

**Gravel Lake Association
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting
June 11, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 10:08a.m.

Thank you to Ron and Sue Raab for the use of their pole barn.

Buy Gravel Lake paraphernalia, buy raffle tickets and pay dues.

Roll Call

Present-DeSimone, S. Reed, Brooks, Pinkos, DeRosa, Flavin, Fortney, Galassi, Garrison, Kitzmiller, LaLone, McDevitt, McGreal, Stogis.

Absent- Dorsey, Hochsprung, Melton, Murray, Paramski.

Treasurer's Report

Our paid membership is less than 50% as of June 10, 2011.

(see attached)

Stogis moved to approve the treasures report, seconded by Murphy, approved.

Officer's reports

Secretary-none

Editor- The Gravel Lakers are out and you should have received yours by now. If you haven't see your Beach Rep. We are in need of an add solicitor, if interested you can e-mail DeSimone. Dave Brown would like to place an add in the Gravel Laker.

Internet Ops- Gravel Lake.org. There are free classifieds, photos, 22 families participate in the photos. Mark Fazini is helping with the internet ops.

Fundraising- July 9th is the tentative date for the Bowling Outing, at Rainbow Lanes in Paw Paw. Paraphernalia is for sale, we will try to get sweatshirts, and towels will be available next weekend. Contact Susan Reed with any items you may want.

Sewer –see below

Water Quality- Comparing the past two years of data we are keeping our lake in between an Oligotrophic and Mesotrophic state. Oligotrophic lakes are deep and clear with little aquatic plant growth...which means they have dissolved oxygen in the deep waters in summer that support cold water fish. Our total Phosphorus readings from the past two summers dropped from 12 to 8 lowering our number on the Trophic Status Index or aging state. To give you some comparisons, Fish lake when comparing the secchi disk readings (The depth of clarity in the water) last year had a mean of 8.2 feet where our lake's mean was 13.5 feet. Their Carlson TSI is 47 where ours is lower at 40 from the disk readings Diamond lake by comparison had a secchi disk mean of 14.1 and a TSI of 39. This year I've measure being able to see the disk at 21 feet and then 2 weeks later... 12 feet. This changes with the conditions for the lake. The spring phosphorous for 2012 is not available yet but was turned in the first week of April. The summer one will go in next fall for analysis. The articles in our Gravel Laker mentioned the need to reduce fertilizers on lawns. Human activities speed up the aging of a lake by increasing nutrients, soil or organic matter input into lakes. I'm Looking forward to wee the results over the next few years as our lakes now have a sewer system. Some people have had 4 steps

fliers placed on their doors, prosperous based fertilizers are not good for our lake. There are a lot of dead fish on the shorelines, we will check into this.

Weed Treatment-have begun, they gave the channel an extra blast and it worked.

Old Business

Public Access-We have no plantings yet, they only got 2 lakes done this year due to the weather, hopefully next year. New signage in bulletin boards. We can have gatherings with a special use permit, it takes about 10 days to get a permit. You can obtain a permit by email.

No wake zone buoys- Buoys will be up shortly around weed bed.

Sewer update-Jerry Melko was the speaker on our sewer update, he said that Gravel Lake has about 25 more residences to hook up yet. Fish and Finch have a lot of residence to hook up yet. The permits are available at the Porter Township Hall from 8 to 11 am. We received an award from the South West Michigan Planning Commission – Governmental Effort Award. Also the ASCE award which is the quality of life award. Both plaques will be at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. We had a test on Memorial Day weekend, our normal is 25,000 gallons of waste, and Memorial Day weekend we were at 90,000 gallons of waste, and everything is fine. Quarterly billing starts in July. Do not drop your payments in the drop box at the Porter Township Hall, it is not intended for our use. Someone will be in on Wednesday am to collect payments. Chris Oxley was also here to give the treasurer report, he stated that our value is at 17.8 million, and we owe 9.1 million. It will take 35 years to pay off debt instead of 40 years. There is no debit card to LASA, but you can go through your bank to pay with debit cards. We are still working on some issues, such as roads, drainage ect., give Jerry a call with any problems. We will have Limited office hours at the treatment plant eventually. The Plant is operating above the level its supposed to be at. We have generators for power outages.

Google Group-Stogis will sign you up if not in the group yet or you can do it yourself at <http://groups.google.com/group/gravel-lake-association?hl=en&Ink=>

New Business

Trustee Elections-A motion was made by Kitzmiller to open nominations for elections, seconded by DeRosa.

Streeter Beach – Pinkos nominated DeRosa(accepted) and Dorsey(accepted by email), seconded by Kitzmiller. All in favor. Kitzmiller made motion to close elections for Streeter Beach, 2nd by Reed.

Sandy Beach – Motion made by Pinkos to open elections for Sandy Beach, 2nd by DeRosa. Pinkos nominated Flavin(accepted) and Kitzmiller(accepted) seconded by Reed. All in favor, except 1 nay for Flavin. Kitzmiller made a motion to close elections for Sandy Beach, 2nd by Reed.

Winkler Beach- Pinkos made a motion to open elections for Winkler Beach, 2nd by Murphy. Carole DeSimone nominated Murray(accepted) seconded by Flavin. All in favor.

Carole DeSimone nominated Gallassi (accepted) seconded by Pinkos. All in favor

Carole DeSimone nominated Dave Brown as trustee-at-large (accepted) seconded by Flavin. All in favor. Kitzmiller made a motion to close nominations for Winkler Beach, 2nd Reed.

Idle Ease- Pinkos made a motion to open nominations for Idle Ease, 2nd by Stogis. Pinkos nominated Janet/Jim Garrison (accepted) seconded by Stogis. All in favor. Kitzmiller made a motion to close nominations for Idle Ease, 2nd by Reed.

Huffs Landing- Reed made a motion to open elections for Huffs Landing, 2nd by Stogis. Kitzmiller nominated McDevitt (accepted) 2nd by Fazini. All in favor. Kitzmiller made a motion to close nominations for Huffs Landing, 2nd Fazini.

Chamberlain Beach- Vacancy – Melton is retiring. We can not fill this position right now. Willow Beach – Vacancy – Addington resigned. DeRosa made a motion to open elections for Willow Beach, 2nd by Reed. Missy nominated Carol DeSimone (accepted) 2nd by Kitzmiller. All in favor except one nay. Kitzmiller made a motion to close elections, 2nd by Stogis. Elections closed.

4th of July-Saturday, July 2nd at 10:00am – Fun Run

Saturday July 2nd at 1:00 pm – Kids Games

Saturday July 2nd at 6:00 pm – Paddle Boat Regatta

Sunday July 3rd at 2:00 pm- Boat Parade (Christmas in July)

Other Events- Gravel Lake Social is tentatively August 6. Raffle or Silent auction items can be donated, contact Stogis or DeSimone for donations.

Venetian Night- Everyone was in favor of having a Venetian Night.

Fireworks-there was some interest.

Poker Run – August 13. Need docks for boats to come and get a card. Contact LaLone.

Sail Boat Races- Saturdays, buoys will be set up in the lake, contact Dave Brown.

Other New Business

Gebhard Drive needs repaving, we cannot get funding through the Sewer Authority, and the highway Dept. would have to turn the road into a county road, in which all property owners would loose buildable property. The only thing left is to create a petition to get it as a special assessment on our taxes, and bring it to the Porter Township Board. The Gravel Lake Association will help with the petition process, if needed.

Next BOT meeting will be Saturday, July 16th at 10am at the Porter Township Hall.

50-50 Raffle-winner is #327374, Bill Metz, \$65.00.

Announcements

Stogis Moved to adjourn at 11:14am 2nd by Murphy.

Gravel Lake Association
Treasurer's Report

Year to date 2011

Beginning Balance	\$16,863.73
Deposits	6,628.00
Expenses	(1,690.52)
Ending Balance	\$21,801.21

Other Assets (CD's) \$15,643.49

Total Funds \$37,444.70