

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA AND NOTES**

*Present:* Mary Ellen Sheridan (President), Suzanne Witthoff (Treasurer), Barb Huey (Secretary); *Directors* – Frank Beaver, Scott Davis; *Past President* – Holly Gedert; *Zone Reps* – Jayne Morse, John Perkins, Alan Grams, Linda Orlow, Joan Caldwell, Susan O’Dwyer, Betsy Naumer, Anne Covy; *Standing Committee Chairs* – Bill Hartwig, Joan Hartwig, Stuart Case; *Guests* - Ron Witthoff

*Date:* July 15, 2022      *Time:* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm      *Location:* Pellston Regional Airport, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
<b>Call the Meeting to Order by the President</b> – Mary Ellen Sheridan (MES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One third of Executive Board constitutes a quorum; quorum noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance</b> – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Scott Davis, seconded by Suzanne Witthoff to approve minutes of 5/26/2022.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurers Report</b> – Suzanne Witthoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurer’s Report through June 30, 2022 was presented.</li> <li>Motion by Holly Gedert, seconded by Scott Davis to approve Treasurer’s Report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treasurer’s Report approved as presented.</li> </ul>	
<b>President’s Report</b> – MES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Boat Ramp Committee</b> – Stuart Case</li> <li><b>Swimmer’s Itch</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Committee Reports below.</li> <li>MES received a brief note from Swimmer’s Itch Solutions in response to notification that EB had not approved funding the snail study they proposed, thanking DLIA EB for consideration of SIS’ proposal. MES notes she has not seen many Merganser’s on the lake and has not received any complaints about SI, perhaps because of cooler weather.</li> <li>MES offered to write an article for the eNews on general suggestions to treat avoid and treat SI if we felt it was necessary. Contact MES.</li> </ul>		

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zone Rep Change</b></li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zone 71 reps recently moved to Star Trail (Zone 61). Search for a new rep is underway.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TOM Watershed Academy</b></li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DLIA received written thank you with a photo and decal for our support of the Academy during the last school year.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boat Ramp Replacement Project</b></li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Unfinished Business below.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Newsletter Team Editor</b></li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although we don't have a Newsletter Team Editor for next fall, we are talking with some folks about operating a News Team Committee which would collectively oversee the two Newsletters, published in Nov. and May.</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trail Guide from Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC)</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MES showed a trail guide provided by Little Traverse Conservancy to LTC members. She suggested that it is helpful for finding outdoor recreation for self and guests.</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PIE&amp;G Fiber Optic Project</b></li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If anyone is interested, contact LTC.</li> </ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PIE&amp;G Fiber Optic Project</b></li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MES reported on presentation made to the Munro Township Board at its meeting Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> by the President and CEO of PIEG about its fiber optics initiative for its customers. Currently PIEG is working on Phase I of the fiber optic project in Onaway County. Phase II of the initiative will address fiber optic cable for Cheboygan County. Fiber Optic cable will be hung from PIEG poles coming west on Levering Rd and will provide fiber optic service to DL residents/PIEG customers in that area. Possible timing is first quarter of 2024 for hook up but that timing is not firm at this</li> </ul> |

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Loon Books</b></li> </ul>	<p>time. Interested PIEG customers who will benefit from this Phase II project should check the PIEG web site under PIEG Connect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holly stated that sales of <i>The Loons of Maple Bay</i> have been going well and requested approval of \$750 to order 100 more books.</li> <li>• Motion to approve \$750 for 100 more <i>The Loons of Maple Bay</i> books by Scott Davis, seconded by Linda Orlow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion approved</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Committee Reports</b> Boat Ramp – Stuart Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Administrator – Gwen Kuehn</li> <li>• Swimmer’s Itch Task Force</li> <li>• Nominating Committee – Holly Gedert</li> <li>• Merchandise – Kelly Davis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat ramp plank is starting to buckle. Committee members were able to bend rebar in effort to keep damage to vehicles/trailers from happening.</li> <li>• Dock to be moved on Saturday.</li> <li>• Currently DLIA has 371 memberships. Dues collected through July 14, 2022 is \$ 7,475.</li> <li>• See President’s Report above</li> <li>• The candidates that will be presented for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting are Ron Witthoff for President, Scott Davis for VP, and Linda Woolcott for secretary.</li> <li>• Motion by Joanie Caldwell, second by Joan Hartwig to approve these candidates.</li> <li>• Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.</li> <li>• Committee members were Marty Foster, Linda Woolcott and Jennifer Bates.</li> <li>• Next Merchandise Sale is Sat., July 23.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion approved.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Relations – Bill Hartwig</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a Countywide Road Millage Proposal on the ballot at the Aug. 2, 2022 election. Bill noted that there is confusion among people on whether this is a renewal or new millage. This is a renewal.</li> <li>US 31 in Alanson will be closed for a time for reconstruction. Dates are unknown at this time.</li> <li>Spectrum broadband received a grant from the State of Michigan that covers the DL area around DLB. This work has been scheduled however supplies are hard to get. They hope to do the work this year.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Unfinished Business</b>  <b>Boat Ramp Replacement Project – Ron Witthoff</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks to Stuart Case &amp; his team, ramp deterioration was brought to the attention of DLIA last year. After it was determined that ramp should be replaced, not repaired, responsibility for repairs to ramp had to be determined. After much discussion, Munro Twp. agreed to be responsible. Cheboygan County Road Commission gave jurisdiction over the section leading up to the ramp to Munro Twp.</li> <li>Huron Engineering was hired to oversee the project, get permits, etc. The issue of property encroachment has been settled, cement planks have been ordered and Spierling Excavating has been hired as the contractor.</li> <li>Work will probably start after Labor Day and will take about one week. Notice will be given to memberships when a date has been determined.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cofferdam will be used to create a dry area where the work will be done.</li> <li>• Ron Witthoff has been working with DLIA members Holly Gedert, Frank Spezia, and Glenn Brantley on this project.</li> <li>• Ron noted that the Munro Twp. board has supported this project after understanding that Douglas Lake is a public lake, not just for DL property owners.</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blight Ordinance</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Munro Twp. officials are in discussions on setting up a process for handling blight issues.</li> </ul>		
<b>Adjournment</b> - 4:47 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adjourn made by Susan O’Dwyer, seconded by Holly Gedert.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion approved.</li> </ul>	<p>Next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EB will meet in early August when the Budget Committee has met and has a draft budget for FY23 for consideration and also includes recommendations for EB about which assets to tap to pay for DLIA’s donation to Township for boat launch. Date to be determined.</li> </ul> <p>Annual Mtg:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Meeting:</b> Monday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 PM at the Gates Lecture Hall at UMBS. Registration begins at 6:00 PM.</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes Submitted by:</b> Barb Huey			