

Hidden Lake Association (HLA)
Board of Governors Meeting
June 28,2021
Minutes

Board Members Present: Jay Cassella, Bob Kiehm, Victoria Nicholson, Lloyd Pearson, Heather Edelson, Anthony Grandazzo

Board Members absent: Cindy Porriello, Sheri Berger, Jim Kearney

Other association member present: Jean Cassella, Keha Esposito, Kerri Wilson, Betty Barsevich, Alan Stoke, Pat Donahue, Eleanor Porriello, Eleanor Morrison, James Nicholson

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:45 pm, by Jay Cassella, following a short break from the preceding special meeting of the HLA.

Old Business:

A motion to suspend the reading of the April and May meetings was made by Bob Kiehm, and seconded by Anthony Grandazzo.

Treasurers Report:

May:

May expenses totaled \$2898.48, the only item of significance was property management, with an expenditure of \$2,429.51

Income via taxes totaled \$3543.93

Interest income \$1.93

Motion to accept the May budget report made by Victoria Nicholson, and seconded by Heather Edelson. So, moved

June:

June expenses totaled \$6456.23, with key expenditure items being Admin supplies \$2,139, property management, \$800, and weed/debris removal, \$3,350.

June income was a total of \$1.95 interest.

Motion to accept the June budget report made by Anthony Grandazzo, seconded by Victoria Nicholson. So, moved

Treasurers report: (Submitted in writing after the meeting, as Sheri was absent)

2020 current tax , \$50,716.42

Total current tax collected, \$48,971.73

Back taxes/interest/fees collected, \$4,239.62

Total collected \$53,211.35

As this report was provided after the meeting was concluded, there was no formal approval of the report.

Septic report:

There are 31 septic tanks on the 2021 schedule to be pumped. Letters to all property owners affected will go out in the mail 6/30. The letter states that Cahill has been contracted with again this year, and will be on their property sometime during the summer/fall months. If they wish to be notified prior to Cahill being on their property, contact information was provided with instructions to contact the company directly.

Roads Committee:

No report other than Jay announcing that Tom Woods has agreed to chair this committee.

Lake and Dam Report:

Key aspects of the report include the announcement of a new chairperson of the Lake committee, Dave Chalifoux, and addition of Sheri Berger as a new committee member.

Ropes and buoys for the beach area are ready to be installed. Volunteers needed. Please contact Jay if able to help with this project.

For the full Lake report.... see attached document.

By-law Committee:

No report

Beautification committee:

Tag sale will be held on July 17th at the home of Sandy and Bob Kiehm, on E Shore Drive. While many items have already been donated, additional items are welcome! Please deliver items to the Kiehm residence prior to July 10th.

Probable use of the proceeds of the tag sale will be used to purchase tables for the beaches.

Website report:

Discussion to be continued regarding timing and process of changing ownership of the HLA website.

New Business:

Jay announced the formation of an aquatic wildlife management committee, which will function as a subcommittee of the Lake committee. Members are Keha Esposito (Chairperson), Betty Barsevich, Jill Carey, Kerri Wilson, and Mary Beth Russo.

The committee will develop and plan strategies to co-exist peacefully with the beavers in our lake. These efforts include identifying funding and volunteers to wrap trees, expunge dangerous chewed stubs from trees, and keep swimmers and wildlife safe. These initiatives will continue from the present time at least until the beginning of the next trapping season which will commence in December.

A motion to resubmit the application to DEEP was made by Victoria Nicholson, and seconded by Lloyd Pearson to request emergency authorization to eradicate of the beaver population based upon video evidence of potentially dangerous interactions between beavers and boaters.

A long and spirited discussion was held regarding this issue, with both advocates of coexistence and those in favor of eradication based upon safety concerns expressing their views.

The motion to re-submit an application for an emergency permit to DEEP was defeated by a vote of 3 to 2, with one member abstaining.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jay Cassella and seconded by Heather Edelson. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.