevil Update ~ Ralph Stewart.** Herbicides were used on July 21 covering approximately 17 acres. No weevils survived from last year.
14. **Fireworks Update(Aug. 30) ~ Dan Sopchak.** Dan reported Ray Meyers has a 28' barge which can give us a permanent set-up. Rain date will be Aug. 31. After this year Dan is resigning as fireworks chairman.
15. **Clubhouse Report ~ Dan Sopchak.** Dan proposes we extend the furnace room beyond the fuse box. The well pump can be winterized and restarted in the Spring by Ringlings of Lake George for \$100 and a heater for the pump during the winter can be purchased for \$30. Brad M will follow-up with other bids. Dan announced he is also resigning as clubhouse chairperson after this year.
16. **Road Signage by County Road Commission ~ Sandi/Ralph.** Jack Kleinhardt of the Road Commission is to work on new signage as most of ours are out of compliance. MI State Police, the Road Commission, and 4 Board Members are to do it together, waiting on date from the police. The 55 mph speed limit on Partridge cannot be reduced on signage.
17. **End of Summer Plans ~ Gail Neff.** Gail presented menus for Chase Creek in Chase, The Evening Post in Clare, and Mt. Town in Mt. Pleasant. Chase Creek won. 14-20 people intend to be there at 6 pm on Sept 6, 2014.
18. **New Business.** a. Jeanie presented the 2015 Calendar of Events Dates. b. Spring meeting distribution of directories was discussed. It was decided the Grand Marshalls would receive 2 directories and the Spring mailing would have a line to add \$20/extra directory for those wanting more than one. Also if you are not at the Spring meeting it will no longer be the Shore Reps duty to deliver all directories, but that members contact the Shore Reps to pick up their directories from the Reps. c. Township Road Office is Deputy Tom Brown. d. Some discussion regarding the Association participating in launching sky lanterns during 4th activities. Due to fire danger and littering it was decided not to do so. e. Recognition chairperson Terry T has Connie Berg and Marion Taylor on his list. f. Sandi read a thank-you from Dave Byl for our \$1000 donation towards the purchase of a new fire truck. Jack Niemi has pictures from Venetian Night to be printed and framed. g. Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Twp fire chief will search the standpipes/dry hydrants. USDA has grants to install them.
19. **Old Business.** Ralph and Dick have \$30 left from their \$200 to purchase new CD player and will use it to buy a case for the player.
20. **Adjourn.** Bill G, supported by Dick P motioned to adjourn at 11:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Neff, Recording Secretary