

FTLPOA Board Meeting

April 2, 2016

Scandia Valley Township Hall – 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Scott Schnuckle, President; Paul Baker; Peg Hartung; Jon-Scott Johnson; Ron Mash; Chuck Salter; Gary Ziehmann

Guests: Tom Anderson; Teresa Bender; Chris Ziehmann

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the FTLPOA Fall Board meeting were reviewed in Secretary Mary Thibert's absence. Gary Ziehmann motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed. Chuck Salter seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The interim financial report for the period 9/19/15 to 3/28/16 submitted by Treasurer George Heroux via e-mail was received.

Old Business:

1. County Variance Updates

- a) Campground expansion and upcoming variance meeting 4/5/16 – President Schnuckle called County Administrator Amy Kowalzek to inform her that the Association was not in support of the variance request. For benefit of those present, Gary Ziehmann explained the situation that led to the campground Conditional Use Permit matter and subsequent variance request. Chuck Salter explained that Morrison County ordinances adhere to the same standards as the DNR and State. President Schnuckle called for a motion to present FTLPOA's formal opposition of the campground variance request at the Morrison County Board of Adjustment (BoA) meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Gary Ziehmann moved the motion and Paul Baker seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.
- b) Other updates and concerns – Gary Ziehmann briefly presented findings of recent BoA variance hearings that had raised questions by some FTLPOA members. Following his presentation, President Schnuckle suggested a note of thanks be sent to the Morrison County BoA for their diligence and work. President Schnuckle will pursue the action.

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Update and Plans

- a) Signage at the public landing – Chuck Salter is following up with the DNR regarding specifics and cost for additional signage that could be painted on the landing pavement which outlines proper boat cleaning/checking procedures to help stop AIS.
- b) New information and updates – President Schnuckle reported that for this upcoming fishing season, the Association did not receive grant funding for landing inspections or curly leaf pondweed treatment. LID Chair-elect Tom Anderson spoke of interesting new research being conducted by Jim

- Bix to prevent growth of zebra mussels. Jim Bix is studying harmonization waves that are harmful to zebra mussels but not to native mussels and other lake aquatic life. Tom Anderson will ask Mr. Bix if he would consider speaking to the Association.
3. Railroad update – Paul Baker reported that BNSF railroad and Scandia Valley Township are in ongoing discussions regarding the fate of the Lincoln crossing. A proposal and quote for a BNSF well were presented at the January 2016 Township meeting. No final outcomes have been reached at this time.
 4. Water Quality and Water Study Updates – Water quality readings will continue to be taken by Jim Fogelberg with help from his neighbors, which the Association members greatly appreciate. Readings are showing continual improvement.
 5. Initiative Foundation Endowment – President Schnuckle reported the endowment fund stands at \$29,159. He suggested a secondary study on inflows be conducted by Blue Water at an estimated cost of \$800 due to numerous dying trees in the Lake Alexander Woods Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) adjacent to the railroad tracks. This area is a watershed to FTL. Also for consideration is Blue Water to speak at the annual meeting in June at a cost of approximately \$400. The volunteer committee created at the Annual Meeting will discuss our options and determine if these or other projects will be chosen. The committee members include Mike Flanagan, Dave Ellering, David Thibert, Julie Novak, Jim Ropson, Chris Ziehmann and Scott Schnuckle.
 6. Website/Advertising updates – President Schnuckle reported in Vice President Mike Flanagan’s absence that to date, 16 businesses have submitted and paid for a website ad.
 7. Board Duties, Responsibilities and Projects – Mike Flanagan announced last fall that he would no longer produce the bi-annual newsletter. Chris Ziehmann has agreed to assume that responsibility. In conjunction with the newsletter comes website administrative oversight. She has agreed to also assume that responsibility. A motion to pay for website training for Chris was made Paul Baker and seconded by Chuck Salter. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. LID Leadership and membership – President Schnuckle introduced LID Chairman-elect Tom Anderson who is slated to replace Ron Nypan, pending a vote by the current LID members. Ron will be stepping down and we want to acknowledge his excellent leadership as the founding Chair of the LID.
2. DNR Partnership Grant for Access Monitoring – As stated above, no grant money was received.

3. Annual Meeting Planning and Guest Invites – The 2016 Annual Meeting of the FTLPOA will be Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. Suggested speakers are Jim Bix/Zebra mussel research and Steve McComas/Blue Water Science, as well as the usual slate including members from Planning & Zoning, Soil and Water, the county sheriff, the county assessor, our county commissioner, the DNR Fisheries Division, and legislators representing our area. Invitations will be made soon.
4. Spring Newsletter – Chris Ziehmann asked the Board to alter its decision regarding only mailing newsletters to paid Association members. She asked that the spring issue be mailed to all Fish Trap Lake property owners to help encourage more property owners to join the Association, but mail the fall issue only to paid members since it will contain the annual financial report. Additionally, she asked for approval that the newsletter will not exceed eight 8 1/2 x 11 pages since that is the max weight for a single 1st class stamp. She went on to request the removal of financial reports from the website citing this information is proprietary to association members and not the general public. The Board agreed.
5. Clean-up Day Idea – President Schnuckle on behalf of VP Flanagan put forth the suggestion of a lake-wide clean-up day. Following discussion the Board decided not to pursue.
6. July 4 Boat Parade – The parade will be held Monday, July 4, 2016 commencing at Noon. FTL property owners who wish to participate are to gather in the bay by the campground.
7. Kids Fishing Contest – Following discussions noting the requirement for a permit and other logistical concerns, the suggestion was made by Tom Anderson to determine co-sponsorship interest with the local Lion's Club. He stated knowledge of the Lions coordination of this type of event. Peg Hartung suggested hosting it during Summerfest. Tom Anderson will follow-up on this concept.
8. Adjournment – Gary Ziehmann moved the meeting be adjourned and Ron Mash seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.