**WHITE LAKE AND DUCK LAKE SEVEN HARBORS ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 25, 2022**

President Schoeb called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the VFW Hall on Duck Lake Road in Highland, Michigan.

Present:

Winni Schoeb Jodi Michela Nick Kutsoginis Justin Klopf

John Millington Rae Joerin Eric Russell Nancy Drury

Sharon Crary Cynthia Shepherd Nichole Slating

Steve Kirchner Mike Kuzmich Vicki Zellinger

**Welcome**

Winni welcomed everyone to the membership meeting and briefly reviewed the agenda and meeting rules.

**Minutes**

***Steve Kirchner made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 27, 2022. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.***

Winni reminded everyone that minutes are available for review in the “members only” section of the website.

**Treasurer’s Report and Budget**

Sharon reviewed the reports. She explained that approximately $10,000 was moved from the general fund to the road fund for the opening balance at 6/1/22. The amount remaining in the general fund is the amount needed for operations for the current year.

Frank DelVecchio. inquired about what we charging lawsuit participants for maintenance fees. Sharon said that we are only charging for snow removal. There are only ten homes left in the neighborhood that were involved in the lawsuit. These properties were not grandfathered in. The Board will take a look at the policy to make sure these residents are being adequately charged for usage.

Winni thanked those who have paid their maintenance fees and reminded us that we can pay electronically via the website. Sharon stated that about 70% of members have paid their current year dues at this point. There is about $90,000 that is past due from prior years.

**Events and Activities**

Thanks were given to Jodi and her volunteers for contributing to a very successful bike parade. Jodi reminded everyone that the golf outing is scheduled for September 10th at 8am. She is looking for volunteers, sponsors, and gift donations for the raffle. Consistent with past years, there is a dinner only option.

**Elections**

Two important topics are being discussed at the August General Membership meeting – proposed bylaw changes and Board nominations for the 2022/2023 year. Nominations to run for the Board will be taken at the August General Membership meeting. Please let the Board know if you are interested in volunteering for the election committee.

Rae discussed the bylaws and noted that there were many inconsistencies between the governing documents. In addition to making the documents consistent, the goal is to remove any bylaws that are no longer applicable, add clarity to the document, and make the document consistent with Highland Township ordinances where possible. The Board will be working on finalizing the document and a draft will be presented to the membership in August. Everyone will have one month to review the document and can ask questions or make suggestions at the September Membership meeting. Kerrie Sullivan noted that the document that they will be distributing in August will document both the old and the new bylaw so they can be easily compared.

There were a number of comments and suggestions about the bylaws including having elections on a rotating basis. Kerrie confirmed that this recommendation has been included in the draft bylaws. The election taking place in September will be for a twelve-month term. If this bylaw passes, it would not take effect until the 23/24 elections. Larry McCullum doesn’t think that the bylaws need to document rules that are duplicates of the Highland Township ordinances. Aleta Dyling thanked the Board for the one-month review period.

**Other**

Cheri Miller noted that trees and other landscaping at a home on Lakeview are blocking the line of sight at the curve, making it difficult to see walkers, bikers and other vehicles. Nick will look into this issue.

Jim Jonah asked what company did the bridge inspection and who is doing the repairs. Steve noted that all issues noted in the bridge report were superficial and he will be doing the repairs. He was not sure what company did the inspection, but we have had the same company for the past twenty years. However, it was noted that the lifespan of the bridge was decreased to 10-15 years. The Board will be working on a bridge replacement plan due to this decrease. We will share the report in the next few weeks after we have an understanding of the change in life span.

Linda Slack noted that a cement statue was stolen from her front yard sometime around the July holiday. Winni reminded everyone at the meeting to visit the Community Talk section of the website – perhaps someone in the community will have information about the stolen property.

Frank DelVecchio asked why East and West Clarice have not been resurfaced. The road was seal coated, but never resurfaced. Winni apologized if this issue was lost in the transition to the new Board and it will be investigated.

Nancy Tappan asked about the potential for a handicapped parking space at North Beach. Winni will investigate.

Nancy Tappan also asked about the large pile of dirt that has been near Outlot D for quite some time. Winni explained that the Board was aware of the pile and noted that a resident of the neighborhood has volunteered his own time and money to make improvements to the outlot. The volunteer needed to get Board approval before he could move forward. This approval was given last weekend, so the dirt pile will disappear soon.

Haleigh Kenworthy noted they bought their home about 15 months ago and have been working very hard to make improvements. They noted that if neighbors or residents have questions or concerns, they should ask the homeowners directly about the improvements. They live at 3175 Beaumont.

Winni noted that Nancy Tappan brought in safety pamphlets from the police sub-station. Please free to take if you are interested.

Jodi is looking for liquor donations for the barrel of cheer at the golf outing. If you have a donation, please drop off to any Board member.

Winni noted that the next meeting is August 22nd. It will be a longer meeting due to nominations.

***At 8:13pm, Jodi Michela made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and passed unanimously.***

Respectively Submitted – Nancy Drury, Secretary