

**Lake of the Pines
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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL**

Lake of the Pines Board Meeting Notes
October 9th, 2021

OPENING

Steve Berry called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 20 Associations Members present. Steve started the meeting, joined by all present, by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

<u>2019-2022</u>	<u>2020-2023</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>
Steve Berry	Bob Eckardt	Cindy LaFave
Don Mann	Bill Timmer	Rick McCombe
Dennis Hawley	Pete Wedesky	Dave Helka
Larry Gibson	Cheryl Dziurkowski	

Roll Call was taken. Larry Gibson and Bill Timmer were absent, and excused. All other board members present.

Mr. Karl W. Hauser, Director of the Clare County Veterans Services presented to the group all of the different services provided to our local veterans. Ruth Boerner is collecting monetary & gift card donations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Follow-Up to the September 11, 2021 meeting minutes regarding the number of unbuildable lots where no dues are collected from Connie Crawford. Steve Berry investigated and there are nine (9) unbuildable lots that do not collect dues or have a vote. All lots belong to owners who own other lots that pay dues.

Motion was made by Cindy LaFave, and second by Don Mann, to accept the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, September 11th, 2021, as written. **Motion was unanimously passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming events
 - Game night - October 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm Bring your own drinks, snacks, and dimes

- Tuesday night October 12, 2021 Euchre at 6:30 pm – It takes place every Tuesday – Cost is \$2.00 plus .10 per Euchre
- Fall Kayak Trip on the Chippewa River – Thursday October 21, 2021 Meet at the office at 10:00 am Contact Don Mann if interested
- Adult Halloween Party - Boofet – Saturday October 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Rec. Hall – Includes dinner & entertainment. Monday there will be a sign-up sheet in the office. More information to come regarding the cost.
- Veteran Only Dinner Party – Thursday November 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Rec. Hall – No cost to Veterans, widows, widowers, and their spouses. Sign-up sheet will be located in the office.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Steve Berry

- Adopt a Highway – We had eleven (11) volunteers collecting 39 bags of trash from our assigned areas which included our section of Highway 115, Lake Station, and Ashard Road. Thank you to everyone.
- Painting the LOP Gate House was started and needs to be finished. Cindy LaFave is heading up this project and will be looking for volunteers when the weather is appropriate for painting.
- All boats need to be off Pontoon Island by October 17, 2021 or LOP will remove them for a fee as stated in the Dock Agreement.
- We need 5 or 6 volunteers to remove the boat docks from the water on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 9:00 am. Please contact Larry Gibson or Steve Berry if you are able to help out.
- All Association Member's should have received via the US mail an Association Dues Increase voting ballot. In addition, a Dues increase reminder went out via email messages to all LOP members. Please return all votes to the LOP office by Thursday October 21, 2021 5:00 pm
- We will also provide in-person voting available on October 23, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 am in the Rec. Hall
- If we get a Quorum (60% of all voters or about 900 votes) we will count the ballots. This is unusual and unlikely to happen. Therefore a 2nd Quorum will likely take place on December 2, 2021. The 2nd Quorum is ½ of the 1st Quorum count (typically about 450 votes). This is usually more achievable so we will likely be able to count the votes.
- When sending in your ballots please be sure to fill in your lot number(s), your subdivision name and signature on the ballot envelope.
- Update on dam – we received a preliminary vague map from Clare County but there are many questions. We have to provide them with easements to access the dam. This time next month we hope to have more information available to the membership for review.
- There is a vacant position on the Board, we have a couple of qualified applicants but if anyone else is interested in becoming a BOD fill out an application in the LOP office. The deadline for applications is: October 31, 2021. Afterwards we will invite the applicants in to meet them. A new Board member will be selected and voted on in November.

- Pool cover will be repaired and not replaced. It will cost hundreds to repair instead of thousands to replace.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Don Mann

- The water will be shut down in the campground on October 25, 2021. Camping will still be available but you will have to supply your own water and use the outhouse.
- We will be cutting down some dead trees in the campgrounds and the Villas playground. Volunteers are required to cut down trees with a red line. The trees marked with red dots will be cut down by professionals due to the risk factors.
- We will be log splitting later on this fall and will be looking for volunteers. Watch for more info.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Cheryl Dziurkowski

- 50+ Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. Our fundraiser collected \$1,000 and put into a Special Projects Fund

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cindy LaFave

- **Motion** was made by Rick McCombe, and seconded by Bob Eckardt to approve the bills from September totaling \$24,810.76. Vote taken. **Motion was unanimously passed.**
- Cindy LaFave will lead the Pool Cover Repair effort on Friday October 15, 2021. Weather permitting. She will be buying a heavy-duty vinyl that fuses together from the Amish. \$25 for a 10-foot roll. She is looking for volunteers to come with knee pads. Contact Cindy if you are available to help out.
- We're looking forward to all of your suggestions in our new suggestion box located outside of the Rec. Hall entrance door. There are paper and pencils available on top of the pop machine.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

EXECUTIVE'S REPORT – Steve Berry

- No report

ARCHITECTURAL'S REPORT – Dennis Hawley

- No report

ECOLOGY'S REPORT – Rick McCombe

- We have a new lake fundraiser effort. A LOP Neighbor makes beautiful street address signs. The cost is: \$135.00 Contact Rick McCombe if interested.
- Now that hunting season is here just a reminder to put your name and phone number on your hunting blinds. It's both a LOP & DNR requirement.
- Deer Blinds and Tree Stands have to be removed by March 1st, 2022. If you don't remove your blinds, we will remove them and you will be charged a fee to get them back.
- We need a Volunteer Work Day to clean up Party Island on Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 10:00 am. There is a lot of brush, downed trees, garbage that needs attention. After the clean-up we will have a winter party to burn the wood. Contact Rick McCombe if available to help out.

- We received a water quality report from PLM and our water quality is good. Rick will send out an email message to association members with this information
- Our current lake management contract expires at the end of this year.
- We currently have (2) competitive lake management quotes but looking for at least a third quote for evaluations before signing the next lake management contract.

MAINTENANCE’S REPORT – Larry Gibson (Absent)

- No report

NOMINATING/BALLOTING REPORT – David Helka

- No report but encourage everyone to come out and vote “Yes” for the association dues increase

PERSONNEL’S REPORT – Bob Eckardt

- No report

PUBLIC RELATIONS’S REPORT – Bill Timmer (Absent)

- No report

SPECIAL PROJECT’S REPORT – Dave Helka

- No report – 50+ Celebration party was good

FUTURE PLANNING’S REPORT – Pete Wedesky

- No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Our current campground hosts will not be returning next year so we’re in need of someone to host our campground for 2022 season. Please contact Don Mann (LOP Vice President) if you are interested or need more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

SUB-COMMITTEE’S REPORTS

WOMEN’S CLUB REPORT – Geri Shaw

- Women’s Club Meeting is Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 12:30 pm in the Rec. Hall

MEN’S CLUB REPORT – Bob Eckardt

- Men’s Club Meeting Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Rec. Hall with Pizza & Beer.

VOLUNTEER SECURITY PATROL REPORT – Leo Stevens

- Things are going pretty well
- We only issued 14 missing LOP sticker notices which is way down from a typical year
- The Casino Bus Trip is scheduled for November 2, 2021. The cost is: \$35.00 The bus will leave 9:00 am and return 3:00 pm Only 8 seats left.

- Need someone for Lake Patrol. Basically, when you are out on your boat you display a lake patrol sign on your boat.

ASSOCIATION TIME

Jan Mann - Lot 249-253 Birchwood Heights

Comment – We will be placing the 1970-2021 Time Capsule in the LOP Office today October 9, 2021 at 3:00pm All are welcome. Thank you, Don Mann for all of your hard work on the Time Capsule.

Nino Rangel - Lot 5-101 & 5-102 Pinehurst

Comment – If anyone has an issue with my signs in my yard please come and talk to me.

Question – Has anyone complained or done anything about the blight in our neighborhoods?

Answer – Steve Berry explained that we have limited resources to do much about the blight issues. We as the new board have not received any complaints but will act upon receipt of a complaint and issue a registered letter regarding the specific issue. We will let the property owner know that they are in violation of our LOP covenants and have 30 days to rectify the issue. If they don't resolve the issue after the 30 days, we will contact Harold Logan (Blight Officer) from the Township. The Township Office has more resources available than Lake of the Pines. The only other thing that LOP can do is restrict for 30 days LOP association privileges to the property owner.

Connie Crawford- Lots 200-202 Woodland Heights

Question – Do you know when is the perfect time to cut down oak trees? I don't think oak trees should be cut down until November.

Answer – Per Steve Berry – The oak trees can be cut down when the trees are dormant. We will double check on the appropriate time. We didn't plan to cut them down until November.

Closing

Motion was made by Bob Eckardt, second by Cindy LaFave to adjourn the meeting @ 11:13 AM. **Motion was unanimously passed.**

Respectively recorded and transcribed by:

Cheryl Dziurkowski

Steve Berry, President
Lake of the Pines Board of Directors

Cheryl Dziurkowski, Secretary
Lake of the Pines Board of Directors