

**Gravel Lake Association**  
**Semi-Annual Membership Meeting – Minutes**  
**June 15th, 2024**

- I. Opening Remarks [4 min: 10:07] – thank you Darla & Tom Kelliher for hosting us! Pay dues, buy GL apparel and 50-50 raffle tickets sold by Denise Shroeder and Mary Rinaldi, enter to win native plants, pick-up your phone directory. Phil
- II. Roll Call [2 min: 10:06]: C. DeSimone, Reed, Micheli, J. Pinkos, Carlos, Faustino, Hochsprung,(x) Kelliher, McDevitt, McGreal, Olds(x), A. Pinkos(x), Rinaldi, Rogers, Vitkauskas , L. Zwartz(x), T. Zwartz(x)
- III. Treasurer’s Report [8 min: 10:14]: Janice gave a report. \$66,472.22 checkbook balance. no questions for the treasurer.
- IV. Committee Reports [30 min: 10:44]
  - A. Communications: Jim McGreal gave update. Thanked Tom and Darla. No zoomers Hi to Jamie in Amsterdam. Spencer McGreal does a lot of the work on the phone directories and Gravel Lakers. Lois Gorbacz. Jim gave a plug to Lawton businesses. Please support. Annie page took cover photo. Tricia Brucks contributing writer. Did a brochure on natural shoreline. Always need help with the website. Jim doing a great job communicating.
  - B. Membership: new directory jim and Spencer printed them and are available to pick up today or will be 240 paying members out of 352 entries. Some people have 3 lots. only members can purchase an extra copy for \$5. Phone directory takes a ton of work. These are done in Geographic and alphabetical order.
  - C. Water Quality: members listed aquatic invasive species treatment. getting nonnatives out of the lake plm treated algae in the channel 2 times already this year. Are people seeing the post? yes. plm is professional lakes management largest aquatic herb. Rick Rogers - says that PLM was here but did not treat. A: They are spot checking. They are surveying, then they treat only problem areas so you may not see them treat. Sheri kurtyak- Does getting the yellow flyer means that they did apply herbicides? Crag: You receive a tentative plan and a flyer post to the tree. Jen and Mark doing the actual testing. fish stocking. No plans to fish stock DNR limit fish stocking. DNR will stock walleye this fall. Mute swans: invasive species. several have been spotted with orange beaks. Please report to us if you see a group of them congregating. Lake management. GLA is looking for a 3rd party management. Water quality committee and PLM. We rely on PLM and their decision to treat or not, having a lake manager would help us make those decisions better. Craig is not an aquatic biologist or fish scientist. Kathy is that part time or full time position? A: It would be a contract spending a fixed number of hours addressing issues on Gravel lake. Ken and Craig ask PLM questions all the time. This person would be our go to for answers to common lake issues that are water quality related.
  - D. Events:
    1. 4th of July:
      - a) Friday 7/5: boat parade at sunset - glow stick party
      - b) Saturday 7/6: kids’ games at 10am (Willow Beach resort), paddle boat regatta at 6pm (channel)
      - c) Sunday 7/7: 5K run at 9am (Willow Beach resort)
    2. Garage Sale: Saturday, 7/13- linda v- we need sellers and buyers, please see linda for signups.
  - E. Fundraising: apparel sale today post meeting. seeking docks, we currently only have 1 dock we need 7 total docks.
  - F. Safety: Phil talked about the safety cards that were distributed looking to install an AED initial steps of planning process. boater safety classes offered through the DNR website. buoys have been placed. Fun run: Phil has safety team station on shaw road. Marianne Garrett: low hanging branch over the channel. That property owner would need to be addressed there. Vicki Carlos: at the MLSA conference, number one thing they are looking for skiers without spotters, they are also looking for bow riders. bow riding is illegal. pat - nice to have a defibrillator. you’d have to take. first aid or cpr classes to take. Kathy Stefo says formal training is nice to have - but AEDs walk you through how to use them. good samaritan law protects you. Enright says she has experience with AED. Kathy Stefo- someone parked in the middle of the weed bed. not illegal. Rick Rogers- motions that safety is addressed first. Seconded by Suzanne Reed vote passed.

- G. History: history committee. all of the minutes from the beginning of the association and anything related to the history of GLA.
- V. Old Business [6 min: 10:50]
- A. GLA 2024 calendar - on the back of your agenda
  - B. Public access signage (Craig & Suzanne) have a design and form that has been submitted with the DNR. important boating rules. Waiting for permit.
  - C. *MLSA annual conference review (Craig & Vicki)*
- VI. New Business [12 min: 11:02]
- A. This is to share anything about the community or anything you'd like to talk about. Suzanne Reed does welcome baskets to welcome them to the lake. Informs new residents of the benefits of the GLA. Utilities company has marked several trees. will talk about in announcements.
- VII. Announcements [12 min: 11:14] – Marianne- gave update on the trees that are marked to be taken down. see MEC.
- VIII. MLSA and partnership with van Buren conservation district. Missy gave report. The program is giving free native trees. garden club June 23 @ 1:30pm. Comment by Karen. you are killing bees if you apply insecticides on the lawn kill butterflies and fireflies. Missy announcement Janice has found 3 ticks since yesterday
- A. Next BoT meeting: Saturday, July 20th 10:00am - Zoom + Porter Township Hall
  - B. 50-50 raffle split the pot at \$115 Lark pulled the winning ticket Sandy won.
  - C. Native plant raffle:
  - D. *MEC arborist update (?)*
  - E. Other
  - F. Picnic logistics: Tom says welcome to our home. use the trash cans, be careful navigating the lawn. Thanks for your hospitality, Tom.
- IX. Adjournment [75 min: total: 11:15] 11:12am meeting adjourned.

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## 2024 Calendar

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, April 6, 2024		
Saturday, April 13, 2024	MLSA R3 mtg	
Saturday, April 20, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, April 27, 2024	MLSA Annual Conf	Muskegon
Saturday, May 4, 2024		
Saturday, May 11, 2024		Mother's Day

Saturday, May 18, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, May 25, 2024		Memorial Day
Saturday, June 1, 2024		
Saturday, June 8, 2024		
Saturday, June 15, 2024	membership mtg + picnic?	Father's Day
Saturday, June 22, 2024		
Saturday, June 29, 2024		
Saturday, July 6, 2024	GL 4th	4th of July (Thursday)
Saturday, July 13, 2024	<b>Garage Sale</b>	
Saturday, July 20, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, July 27, 2024		
Saturday, August 3, 2024		
Saturday, August 10, 2024	<b>Poker Run?</b>	
Saturday, August 17, 2024	membership mtg	
Saturday, August 24, 2024		
Saturday, August 31, 2024		Labor Day
Saturday, September 7, 2024	<b>BoT</b>	
Saturday, September 14, 2024	x	
Saturday, September 21, 2024		
Saturday, September 28, 2024	MLSA R3 mtg	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	Halloween	
Saturday, October 12, 2024		Columbus Day
Saturday, October 19, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, October 26, 2024		