

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: May 15, 2023

Location: Brooks Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The regular monthly meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Roelofs at 5:32 pm on Monday, May 15, 2023 at Brooks Township Hall.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Terry Roelofs	President / Zone 7 Rep
Mark Breen	Vice President / Zone 4 Rep
Nancy Calvi	Treasurer / Alternate
Paul Dennis	Secretary / Alternate
Mary Spicer	Media Coordinator / Zone 6 Rep
Larry Hohs	Zone 1
Betty Pennington	Zone 2
Grant Bryan	Zone 3 / HLB Rep
Janella Byrne	Zone 5

Also in attendance:

Pat Bertrand	Alternate
Bart Calvi	Alternate / HLB Rep
Joseph Morrow	Alternate
Brent Prusinski	Alternate

** additional 15 attendees

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2023 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Terry Roelofs President, supported Mark Breen Vice President to approve the May Agenda; motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Terry Roelofs President to approve October 2022 Minutes, supported by Janella Byrne Zone 5 representative; motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Calvi reviewed the current Treasurer's Report.

> Paul Dennis noted that the May 30th (draft) treasurer report should be corrected to reflect actual date of May 15, 2023

Gerber Federal Credit Union

Checking Account:	\$9,329.71
Wildlife Fund:	\$4,627.61
General Fund:	\$3,269.04

Independent Bank

CD:	\$17,097.42
Checking Account:	\$2,085.51

Motion by Terry Roelofs President, supported by Mark Breen Vice President, to approve the Treasurer's Report as of May 15, 2023; Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy

- discussed / reviewed the "Summary of Treasure Expenses 2022" written report.
 - requesting that certain routine annual payments (i.e. Liability Insurance, State of MI non-profit corp. fee) can be paid in advance of approval during the next scheduled meeting
 - **Motion** by Mary Spicer Media Coordinator to allow Treasurer to make routine annual payments in advance of next scheduled meeting, supported by Paul Dennis Secretary, motion carried unanimously.
 - requesting that misc. payments of less than or equal to \$500 can be paid in advance of approval during the next scheduled meeting
 - Terry Roelofs communicated that our current By-Laws allow for misc. payment without authorization. **Confirmed that BY-Laws allow for \$100** payment without authorization.

HESS LAKE BOARD REPORT

- Progressive AE contract approved.
- May 23rd 2023 a 'weed survey' will be done. No weed control required for the past two years.
- New website for HLB is being implemented and managed by Progressive AE.
- 2023 Tax Assesment remains the same as last year (2022).
- Carp Solutions has proposed additional studies at a cost of \$51,000
 - The current decision by HLB was to 'table' these additional studies, and consider less costly options that Carp Solutions has presented.
 - recommendation to stock lake with hybrid Bluegill. Bluegill will consume Carp eggs which possibly will begin to control the Carp population. Hybrid Bluegill are larger (4 - 6" in length) and will have a higher percentage of survival.
 - lengthy discussion evolved pertaining to control of the lake Carp population. The HLB proposed that HLI consider purchasing hybrid Bluegill for stocking of the lake at a cost of \$1700 per 1000 fish. The Carp are expected to be producing their eggs within the next few weeks. As the discussion continued it was determined that it is a low financial risk to consider appropriating funds to stock / purchase 1000 hybrid Bluegill.
- **Motion** by Larry Hohns Zone 1 Representative to approve funding to purchase 1000 hybrid Bluegill, if HLB can obtain and stock Hess Lake by May 31st, supported by Paul Dennis Secretary, motion carried unanimously.
 - > **HLB** is expected to approve additional purchasing of hybrid Bluegill that will also be stocked in Hess Lake.

** Next **HLB** meeting will be @ Brooks Township Hall on July 11th 6 PM

Media Coordinator Report

Mary Spicer discussed that our website and Facebook (page) are currently up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

● MEET & GREET EVENT

- JANELLA BYRNE REPORTED THAT NOTIFICATION WAS SENT TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM IN EARLY FEB. THAT SHE WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE 'PROMOTIONAL' ITEMS (CLOTHING ETC.) AS A FUNDRAISER DURING THIS EVENT BECAUSE OF HER STUDIO (BUSINESS) BEING DELAYED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION.
- PAUL DENNIS REPORTED THAT SMUGGLER'S PARKING LOT WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY MEMEORIAL WEEKEND, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD @ WIGENT PROPERTY (HESS LAKE DR & CLEARWATER).
 - OTHER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS WERE BOAT LAUNCH & HESS LAKE RV & MOBILE HOME PARK. BOAT LAUNCH REQUIRES PERMITS AND WITH IT BEING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION. HESS LK RV & MOBILE HOME PARK HAS LIMITED PARKING AND THIS WEEKEND IS ALSO ONE OF THE BUSIEST FOR THEIR RESIDENTS.
 - FACEBOOK POSTING HAS BEEN PLACED INDICATING **LOCATION CHANGE**, SIGNS WILL BE PLACED AROUND SECTIONS OF LAKE (BY JANELLA) INDICATING EVENT LOCATION.
- FINALIZED OTHER HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS: **TABLES, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, ZONE REP.**

RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE EVENT

- **MOTION** BY MARK BREEN VICE PRESIDENT THAT \$350 MAXIMUM FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED TO COVER COSTS OF CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, SUPPORTED BY NANCY CALVI TREASURER; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - LARRY HOHS & PAUL DENNIS VOLUNTEERED TO PURCHASE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ITEMS.

NEW BUSINESS

● GARAGE SALES JUNE 8 - 10

- MARY SPICER HAS POSTED INFORMATION ON OUR FACEBOOK WEBSITE
- SIGNS PROMOTING EVENT WILL BE PLACED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 8TH
- PATRICIA BERTRAND WILL HAVE AN ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN THE HI-LITES GRAPHIC INC *SHOPPERS GUIDE*

● CARP CAGES

- TERRY ROELOFS REPORTED THAT 13 OF THE CARP CAGES HAVE BEEN PLACED AROUND THE LAKE. ADHERENCE TO THE PERMIT REQUIRES THAT THESE CAGES MUST BE TENDED/MONITOR DAILY BY EITHER THE RESIDENT AT THE CAGE LOCATION OR HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) ASSIGNED TO MONITOR DAILY
 - THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CAGE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE THAT CAN ADHERE TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT; CONTACT TERRY ROELOFS

● BAND PARTY

- TERRY ROELOFS REPORTED THAT THE BAND ON THE LAKE PARTY WILL BE HELD ON HIS AND SHAWN WIGENT PROPERTIES (PORTABLE BATHROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONSITE)

● CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

- NANCY CALVI REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
 - LOCATION 1095 E HESS LAKE DR - PARKING IS VERY LIMITED SO ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS ARRIVE VIA BOAT
 - 40 PERSON / 20 TEAM MAXIMUM
 - 8 BOARDS / 4 PROPERTY SITES WILL BE SET-UP

- FOOD AND COSTS FOR THE REGISTERED CONTESTANTS AT THE EVENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT HLIA MEETING JUNE 12TH 2023
- **NEWSLETTER**
 - NANCY CALVI DISCUSSED THE OPTION TO CONSIDER ONLY SENDING THE HLIA FALL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL AS A COST SAVINGS.
 - LEADERSHIP TEAM WILL TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION AND HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS AT THE JUNE 12TH MEETING.
- **2024 CALENDARS**
 - JANELLA BYRNE REPORTED THAT 2024 CALENDAR IS IN PROGRESS AND ASKED THAT PICTURES CONTINUE TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO HER VIA EMAIL: JANELLAHESSLAKE@GMAIL.COM
 - EMPHASIS GIVEN THAT MORE WINTER PICTURES ARE NEEDED
- **FUND RAISING**
 - TERRY ROELOFS REPORTED THAT FUNDRAISING OPTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL 2024
- **PUBLIC COMMNETS**
 - MARK BREEN COMMUNICATED THAT MANY RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT NEEDED ROAD REPAIRS AROUND THE LAKE. MARK HAS HAD COMMUNICATION WITH BROOKS & GRANT TOWNSHIPS THAT BECAUSE OF NOT HAVING A SPECIFIC ROAD TAX IN THE COMMUNITY, ONLY 'PATCH' WORK REPAIRS WILL CONTINUE.

ADJOURMENT:

MOTION: BY TERRY ROELOFS PRESIDENT TO ADJOURN, SUPPORTED BY MARK BREEN VICE PRESIDENT; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:04 PM

**** PUBLIC/MEMEBRS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS EVENING'S MEETING.**