

THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND NOTES

Present: Mary Ellen Sheridan (President), Bill Foster (Vice President), Suzanne Witthoff (Treasurer), Barb Huey (Secretary); Directors – Frank Beaver, Linda Orlow, Scott Davis; Zone Reps – Jan Huntley, John Perkins, Betty Cassidy, Cheryl Kreibel, Gail Beaver, Linda Alexander, Betsy Naumer, Larry Grzegorzewski; Standing Committee Chairs – Scott Davis, Bill Hartwig, Pete Klaas, Joan Hartwig, Stuart Case

Date: July 16, 2021 *Time:* 3:00 am – 5:00 pm *Location:* Pellston Regional Airport, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
Call the Meeting to Order by the President – Mary Ellen Sheridan (MES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. 		
Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Bill Foster, seconded by Cheryl Kreibel to approve minutes of 5/26/2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion passed. 	
Treasurers Report – Suzanne Witthoff (see attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer’s Report through June 2021 was presented. Suzanne noted that \$15,000 was transferred to an Advantage Plus CD that renews every 6 months for 36 months, with variable interest rates of 0.15 to 0.75, as discussed at May 2021 meeting. Motion by John Perkins, seconded by Gail Beaver to approve Treasurer’s Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer’s Report approved as presented. 	
President’s Report – Mary Ellen Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Grant reports that Swimmer’s Itch LLC removed, at last count, 5 broods of mergansers from the lake. There may be another brood of late hatches. Kim has agreed to give a brief oral report about reported incidences of Swimmer’s Itch and trap/relocate activities at the Annual Meeting. Last week an eNews announcement of the Annual Meeting was sent to members as well as information about the proposed 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After a question about whether relocated mergansers were banded, MES agreed to follow up with Curt regarding this.

Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (see May 26, 2021 minutes). These were also mailed to DLIA non-green members.

- MES asked Zone Reps for status of the delivery of Directories. Most agreed that Directories have been handed out to members who are or have been at the lake. MES noted that Directories have been mailed to members who do not have lake property.

From Munro Twp. Meeting:

- road brining will be taking place next week, weather permitting.
- Burt Lake Twp. Trustee presented info on the new sections of the bike trail around Burt Lake, construction of two new sections, heading east along Riggsville Rd and then south along East Burt Lake Rd. are planned for Aug./Sept. The Aug. eNews will contain more info.
- MES sent a letter to Gail Gruenwald with copy to Eli Baker regarding DLIA's support for Watershed Academy at Pellston High School. Our donation is for two years/\$1000 per year.
- DLIA is hosting WC Mobile Boat Wash at the boat ramp Sat., Aug. 21, noon – 4 pm. Volunteers are needed.
- MES will be away July 25 – Aug. 11.

<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmer’s Itch Task Force – Kim Grant • Nominating Committee - Cheryl Kreibel • Budget Committee – Scott Davis • Boat Ramp – Stuart Case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See President’s report above. • Cheryl explained that after looking at the potential candidates for Treasurer, the committee recommends that the EB recommend Suzanne Witthoff for a second term in the Treasurer’s position. • Motion to accept the committee’s recommendation made by Scott Davis, seconded by Linda Alexander. • 2022 Budget requests need to be sent to Scott Davis. EB will have a meeting the week of Aug. 16th to review Budget Committee recommendation. • Stuart shared info regarding the current state of the DL Boat Ramp, current operating condition, likely future operating problems, shared relationship with Cheboygan County and Munro Twp. for maintenance of ramp, and list of recommendations regarding future actions dealing with the ramp for consideration. • The road leading to the ramp is gravel. Concrete planks approximately 12 ft. long, 6 ft. wide. 4 in. thick are reinforced by ½ in. metal rebar. Planks extend about 25 ft. into roadway from water’s edge and about 30 ft. into the lake. Nominal depth at the end of the plank is 3 ft. Current planks were installed June 1991 by the DNR. • Cheboygan County, Munro Twp. And DLIA have shared responsibilities for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed. 	
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upkeep/maintenance for the approach to ramp, for the ramp, and some expenses. County maintains above water portion. Twp. looks after below water portion, DLIA shares some expenses with Twp. and provides volunteers that keep ramp clear of sand/debris and put in/take out dock adjacent to ramp.

- Current condition of ramp is marginal due to wave action, winter ice, and launch/recovery action. Concrete planks under water are deteriorating which impairs safe launch and recovery of boats at times. Sections of rebar in planks periodically become exposed. Stuart believes that deterioration will continue at an accelerated rate and will more seriously impact the safety of boat ramp operations.
- Recommendations:
 - Have engineering survey of current operational condition conducted to establish extent of needed repairs or replacement of entire ramp to better ensure future safety of those using the ramp.
 - Establish estimated cost of necessary repairs or replacement of boat ramp.
 - Review current shared relationship with county and twp. regarding ramp to assess if this arrangement should continue, or an alternative should be considered.
- MES shared a Boat Ramp Log researched and created by Holly Gedhert that provides specific info on what is known about work done on ramp, related costs, and who paid for costs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES noted that at the last Cheboygan County Road Commission meeting the issue of the state of the DL boat ramp was brought up. • Motion made by Scott Davis, seconded by Suzanne Witthoff, to communicate via letter with Munro Twp. Supervisor and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Cheboygan County Road Commission regarding this issue and request a meeting to discuss next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES to send letter requesting meeting. • MES will share info from Stuart and Holly with Munro Twp. Supervisor and Chair, Board of Commissioners of Cheboygan County Road Commission.
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Survey Committee – Cheryl Kreibel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl noted that the community around DL is changing, partly because of changes in property owners around the lake. The committee feels that the DLIA needs to develop a better understanding of the interests, values and priorities of the current membership. They feel that a survey would help gather that data which could then be used to develop budget priorities, educational programs or other activities that facilitate engagement with the membership and support the Association’s missions and goals. Areas to survey would include demographics, values/priorities, engagement, and hopes/dreams. • Suggested timeline: development of survey now and throughout winter, share with EB members in winter for feedback, send to membership in early spring. • Budget would total no more than \$1000, mostly for printing and postage for non-green members. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included importance of involvement of Zone Reps in getting responses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More discussion will happen at Aug. 2021 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss further at Aug. 2021 meeting.
<p>Adjournment - 4:40 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn made by Bill Foster, seconded by Betty Cassidy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed 	<p>Next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of Aug. 16th, TBD • Annual Mtg: Tues., Aug. 24, 7:00 pm, 6:00 pm social hour.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Submitted by Barb Huey 			

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