

Eight Point Lake Property Owners' Corporation
Executive Committee: Ralph Stewart, Chairperson • Sandi Jeffery, Vice Chairperson
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Spring Meeting Minutes
Saturday May 29, 2010

9:00 AM -- Clubhouse – 11020 Rock Road

Meeting was called to order at 9am by Chairperson Ralph Stewart, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions by 60 members present.
2009 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved (1- T VanDamme, 2 – C Radewahn).
Treasurer's report was approved (1 – D Pennoni, 2 – J Carrigan).

Guest Speaker: Newly promoted Undersheriff Rick Miller spoke about the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Clare County, citing a 43% reduction in crime, and that ours is the most aggressive NW program in Michigan, with nearly every township having an active program or starting one. He also indicated that the National Neighborhood Watch will utilize some of the materials generated by our Eight Point Lake NW program. On other topics, Miller said ORV laws would be somewhat relaxed regarding golf carts; however, no one under 12 may operate one. Also, the Marine Unit budget was cut to just \$4000, so expect marine patrols to be less frequent. There is however, a 1-week class available to become an official Marine Officer with the ability to issue tickets for marine infractions. Contact the Sheriff Dept. for more information.

File of Life: Len Pilz explained the new File of Life program recently introduced in Clare County, funded by the Enterprise Community Foundation. Every member received one in their copy of the Lake Directory: a red magnetic envelope on the refrigerator holds a form with your medical information to help first responders provide immediate and potentially life-saving help in a medical event.

Website Report: The website is highly successful with an average 230 visitors monthly (over the first 8 months). A motion was made not to add a Cards & Flowers section to the website for those in hospital or bereaved families, due to privacy and crime issues (1 – S Kinnear, 2 – J Carrigan). With regard to the subject of how many years of meeting minutes should be available on the website, the Board will address that topic at the May 2011 Board Meeting.

Fireworks Report: New committee chair Larry Hummel provided a status report on plans for the 2010 Fireworks. The permit to have fireworks was obtained from Garfield Township. Wolverine Fireworks was contacted to work up a contract. Opposition by Van Welt #2 property owners to using Van Welt Park for loading the barges resulted in offers by two other families to use their property for loading.

Clubhouse Report: Tracy Salazar cleaned the clubhouse for \$45, Jim Carrigan and Bob Porritt opened the building. Four dead plants from the 2008 landscaping were replaced, and the men's toilet was repaired. Appreciation to those who volunteer to mow: D Sopchak, B Batten, J Carrigan, R Stewart. There is one reservation for the Clubhouse on August 14, for use by the Wild Cherry Beach reunion party.

Membership Report / Follow-up Dues Letter: as of May 29, 2010, we have:

Unique Addresses:	472
Property Owners:	465
Primary Residence:	110
Waterfront Properties:	311 (66% of the unique addresses)
Primary Residences (Waterfront):	56
Current Memberships (05-29-10):	320 (68% of Unique Addresses)
	258 (80% waterfront memberships)
	22 memberships realized from 2 nd mailing effort)

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We also have 268 email addresses from the membership.

A follow-up dues letter was mailed to 168 addresses in an effort to capture new memberships and remind those who forgot to send in their dues form. The dues form included was printed in a different color from the first one to effectively track the success of this effort. 22 memberships came from this effort.

Lake Directory: This year there are 11 color ads (4 last year). Contact your Shore Rep if you did not receive your Directory.

Lake Treatment Update: The lake survey will be done around June 10, with treatment to follow when the water is warm enough, tentatively around June 20. Treatment dates will be posted on our website. A bumper crop of Eurasian Watermilfoil is expected this year due to early warm water temperatures. The Lake Improvement Board held their public hearing on May 8, and a 5-year assessment district renewal was approved at that time.

July 4th Entertainment Plans:

- Road Race – will be coordinated by Tony Voisin and Shaun Holtgrieve, with support by Sandi Jeffery, Jane Seibt, and others. Tees and new banner are ordered.
- Flag Raising & Essay Contest -- musicians still needed to for the group sing-along at the Flag Raising. Also, the Essay Contest this year is open to adults.
- Boat Parade – 5 entries received so far, but parade will be canceled if 10 entries have not been received by June 25. Entries have been on the decline for 3-4 years, with only 7 last year. Decision to hold or cancel the Boat Parade will be posted at Bev's, and on the website.
- Road Parade – Carolyn Wiese (coordinator) ordered 20 extra entry numbers for this year. The \$25 permit fee was again waived by Steve Stocking (Road Commission), 2 patrol cars and the fire truck have been requested. There may be more categories to win this year. Convertibles for the Grand Marshall (Mair's/Moneysmith family) have been offered by Rich Hughes and Marion Taylor.

Marine Safety – boats must travel **counterclockwise** around the lake.

Lake Cleanup Day – July 10, 9am – meet at the Clubhouse.

Boater Safety Training – June 26th from 9-3, lunch provided. Class is for ages 12 and over.

Garage Sale: Margaret Sopchak will receive and store your garage sale donations now if you bring them to her home, 11900 S Shore Dr. Drop off items 9-3 July 12-15. Sale is July 16-17 from 9-3.

Lake Fisheries: Jim Darland is the new Chair of the Lake Fisheries Committee, & introduced himself as a 2nd generation full time resident. He made some remarks about the Northern Pike issue: Jim Baker of the DNRE Fisheries Dept. supports legal harvesting of N Pike, and they may be able to implement a change in the current rules by 2012, but it may not actually happen until 2013. In the 2010 DNRE Fish Survey of our lake only 1 of 117 netted were the legal 24" size. The Bass and pan fish survey will be conducted June 1-4. The DNRE will prepare their management prescription this winter. Concerns regarding the VHS fish virus concerns prevent any stocking by the DNRE at this time. We will plant Walleye this year.

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New Business:

- 65th Association Anniversary (2011): volunteers for the committee include Bob Denoyer, Mike and Micki Denoyer, Dan and Margaret Sopchak, Clarence Radewahn. Dale Bagby also volunteered to be on the Committee.
- A Thank You card was received by the Association from Hilda Sharp following her broken foot episode.
- A member suggested we consider color-coded map sign boards on the roads to assist visitors in finding addresses.

10:55am -- motion to adjourn (1- G Verette, 2 – C Radewahn) passed.

Submitted,

Jeanie Stewart, Secretary
July 31, 2010