



MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6-14-2020

Location: Moose Lodge at 7pm

Camp Lake Association Meeting Annual Meeting

1. Introduction of Board
 - a. President Steve Ridders, Vice President Brian VanVliet, Secretary Alison Flegel, Treasurer Mary Milligan, Honorary Trustee Sue Smegel, Trustee Kevin VanRavenswaay, Trustee Barb Orlikowski, Trustee John Newville, Trustee Paulette Donnelly
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. See attached Statement of Operations
3. Introduction of Algoma Township Community Sheriff
 - a. Natashia Smith
4. Camp Lake Sewer Update – Kevin Green (Township Supervisor)
 - a. Meetings with committee of citizens have resulted in a new contract with the City of Sparta
 - b. Details of the Wolverine Worldwide settlement with Algoma Township
 - c. Township only gets 5% of taxes we pay (.7 mil) – 60% revenue sharing (affected by COVID)
 - d. COVID update – township is accessible, call ahead
 - e. Roads – doubled funding for roads - ~\$200K now – 13 mile will happen next year (that's a county road since it's a major thoroughfare) Fonger and Warbler will be done soon
 - f. Our sewer rate is higher than neighboring communities. It was raised to fund repairs because there was no capital outlook. Now we are funding future items as well.
5. Camp Lake Park update – Alison Flegel
 - a. If you see something say something – there were some odd things getting left at the park during quarantine so please let Alison know if you see anything awry.
6. Progressive AE: Tony Groves
 - a. Lake Treatment Update – got out early for the initial survey on May 12, first treatment was May 21st around most of the perimeter of the lake. Anticipate good results. Another biologist is back on the lake this Friday and will evaluate the results of first



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treatment and will have another treatment done the following week – before the 4th of July. (Was completed on 6/24/20)

b. New budget for continuation of lake treatment

b.i. We have another year on existing project – set to continue to 2021 – Township wants to be proactive for proper hearings. Tony will put together another budget for the lake association - \$39K/year – around \$290/property – scheduled to stay the same. New program will run 2021 – 2026. Once the township gets the new budget – the township will hold a public hearing. It will probably be next year, but potentially the public hearing could be this year. Steve will review with the CLA Board before signing any agreements.

c. Planned testing for harmful algae

c.i. There is concern of blooms at a level that they could be harmful. Those types are very rare. The state sampled lakes all over the state. These blooms are caused by bloom green algae that can produce a toxic substance. A person from Tony's office will be collecting algae samples over the summer to determine if they are producing the nasty cyanotoxins that are at an alarming level. PhD from GVSU will be leading the investigation this summer.

c.ii. Some of the things that we can do are to limit the algae bloom are lawn fertilizing with Phosphorus

c.iii. The problems with treating too early are adverse effects on fish spawning

c.iv. Department of environment great lakes and energy – the permit we have has restrictions, but Tony is willing to go as aggressive as they allow especially if they find out it's a bad algae situation. Additionally, the product doesn't work if it's below 55 degrees. He's going to talk to the applicator about a colder water type of treatment.

c.v. Could the new orchard off Lymburner be causing an increased algae bloom? Not likely. Orchards are not usually contributors. Camp Lake has a particularly high phosphorus content at the bottom of the lake – internal phosphorus cycling. It's happening in a number of lakes.

c.vi. Allum – compound that can be applied to the lake to settle the phosphorus – it's about a \$100K treatment. There have only been 4 of those done in the state and Tony has been done with 3 of them. If we find that we have a harmful algae bloom – this might be an option. It is very expensive.

c.vii. There really hasn't been good fish spawning this year. With the crazy weather – high and lows in cold and bad storms, this may be a bad year for fish. The more concentrated run off affects this.



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- c.viii. Tony is going to investigate the new orchard and the run off
- c.ix. A biologist is coming out on Friday and will investigate all of our concerns
- c.x. The spray is targeted at the invasive species. They don't want to take too much Cara out. It's a good plant as long as it's not growing too heavy. There is a specific spray for algae only (copper product).

7. Committee Reports

a. Sue – Adopt a Road

- a.i. Used to have people volunteer for a certain section. Now potentially get just a couple of dates that anyone can go out and do it.
- a.ii. First dates – April 25th- May 3rd were COVID canceled
- a.iii. July 25-Aug 2 and Oct 3-11. Sue to pick one day between these dates and send invitation e-mail to all people around the lake along with an alternate date should weather not cooperate.
- a.iv. Talk to Sue if interested in being a Section Captain or working on the internal roads
- a.v. The Road Commission does have vests and bags available.

b. Neighborhood Watch

- b.i. Goes by Section Captains – ask Sue if interested or questions
- b.ii. Sue to confirm who section captains are so it can be added to the Camp Lake Association web page.
- b.iii. Section Captains will spread the word if they hear anything

c. Fish Stocking – Brian VanVliet –


- c.i. There's a line item in the weed control budget for fisheries management
- c.ii. Lake has a high concentration of lots of small little fish. We had some black croppery put in to get the little fish. Last year we did \$2K Walleye and \$2K Black Croppery. If anyone has any suggestions let Brian know. Next budget needs to be approved.

8. Social Fundraising – Newsletter in Spring and Fall will have updates

- a. Boat Parade July 4th – best boat wins a monster 8' x 8' floating island – best boat decorations – superhero theme – also hot dogs and chips will be handed out in the middle of the lake



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- b. July 4th Fireworks – Association is Paying Shots in the Dark for the fireworks – theme America Land of the Free
 - b.i. We were lucky getting the fireworks this year because a bunch of other places canceled so Gary was able to get their fireworks
 - b.ii. Radio station will be 89.9FM
 - c. Golf Scramble August 1st, sign up next week Thursday (6/25), \$50/person – limited to 20 teams
 - d. Moose Run 5K – September 7th
 - e. Poker Run September 5th
 - f. October 10 Corn hole tournament and chili Cook off
 - g. Prime Rib dinner and Winterfest
9. We can use volunteers or donations for anything. We'll gladly take any help you can give!
 10. The Association also has a 40' x 40' tent that can be rented for \$200 included set up and tear down assistance.
 11. Next meeting April 25, 2021
 12. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.
 13. Minutes by Secretary Flegel X  6/14/2020