

Loon Lake Park District Association LLPDA

Meeting Minutes

22MAY229:00AM

Present: John Nick, Rich McCrum, P Reed, Mary Flynn, Kevin Wickert, Mike Baumis, Gail Danforth, Barb Kearney, Glen Vogel

1. President Updates:

- 2019 IRS dispute continues to be resolved. John N initiated contact with 'dispute department; with next contact expected approximately 15JUN22. Bonidio Group has reviewed the returns, finding no apparent issues with return. LLPDA has historically used 'member/friend' volunteers to prepare returns, but given the LLPDA now being a non-profit 501C, board moving to professional services for future returns. Additionally, electronic filing will soon be required, further supporting the need for professional return prep services.
- AquaLOGIC invasive remediation for Loon Lake beginning week of 24MAY22. Dominic wants to do something for Thos O'Brien; although not defined at this time.
- Thos Swick, deceased and lived on Van Guilders, listed LLPDA as beneficiary in his will. Authorized 10% of his estate value, and John Nick is filing all required paperwork for this transaction.
- Short term rentals committee presented draft language to town board. Impacts, regulations and redistribution of 4% Warren County tax all under consideration.
- ProcellaCor EC has been approved for use in Lake Geo for two test sights, albeit an Article 78 has been filed by the LGPDA opposing the test. AquaLOGIC is currently training and gaining certification for using the product in NYS
- BAG DROP project for key information is in process, 800 bags are collated and stuffed (Gail Danforth hosted and facilitated the stuffing meeting). Committee is dropping the information bags, while being sensitive to residents that have requested 'no drop' locations.
- BOD approved a commendation plaque for his many years of service, for Eric Lauritsen. John presented on behalf of the board to Eric and Cathy.
- A very large pine tree fell off the east point of Blythewood island, requiring special navigation markers/danger buoys to be temporarily installed. John Nick facilitated the removal by working with said family and the Town of Chester.

2. Old Business

- Secretary minutes for FALL 2021 minutes approved. Motion by Glen Vogel, seconded by Jim Fregoe.
- Financial report was approved. Motion by G Vogel, seconded by J Fregoe.
- The LLPDA website revision Phase 1 is nearly complete and set to soft launch week of 26MAY22.
 - o Mike Baumis was instrumental in developing and maintaining the original LLPDA Website and FaceBook page. His experience and knowledge provided the groundwork for a successful re-launch on the new SquareSpace platform. The addition of electronic payment options and contribution levels are very positive for new memberships and renewals, while yielding increased donation totals. A series of e-mail blasts to registered members are planned to promote membership renewals, and will highlight the new customer facing Association resources.
 - o BOD discussed the need for professional services to own primary updates and changes to the public website. The BOD will have two associates at a minimum capable of regular edits to the Association website, while large and/or complicated edits to the platform will be made by the consultant firm. Bids are in process per board request, with annual fees expected to be approx. \$650. (Support Contract)

3. New Business

- The boat launch yielded \$6,300 in fees for FY 2021
 - o New record keeping process and attendants are in place for this boating season; 2022
- The newsletter for electronic distribution and physical delivery is complete. Gail Danforth was lead editor and chair for the task. The new newsletter parallels the new website, starting with new graphics, contact info and calendar of events. The ELECTRONIC distribution is complete.
- LLPDA is joining with Friends Lake to sponsor a prominent LOON EDUCATION presentation July 21. We are gaining sponsors to offset the expenses, and the BOD approved funds to cover expenses and promote the event. \$200 was approved for annual 'certified lake/loon friendly' renewal.
 - o Garnet Signs will produce promotional road signs for the event(s)
 - o The first 'clean the lake day'; a simultaneous individual task effort, will occur Memorial Day weekend. Photos are encouraged by participants which will be posted to the LLPDA website.
- Officer slate and new board member approval will occur at annual association July meeting.

- Eric L and Brian B are vacating their seats. John Nick is asking for recommendations for new candidates to fill positions.
- Capital expenditure discussion
 - Fred Monroe memorial and options to utilize the contributions in his memory were discussed, contributions total approximately \$1,450 to date. Prominent signage at the town beach and plantings are lead considerations. Co-ordination with the 'town' is next step.
 - Drone options: the use of drones (aerial or submersible) is being considered in place of the current physical count and survey of 255 waypoints. Warren County water and soil have information and examples, which the BOD is pursuing to better understand.
 - Gas Grill: association will purchase appropriate gas grill to support functions that include cookouts. Jim Fregoe offered custodial service. Estimated cost; \$250, and the BOD approved the expense. Motioned by Mary Flynn, second Gail Danforth
 - Fish Stocking program. Brief history discussion by knowledgeable directors, with move forward plan led by Mike Baumis to explore best options to properly stock the lake. (species/timing/count)

4. From the Floor

- Rich McCrum is dividing the invasive survey map into equivalent sections or zones. This will allow local zone captains to split the workload. Local zone leaders will use their personal watercraft and resources. The board considered and approved \$25 gift cards to the zone captains to offset the expenses associated with using their personal watercraft to complete the surveys.
- The success of the lake association and fostering a more inclusive volunteer base will be enhanced by including a 'volunteer recognition' component at the summer social.

5. Adjourn

- Motion by Jim Fregoe, second by Glen Vogel