

FTLPOA Board Meeting

April 12, 2014 9:30 AM
Scandia Valley Township Hall

Meeting convened at 9:36 AM

Board members present: Chuck Salter, president; Scott Schnuckle, vice president; Jim Licari; Peggy Swalm; David Thibert; Mary Thibert; Brian Sams; Ron Mash; and Mike Flanagan

Secretary Report: Jim Licari moved and Mary Thibert seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2013 meeting of the Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association (Association). The motion carried.

Financial Report: George Heroux prepared and passed on for presentation, the financial report period September 21, 2013 to March 31, 2014. After a brief discussion the president received and filed the report.

Old Business

- a) Septic System Inspections – As previously stated, they will begin once the frost has disappeared. All properties with structures with no inspection on record prior to 2011 are subject to a compliance inspection. The inspector is inspecting for a function compliant system. The county has hired Jon Lovdahl to conduct the inspections. We will regularly update the association web site with the most current information we receive from the county on their inspection progress. You can find our site at fishtraplake.com.
- b) Initiative Foundation Update – We currently have \$25,842.87 in our account. We continue to receive contributions from association members and other members of our community. There will be a detailed update put into the spring newsletter. We would like to put together a committee at the annual meeting to begin the process of using the interest on these funds. Several ideas for use include an in-depth study of the lake, a more extensive collection site for bait, garbage and recycling at the public landing and testing of a trash/recycling collection program for association members. We are also considering the latter as a service offered by the association for dues paying members.
- c) Curly Leaf Pondweed Update – The Fish Trap Lake Improvement District (LID) will continue treatment of this evasive species in our lake. All indications are that we continue to see improvement. The LID put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) to continue to attack this weed problem. Based

on the four responses and bids, the LID is changing service providers for this program and will not be using PLM, the company that has managed this program from the start. Instead, the LID will be using Lake Restoration, the company that currently treats Lake Alexander for its weed problem, at a significantly lower cost for the service. The LID is in the process of developing a multi-year contract for this service. It was brought up that we would like the new company to sign the shoreline of those residents who are within 250 feet of the treatment areas. We will post the date of treatment on the web site as soon as we know when it will be done.

- d) Water quality update – Jim Fogelberg and his team will continue to conduct our water studies for the DNR. We thank him and his team for their continued dedication to this important activity, testing for water clarity and chlorophyll and phosphorous levels.
- e) 2014 DNR Grant – We received a \$7,000 grant from the DNR for 2014. This will be used to offset the costs for Curly Leaf treatment.
- f) Web Site Management – We decided to make an attempt to sell advertising space on our web site. We will be contacting all current newsletter advertisers and other surrounding businesses to seek their support. The ads will cost \$25 and will be simple in nature, with a link to the advertiser’s web site if they have one. The list will be sent out and board members will each contact select businesses.
- g) Train noise – Paul Baker continues to head the team on working with the railroad and county on closing the crossing. A new concern was raised. There is a general concern for the personal and environmental safety of our lake area due to the numerous accidents and derailments of trains traveling on the tracks that run adjacent to our lake. We are collecting data pertaining to rail use, accidents and potential harm from activity related to the trains. We will continue to work with the county and local community of developing the best proposal for the entire Lincoln area community.
- h) Test Bass Season – At this time there will be no “early” bass season on Fish Trap Lake.
- i) Shoreline Development – Scott continues to head the committee that is working with the county on enforcement of the county shoreline development laws. We believe the best route to take at this time is to work with our county commissioner, in cooperation with the other lake associations in the area to get the current laws amended. They are too tough to enforce, so essentially nothing is being done to protect the shorelines today. We will present our concerns at the Regional Lakes meeting in early June.

New Business

- a) The spring newsletter will be in the mail by mid-May. We will not be including colored advertising this year. It made the newsletter very expensive to print and mail.
- b) We will be attending the spring Regional Lakes meeting in early June
- c) The date and time were set for the Annual meeting: 9:00 AM, June 21, 2014 at Scandia Valley Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at noon.