

Little Traverse Lake Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday January 16, 2021 9:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Participating in the Zoom meeting were Directors Mason, Race, Skjaerlund, Shutz, Rankin, Verellen and Leanderson.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Water Level – Discussion took place regarding the lowering of the lake level by removing beaver dams last fall. The final Gosling report was received and may be viewed on the website. We will contact Tim Stein, Cleveland Township, for his assistance in working with the NPS and the LCRC in forming a long-range plan to keep the lake levels at non-threatening levels.

Communications – Leanderson reviewed the communications received since the last Board meeting.

Treasurers Report – Shutz reported that we have a bank balance of \$22,083. There is approximately \$16000 earmarked for 2021 water quality, \$3000 for the boat wash and \$3000 for other requirements. There needs to be a long-range fund-raising plan to fund water quality initiatives past 2021.

Membership – Leanderson reported that 88 members paid their dues versus 87 for 2019. He reviewed members who did not rejoin. Nonpaying members will be removed from the rolls after one more outreach. We had 6 new memberships in 2020.

Committee Reports

Water Quality – Race reported that the water quality committee is working on the 2021 plan. Expenses for 2021 should be covered with committed 3-year donations. This is Dr. Canale's last year of his three-year contract. He will deliver his report on 2020 testing this spring. Freshwater Solutions work will continue in 2021. There will be three parts to their work – well testing, lake testing and drone surveys. Of the 9 sites tested in 2020, 2 were positive. Those sites have begun remediation. In 2021, they will test 8 new sites using lake, well and drone tests. The focus in 2021 will be older septic systems. Volunteers will be requested. Julie Sutfin has volunteered to manage the data from Dr. Canale's reports. She requires a computer that would be used solely for this purpose. Cost of the computer is \$752. It was agreed that she should be authorized to purchase the computer which will remain the property of the Association and will be the repository for all the water quality data.

MURT Heritage Trail – Verellen reported that Tim Stein received an email from the NPS which states that the environmental assessment of the CR-669 spur wouldn't be considered until the last leg is further along. He did indicate it is not a priority for NPS and does not consider it a stipulation from the Cleveland Township meeting.

Swimmers Itch – Rankin had no further information on swimmers itch.

Website/Directory – Leanderson reported that the 2021 Directory will be published after notifying the members about the "opt-in" requirement and requesting current Directory members to check for changes to their information.

Old Business – Discussion took place regarding the 2021 Winterfest Dinner. It was decided that due to Covid-19 we would delay the Winterfest Dinner until 2022.

New Business – There was no new business

The next meeting is Saturday February 20, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.