

Gravel Lake Association
Board of Trustees Meeting – Minutes
July 20th, 2024

- I. Opening Remarks [2 min: 10:03] – Zoom etiquette: stay on mute unless speaking timekeeper = Liz, welcome guest(s)
We may have a visitor; Mark Spohn.
- II. Roll Call [2 min: 10:04]: C. DeSimone, Reed, Micheli, J. Pinkos, Carlos(x), Faustino, Hochsprung, Kelliher, McDevitt, McGreal, Olds, A. Pinkos , Rinaldi, Rogers, Vitkauskas , L. Zwartz, T. Zwartz
- III. Approval of minutes [2 min: 10:06] - 5/18/24, 6/15/24 - motion made to approve minutes by Hochsprung second by T. Zwartz
- IV. Treasurer’s Report [15 min: 10:21] deposits are \$34,544.23 mostly advertising membership dues and apparel sales.
 - A. Financial report
 - B. Budget- Tom K, Janice and Craig made a budget. Went over budget with the board. Made some correction to Budget
- V. Committee Reports [30 min: 10:51] - key priority(ies) for rest of year
 - A. Safety: AED are top priority for the safety committee. 2nd would be an emergency group for first responders. Shaw road has been put on the back burner. Dan has a guy that sells them. Janice: There should be one at every road end into the lake. Run/walk- went well with safety on Shaw. Thanks Phil for organizing this. Someone asked for a tornado siren. Phil will be here for Township anyways to discuss noise ordinance at the lake.
 - B. Communications: Jim: recent summary of events were communicated well. Street signs were placed. Do we need to communicate about poker run being cancelled? June’s meeting noticed some appetite for aquatic native wildlife for gravel lake
 - C. Membership: No update from Janice. Trying to get more members to join.
 1. August membership meeting: support needed? Will invite VB county sheriff: Jim Rockwell spoke to marine patrol. They were no call no show at the last meeting.
 - a) set-up:
 - b) 50-50 raffle: patti to do this
 - c) dues
 - d) refreshments: Phil to buy coffee and refreshments and will get reimbursed
 - e) apparel sales: yes, she is
 - D. Water Quality: please direct questions/concerns to Ken + Craig prior to membership meetings Jen and mark doing parameters. Mute swans are back. Three sets. Eliminate the swans in october. We ARE eliminating them this fall. Algae in the channel. Hydrilla found in southwest Michigan invasive species. exotic aquatic plant watch. 1 time Liz Zwartz volunteers to do this. fees waived for this year. Jen has rake for that.
 - E. Events:
 1. Post-event discussion
 - a) Picnic - wi-fi connectivity- Tom has satellites for better connectivity. did not allow for Zoom fantastic, well run by Tom and Darla. Craig wants members to come to meetings and stay for picnics. Suzanne did a great job with signage. Phil: Need more signs for events Tom is willing to store them. Jen and Jim to talk about signs. Tom says he will do it again next year.
 - b) 4th of July
 - (1) Parade- Carlie Desimone boat won the \$50 gift card from wake side marine
 - (2) Regatta - Missy posted photos online - Looking for an organizer in the channel. Sheriff was there doing the race. The event was publically shared.
 - (3) Kids’ Games - Audrey Benes has volunteered to organize. Lynndie brought the games and didn't realize there were other games. Make a cardboard boat race. as an option.
 - (4) Fun Run - advertise as “run and walk”
 - c) Garage sale- great job

- F. Fundraising: poker run canceled for 2024- two more sales this year. membership meeting and labor day weekend apparel sales. selling current inventory.
- G. History: recommendation by craig to disband committee

VI. Old Business [2 min: 10:53]

- A. Public access signage (Craig & Suzanne)- getting bids and putting sign.
- B. *Gov't relations / planning commission possibilities - Craig awaiting response from guest*

VII. New Business [25 min: 11:18]

- A. Water drainage + runoff issues (Drive D/Strawberry Lake, Chamberlin Dr., Minnie Ct., Gebhard Dr./Huff's) excess water around the lake. Phil: What would we do if something happened to the spillway? A: county drain commissioner. Strawberry lake is a private drain to feed into the lake. It's not a county drain. The property used to be an open ditch. made the yard where Jackie lives now more usable. Our main interest is to help the lake. What can be done to help with this situation? We need someone to come out to see what is wrong. Lake association. we would need permission to walk on private property. planning commission issue. Mark Spohn- clears water out of strawberry 200-300 feet birm of beaver dam. Beavers repair the dams daily. Mark wants to remove beavers. dry weather- less of an issue. The drain commissioner was willing to take on culvert repair can he could access water shed further up. Packers have granted permission to go back there. Tom has a land bridge birm beaver traps on his farm. Is unable to outsmart the beavers. Need a solution with the water not the beaver. . Mark wants to try to break up the dam and trap the beavers. Tom proposes that we use SAD funds for this issue. craig- we are not able to use that, but lake manager could help with that. janice. engineer to come. Mark wants to keep brim managed. lake association to come back with an ask after speaking with the drain commissioner. Chris- drain commissioner. would we get good response if we approached them as an association? Private property, they care about property owners. Drive D come back to us for a more specific . tom matt janice stay to help talk about this. Idle ease residents that were non board members were in attendance at today's meeting. The board suggested they decide what they need/come up with a plan and let us know how we can help.
- B. Board contact list: updated and shared as a Google doc - let Jen know if you can't access

VIII. Announcements [2 min: 11:20]

- A. Next BoT meeting: Saturday, september 7th 10:00am - hybrid
- B. Membership meeting: August 17th at 10am at Rinaldis' (Gebhard Dr.)
- C. MLSA Region 3 reps: Saturday, September 28th 9:00am-12:00pm (Porter Township Hall)
- D. suzanne- let her know if there are new members to the lake.

IX. Adjournment [81 min: total: 11:45]

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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	Garage Sale	
Saturday, July 20, 2024	BoT	
Saturday, July 27, 2024		
Saturday, August 3, 2024		
Saturday, August 10, 2024	Poker Run?	
Saturday, August 17, 2024	membership mtg	
Saturday, August 24, 2024		
Saturday, August 31, 2024		Labor Day
Saturday, September 7, 2024	BoT	
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		