

**Spring Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 28, 2016 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**Clubhouse - 11020 Rock Road**

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions~Sandi Jeffery.** Chairperson Sandi called meeting to order at 9:06 am with over 90 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then members introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Fall Membership Meeting Minutes~Gail Neff.** Dick Pennoni motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Marion Taylor, and unanimously approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report~Dick Larsen.** Len Pilz motioned to accept report, seconded by Pat Keenan, and unanimously approved.

**4. Membership Report ~Dick Larsen.** We currently have 335 members, up 8 from last year.

**5. Township Update~Sup. Dave Byl.** Dave reported the Depot landscape is finished. When closing the loan on the new fire truck, the rate was down .5% from originally anticipated. There will be a clean-up on June 15 at the Coal Shoot in Lake. The Township Hall has a new phone system and the 100-year old chairs have been replaced. The blight clean-up has been an issue in the Twp, resulting in hiring new attorneys specializing in blight clean-up. The Twp office is to be remodeled. There is a new entrance to the Eagles off of Garfield Road. It is located on 300 acres with cottages and a large pole barn. A new retail store is to be located next to the Lakeside Restaurant. Rock Road will be chipped and sealed by the County.

**20. Meet the Candidates~Sandi J.** Item moved up on agenda. Introducing themselves were Barbara Lijewski running for Garfield Twp Trustee; Dave Byl running for Garfield Twp Supervisor; Kimberly Davis running for Clare County Register of Deeds; Pam Mayfield, Incumbent-since 2001-Register of Deeds; and George Gilmore, State Representative candidate.

**6. Township Fire Department/New Fire Truck~Kevin Tubbs.** Kevin thanked the Association for their support in purchasing the new truck which was outside for viewing. The Fire Station had an open house the previous weekend and a car wash is scheduled June 11. An LA law firm specializing in fire law is being hired. The depth of the lake is an issue on finding a site to install any dry hydrants, but the matter will continue to be pursued.

**7. Lake Treatment Plans~Ralph Stewart for Mark Walter.** The permit has already been obtained and LakePro, Inc will survey the lake for Milfoil the week of June 13 and treat any needed area the week of June 20. Every 5 years the Lake Improvement Board needs to be renewed, preceded by a public hearing to be held July 30, 2016, 1:00 pm at the Garfield Twp Hall. A member questioned treating the zebra mussels. This has been researched and is not financially sound to do so.

**8. Lake Fisheries Report~Jim Darland.** Last year the DNR planted 27,000 walleye and this Fall the Association will plant 6-9" walleye and black crappie. When fishing, one can practice "catch and release" or "keep and eat".

**9. Fireworks Report~Phil Ruckle.** The time will be 9:30 pm. Signing a 2-year contract with Wolverine will give us a \$266 discount and for an additional \$500 the show can last 15 minutes. Dave Gillison made the motion to do a 2-year contract for a 15 minute show, seconded by Jim Carland and unanimously passed.

**10. Lake Directory~Jane Seibt.** Everyone is encouraged to patronize our advertisers.

**11. Fourth of July Celebration Plans~Sandi J**

**A. 5K & Fun Run~Tony Voisin.** 10 people are needed to help July 2. Race begins at 8 am.

A new chairperson will be needed for the event after this year.

**B. Flag Raising~Sandi for Kasey Price.** A 15 minute program is planned.

**C. Road Parade~Pat Keenan.** The permit, patrol cars, and fire truck are already done.

**D. 70th Anniversary~Sandi.** A movie night is suggested with the Association providing burgers, brats, dogs and members bringing dish to pass. No date yet.

**12. Boater Safety/ORV Safety~Len Pilz.** Boater's Safety Class is June 18, 9-5 with lunch provided by Association. 12-year olds or less may operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 HP legally without restriction. They may operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 HP but no more than 35 HP legally only if they have a Boater's Safety certification on board the boat and are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16-years old. ORV Safety is June 25, 9-5 with lunch provided by Association. This will be the only ORV class in the County this year.

**13. Marine Watch Program.** 2 days each of Memorial, July 4, and Labor weekend plus 4 addition days selected by Len are scheduled this year thanks to the \$2260 donated to the Fund. There are 16 Marine Watch Volunteers. Questionable lake activities are to be reported to the CCSD non-emergency number in our Directory.

**14. Emergency Alert System~Len Pilz.** Clare County Emergency Management sign up info is at <https://local.nixle.com/register/> or texting zip code to 888777.

**15. Garage Sale/Bake Sale~Michelle Bast.** July 15,16 at Clubhouse with donations accepted weekend before and T, W, Th week of. At this time Sandi also thanked the Basts for the road signs advertising today's meeting.

**16. Clubhouse Report~Brad Martin.** 5 members have reserved the Clubhouse for personal use this year. The Kay Fisher plaque has been reinstalled. A rule book may be developed on Clubhouse use. We need bids to paint or side the building. Jim Carrigan motioned to obtain bids for a new water well. Mary Jo Miller seconded it, unanimously passed.

**17. Photo Contest~Kim McLaughlin.** The 3 categories are under 12; 12-18; over 18. The winners will be announced at the Labor Day Weekend Membership Meeting.

**18. Facebook~Betsy Rau.** Presently 105 likes. Please like our page.

**19. Lake Station Trailhead~Jeanie Stewart.** Big visual improvements have occurred in the Village of Lake over the last 3 years. Grants for the Parks & Recreation Plan (Trailhead Project) leave \$98,000 to be raised; however, a \$50,000 USDA grant may also be approved, leaving the Twp to raise \$48,000. Quilt blocks tours are popular and the Depot Building Quilt Block is

featured on the tour bus brochure cover. Jan Rinz motioned the Association pledge \$1,000 toward the Trailhead Project, seconded by Pat Hixon, and unanimously passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tony Voisin inquired about a webcam to see lake conditions. Jan Rinz motioned to investigate a webcam, seconded by John Wahl, passed with 1 dissenting vote.

Bud Loomis died this past week. An e-mail blast will be sent to all members who have provided an e-mail address on this and all future deaths of members.

Len Pilz informed Dave Byl of some downed trees at the sandbar.

Pam Mayfield announced Election Training sessions are July 11, 12, 13.

There is a Fraud Alert website in the Register of Deeds office.

A comment was made that there aren't enough posted speed signs. Sandi said we work with the Road Commission and are in compliance with the numbers.

At 10:42 Jim Carrigan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Patty Kotch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Neff  
Corporate Secretary

**Fall Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 13, 2016 - 9:00 am**  
**Clubhouse -11020 Rock Road**

Present: Jeanie Stewart, Dick Pennoni, Bill Galambos, Sandi Jeffery, Ralph Stewart, Dave Gillison, Mike Geary, Matt McAlear, Janet Terrell, Brad Martin, Terry Tisdale, Len Pilz, Gail Neff, Jim Darland. Margaret Sopchak arrived at 9:12,

- 1. Call to Order~Sandi Jeffery.** Chairperson Sandi called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
- 2. Approval of May 2016 Board Minutes~Gail Neff.** The minutes of the May 2016 Post general Membership Board Meeting were given to approval with the report that the soft case in item 7 has been purchased.
- 3. Treasurer's Report~Ralph Stewart.** Dick L would like \$4000 moved from the Directory Fund to the General Fund. Dave, supported by Len, so moved, unanimously approved. Dick P motioned to accept report, seconded by Matt, and unanimously approved.
- 4. Membership Report~Ralph Stewart.** We are down 5 members (344) from last year, 470 people are on mailing list, 3 checks for membership were for over \$300.
- 5. Fireworks Update~Phil Ruckle.** Phil not present so need to confirm 9:30 pm start time. Len will have 2 law enforcement officers there to keep boats away from barges.
- 6. Fish Stocking Plans~ Jim Darland.** Easy Pro, the new name for Stoney Creek, will be stocking walleye and crappie this fall.
- 7. Nominating Committee~Terry Tisdale.** Ballot will be at Fall Membership meeting with all present Shore Reps whose terms are expiring agreeing to re-up.
- 8. Entertainment Committee~Sandi Jeffery.** July 4 activities went well. About 70 people attended the 70th Anniversary dinner with 10-12 staying for the movie. No communication has been received from the Evert Car Club Cruise. There are 6 1/2 cases of flares left and 3/4 case with no nails to stick in ground that will be exchanged next spring.
- 9. Marine Safety Report~Len Pilz.** 2 days of all 3 holiday weekends and 4 additional Saturday's in July and August had officers patrolling the lake. Janet motioned that Marine Watch Summary go to members and/or on website along with days patrol on lake after Len runs it by sheriff if ok to publish it. Matt seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.
- 10. Boater Safety/ORV Class Recap~Len Pilz.** Boater's Safety was 6-18-16 with 6 students. Bill G cooked hot dogs provided by the Association. Only 1 person signed up for the 6-25-16 ORV class so it was cancelled and Len recommends it not be offered in 2017.
- 11. Garage Sale~Michelle Bast.** Michelle not present, but approximately \$711 made. There were no shows of helpers and too few baked goods. Comments heard were that there were too few items and many were more for the transfer station than a garage sale. Also, is a bake sale really needed.

**12. Lake Treatment~Ralph Stewart.** 30 acres were treated for milfoil in June with an additional 3 acres later. Water Quality Study showed clarity, dissolved O2, nitrates, and E. coli were all within recommended levels. On July 30 a mandatory 5-year public hearing was held to renew assessment for milfoil treatment another 5 years.

**13. Clubhouse Update~Brad Martin.** The new well is in and needs some steel or lumber to protect pipe. Siding and painting estimates will be obtained to decide which to do to the outside of building. Additions to the Clubhouse History are new flagpole and furnace area wall addition-June 2015; shuffleboard removed September 2015; new 45' well June 2016. There is a broken window. Windows were done by LaCross Glass in 1979 or 1980 by Kay Fisher's husband. We need general cleaning including carpets. Pat Bitterman was suggested as a hire to do so. Clubhouse Rules additions are welcomed.

**14. Neighborhood Watch~Ralph Stewart.** CCSD has been contracted to do Twp road patrols another year. As a whole, it has been a "quiet" year other than Bob Donahue reporting gas stolen from his pontoon.

**15. Pavilion Paver Project~Janet Terrell.** 1 new one.

**16. Photo Contest~Kim McLaughlin.** No report as not present.

**17. Website Update~Jeanie Stewart.** Will post Clubhouse update. Lougenbills will be new 5-K Chairpersons for July 4 festivities. Rau is doing great job on Facebook page. Ralph, seconded by Matt, motioned Lake info goes on website and Lake/Twp info goes on Facebook. Unanimously passed.

**18. Lake Station Trailhead Update~Jeanie Stewart.** The Association has donated \$1000. So far \$7700 has been received or pledged plus a possible USDA Grant of \$42,500 toward the \$98,000 needed to continue project. There is a Friends of Garfield Township Facebook page.

**19. Year-end Dinner Plans~Gail Neff.** Chase, Evening Post, and Riverwalk were presented to be voted on at post Fall Membership Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bev's will close Sept. 25 if not sold. Heaven Sent and Lake General will do entry forms and flares. Lake Hardware and Scott's are also for sale. Fishing contest may end, but can still post pictures of catches on website. Jim suggested Bev be at Fall Membership meeting to thank her and give her a gift certificate. Len motioned to get Bev a \$250 gift card, seconded by Dave and unanimously passed.

The 2017 proposed calendar was reviewed with ORV class being eliminated. Matt proposed a ski ramp. Discussion as to DNR specifications/location (~~West Beach~~), dates in and out, liability responsibility, sinking or removal at night.

Terry motioned to adjourn T 11:11, seconded by Bill

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Neff  
Corporate Secretary