

Gravel Lake Association  
Board Meeting - Minutes  
May 19, 2018

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:02am
- II. Attendance: Craig DeSimone, Reed, Melissa DeSimone, Brown, Hochsprung, McDevitt, McGreal, Micheli, Rinaldi, Rockwell, Roeder, Toso, Vitkauskas, Zwartz.
  - A. Not in Attendance: Pinkos, Carlie DeSimone, Lalone, Paramski
- III. Approval of a Minutes from 4/14/18 - motion to approve by McDevitt, seconded by Hochsprung, approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Report prepared by Janice Pinkos and presented by Craig DeSimone. More than half of the dues deposits this month were from Paypal payments. Total funds: \$29,288.90
- V. Officer's Reports
  - A. Secretary - no report
  - B. Editor - The newsletters will be out by Memorial Day or the weekend after. If you cannot deliver the newsletters let Craig DeSimone know, someone will deliver them for you.
  - C. Internet Ops. -
    1. Jim McGreal updated the website, the calendar and the trustee page. People are using paypal on the website to pay their dues. Dan McDevitt sent the information we need to put up about the weed treatment (AIS) schedule for this year. Jim would like to add a google analytics app to the website to see how people are using and accessing the page.
    2. Craig DeSimone had to deal with a Facebook post that offended someone, it was not profane or solicitation so we did not take it down but did explain our policy and extended our regrets that they felt bad about the post.
      - a) Suzanne Reed suggests that at the membership meeting or on Facebook explain the board's policy about the Facebook page.
    3. Craig DeSimone wants to publicize MISIN on the website and on the Facebook page.
      - a) Melissa DeSimone will put it on the facebook page and Jim McGreal will put it on the website.
  - D. Fundraising - Suzanne Reed will talk with Craig DeSimone about the fundraising committee meeting after this meeting. Suzanne Reed has tshirt ideas she will bring to the committee meeting, we will only print one design per year. Suzanne also found a shop in Kalamazoo and quoted prices for different styles. Janice Pinkos would like the meeting to be on Memorial Day.
  - E. Water Quality - Craig DeSimone reports that Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) will expire in September 2018.
    1. Dave Brown recommends that we continue to collect data on our own.
    2. Ken Hochsprung will ask PLM if they can collect and test the samples that we have already been testing and how much it would cost.
  - F. AIS - Ken Hochsprung reports that he negotiated with PLM for a new contract - 2 years static cost and a flexible cancellation policy for the following 2 years.
    1. The SAD is still good for this year, it is a 5 year SAD so we'll go ahead and work to renew the next 5 years. The public hearing is at the July 11th Porter Township meeting.
    2. Thank you to Ken Hochsprung for going through all the hoops to figure out what we needed to do for the SAD.
    3. Craig DeSimone reports about starry stonewort in the channel and by the trailer park, it is concerning that it is found on the main body of water. We need to be on top of this problem, it could be very bad for the lake. Craig will send out photos for identification.

4. Craig DeSimone reports about phragmites on Huff's Landing, PLM has been using herbicide and Craig found out about a manual method of removal. We need to be very aggressive to keep it in check.
- G. Buoys/Signage - Michael Zwartz reports that all the buoys are out but we lost the sign in the middle of the weedbed. A new sign will cost \$25 and Craig DeSimone will approve that cost. Craig DeSimone found out at the MLSA conference that we are liable for any incidents that occur because of the buoys. We have insurance to cover liability and the board is satisfied with our current buoys and insurance coverage.

## VI. Old Business

- A. Public Access - Signage
1. Suzanne Reed can have a sign made and has ideas. Suzanne will send out content for the board to approve, Ken Hochsprung will get the content approved by the DNR, and then we will move forward.
- B. Shaw Rd. Pedestrians - Phil Rinaldi reports that he spoke with Greg Brucks, Phil sent Greg the powerpoint of the information about the project options, Greg will talk to the township about the project. Greg Brucks will let Phil know what he finds out.
- C. Picnic - Dave Brown reports that the picnic is coming along nicely, he needs volunteers. All time sensitive orders are already placed (tent, porta-potty, etc.) Kristy Vitkauskas, Arlene Rockwell, Dan McDevitt, and Suzanne Reed volunteer to help with set up on Friday night and/or Saturday.
1. We charge \$1 for each extra tickets, Dave Brown is thinking about removing this charge, he will talk to Janice Pinkos about how much we make from this. The board is concerned about making any changes since the flyers have already been sent out.
- D. Name Tags - Melissa DeSimone will have them finished for the Picnic, trustees proofed their name and beach for errors.
- E. 4th of July planning - Craig DeSimone reported the times of the events, no discussion about them.
- F. Phonebook - Craig DeSimone reports that we will do a phonebook this year. Janice Pinkos provided an address list. Kristy Vitkauskas will talk to Janice Pinkos, collect the updated information, organize the addresses, and pass it on the Jim McGreal for the design work. We need a facebook post to ask for updated address information.

## VII. New Business

- A. MLSA update - Craig DeSimone reports that the DeSimone family learned a lot of information for our association from the MLSA Spring Conference.
1. Wake Boat impact is of high interest to MLSA members.
  2. Legal action fund for DNR disputes, beach use disputes, changes to legislation, runoff issues - we may need a separate fund for this money. We will discuss this at further meetings.
  3. AIS control options were discussed.
  4. Lakeshore management ordinances in other states, ban/limit seawalls.
  5. Keyholing ordinance does not extend to road ends/easements.
- B. Landing Blitz - Craig DeSimone reports on this program. We need volunteers to engage boaters at the public access with flyers, giveaways, and information. We pick the date for this. Dan McDevitt, Dave Brown volunteer to work this. Boat wash station is not involved in this.
- C. GL Clean Up Day - Jen Micheli had 25 volunteers to pick up trash around the lake on Earth Day. Some people worked on the lakeshore, the roadside, and Shaw Road. They collected 8-10 bags of trash. Thanks to Jen Micheli and Chris Toso for their clean up work.
- D. Other New Business -
1. Poker Run - Janice Pinkos might run the poker run this year, she will let us know.

2. Chris Toso reports that there is a dead tree branch leaning over the spillway bridge, Tom Zwartz will look at the branch and see what can be done.
  3. Ken Hochsprung reports on fish stocking, DNR will allow us to stock 500 fish but there is a 40% premium for the low amount so Ken does not recommend stocking this year. We will not be stocking. We will stock next year and will likely be able to stock perch next year.
  4. Suzanne Reed is keeping our archives up to date, she needs a hard copy of the lake study, she will make new boating safety cards, she will continue to make welcome baskets.
- E. Next Membership meeting on Saturday, June 16th, 10:30am at 32313 Chamberlin Dr. and next BOT meeting on Saturday, July 21st, 10am at the Porter Township Hall

VIII. Announcements - none

IX. Adjourned at 11:32am