

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
53rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA AND NOTES

Date: Monday, August 22, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: UM Biological Station – Gates Lecture Hall

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Opening – Mary Ellen Sheridan (MES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance. • Quorum was noted.
Guest Speakers Dr. Aimee Classen, Director, UMBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With many years of research done at UMBS they can help solve environmental problems. They strive to engage with local community through education and research. • Students are demanding environmental changes now. • Plan for next 5-10 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead/model carbon neutral field stations ○ Reduce barriers in current housing ○ Possible year-round programs to increase number of students with access to field stations • Dr. Classen’s contact info: aclassen@umich.edu
Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting – Barb Huey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Scott Davis, seconded by Paul Nows, to approve minutes as written. Motion approved.
Treasurer’s Report –Suzanne Witthoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed 2023 budget is essentially the same as last year and has been approved by the Executive Board. • Boat Ramp Replacement Project will be paid for from the CD that is currently around \$31,000 and the funds in the checking account which has approximately \$41,000. DLIA agreed to donate 60% of the cost of the project to Munro Twp. which in total would be approximately \$50,000. • The \$2500 in UMBS scholarship and \$3500 for Swimmer’s Itch have been carried over to 2023 as they were not needed this year. • Suzanne is looking for volunteer(s) to do a financial overview of the budget twice a year. Contact her if you can help.
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Summary - Mary Ellen Sheridan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Committee Annual Reports will be shared in upcoming eNews. • At recent Munro Twp. board meeting, there was discussion of the Blight Ordinance. The procedure for reporting a property to be looked at is to write a letter to Keith Ginop or Mary Bur at the township. Two trustees will drive by the property then report back to Munro Twp. Board which decides whether to move forward. If so, the report will be forwarded to the Sheriff’s Office who will talk with property owner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Property owner will not be notified of who made complaint, but the letter cannot be anonymous.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Ramp Replacement Project – Ron Witthoff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL Water Quality Monitoring – Warren Woolcott, Dennis Mikus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron thanked Stuart Case for bringing up the state of the boat ramp to DLIA EB last year. Some of the concrete planks have been deteriorating, exposing supporting rebar reinforcements. • This was brought to the attention of Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC) and Munro Twp. who had been maintaining it along with financial donations from DLIA. • Through discussions it was agreed that CCRC would give jurisdiction to Munro Twp. • Huron Engineering was hired to oversee the project and obtain permits, etc. Spierling Excavating was hired as the contractor. • Replacement of the ramp was recently completed and it is to be inspected any day. It is 3 feet wider than before and has a good slope. • Ron noted that an important part of this process brought us clarity that Munro Twp. is responsible for maintenance where it was shared by CCRC and Munro Twp. prior. • Ron thanked Holly Gedert, Frank Spezia and Glenn Brantley for working on the team and Don Tracey, Munro Twp. Trustee, for his assistance with this project. • Ron expressed appreciation on behalf of DLIA to Karie Slavic and UMBS for making special arrangements to assist several boaters who needed boat launch to get their boats in/out of DL if construction extended beyond 8/20. • Ron also noted that while the construction work at the ramp only took a few days, this process has taken a year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL is 28th largest in Michigan with 3700 acres of area. It was formed 14,000 years ago and has seven distinct deep basins, the deepest at 80 ft. • This year, water testing is being done twice a month to look at temperature and clarity of water. Samples are collected and will be taken to the Watershed Council at the end of summer where data will be compiled. • Warren and Dennis demonstrated the tools and process of obtaining the samples.
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Ramp Replacement Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Committee Reports above.
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers – Holly Gedert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly brought forth the DLIA Executive Board approved slate for the following officers: Ron Witthoff, President; Scott Davis, VP; Linda Woolcott, Secretary • MES asked for nominations from the floor; there were none. • Motion to accept the above slate made by Paul Nows, seconded by Carmel Borders. Motion approved. • Holly thanked Marty Foster, Jennifer Bates and Linda Woolcott who assisted on the nominating committee.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions, Appointments, Changes – MES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zone Reps are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anne Covy Zone 12 ○ Dennis Mikus Zone 33 ○ Alan Grams Zone81 ○ Susan O’Dwyer Zone 101 ○ [post meeting addition – MES neglected to mention Kathy Buchweitz is the new Zone 32 representative. She was approved by the Executive Board at its meeting 8/11/2022]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of Volunteers - MES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MES recognized and thanked Jennifer Bates, Frank Beaver and Scott Davis as Directors, Gwen Kuehn, Membership Administrator, and Kelly Davis, Merchandise Manager. • MES recognized and thanked Suzanne Witthoff, Bill Foster and Barb Huey as officers for supporting her the last few years. • Barb Huey recognized Mary Ellen as president for the previous 4 years and presented her with a plaque.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts – Kelly Davis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names were drawn for Douglas Lake merchandise; items distributed.
<p>Adjournment – 8:37 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Scott Davis to adjourn, second by Cheryl Krehbiel.
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Barb Huey, Secretary</p>	