

Gravel Lake Association
Board of Trustees Meeting - Minutes
September 24, 2016

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:01am
- II. Opening Remarks - NA
- III. Attendance: Cr. DeSimone, Reed, M. DeSimone, Brown, DeRosa, Dorsey, Kitzmiller, LaLone, Roeder, Toso, Zwartz
Not in Attendance: Pinkos, Ca. DeSimone, Hochsprung, McDevitt, McGreal, Paramski, Rockwell, Stogis
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes from 7/23/16 and 8/20/16 motion to accept by Kevin LaLone, seconded by Debbie Dorsey, approved
- V. Treasurer's Report - report presented by Craig DeSimone
 - A. Checking balance of \$17,086.24 and two CD balances of \$6,000 each
- VI. Officer's Reports
 - A. Secretary - no report
 - B. Editor - The Newsletter has been delayed, it will be mailed out mid-October
 - C. Internet Ops. - no report
 - D. Fundraising - no report
 - 1. A committee meeting needs to be set.
 - 2. Melissa DeSimone will look into wall calendar options, Suzanne Reed will help.
 - 3. T-shirt contest will be discussed by the committee.
 - E. Water Quality - The special assessment district funds for weed control can also be used for a consultant separate from the control company for check and balance purposes. We decided we do not need a separate consultant at this time, we will revisit this idea in the future if necessary.
 - F. Weed treatment - There has been spot treatment in the channel for Starry Stonewort so sediment testing should be done to monitor the amount of copper in the soil from these treatments. Phragmites on Huff's Landing will also be treated.
 - 1. Melissa DeSimone will put together an article about native plants with photos for the newsletter. She will also put up Facebook posts about native plants like wild celery due to general confusion about our native plant populations.
 - G. Buoys/Signage - The buoys will be out by November 1st and any necessary maintenance will be completed in the spring before they are reposted.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Public Access - no report, Jen Kitzmiller will ask about plantings for the public access beach again.
 - B. Water Quality Consultants - see water quality under Officers' Reports
 - C. Fish Stocking - The DNR will introduce 1000 walleye in mid to late October.

- D. Shoreline Restoration - We will hold a shoreline restoration seminar in the spring with Beth Clawson.
 - E. Survey - Craig DeSimone will work on this over the winter.
- VIII. New Business
- A. Executive Officer Elections - Dave Brown moves to open nominations, Suzanne Reed seconds the motion.
 - 1. Dave Brown moves to nominate the executive officers as they sit, Jen Kitzmiller seconds the motion.
 - 2. Craig DeSimone, Suzanne Reed, and Melissa DeSimone accept the nomination. Janice Pinkos cannot accept because she is not in attendance.
 - 3. Jen Kitzmiller moves to close the nominations, Suzanne Reed seconds the motion.
 - 4. The officers are accepted as they sit, pending acceptance from Janice Pinkos.
 - B. 2017 Calendar
 - 1. April BOT - 4/22
 - 2. May BOT - 5/20
 - 3. June Membership and Picnic - 6/10 or 6/24 (need Janice Pinkos's input)
 - 4. 4th of July Activities - 7/1-2 only
 - 5. July BOT - 7/22
 - 6. Poker Run/Car Show - 8/5 TBD
 - 7. August Membership - 8/19
 - 8. September BOT - 9/23
 - 9. October BOT - 10/21
 - C. Shaw Road Pedestrians - People are interested in making Shaw Rd. more pedestrian friendly as discovered via poll on Facebook.
 - 1. Emily Garrett put together an extensive proposal for how signage might work.
 - 2. Craig DeSimone has spoken with the township about this issue briefly.
 - 3. The association would like to pursue this issue.
 - D. Plat Maps - The association has purchased PDFs of the original plat maps of Gravel Lake.
 - 1. Trustees will receive access and association members can request access. PDFs will be sent to members if requested.
 - E. MLSA - Craig DeSimone attended this meeting on 9/17
 - 1. It's important to recognize the difference between native and nonnative phragmites.
 - 2. Starry Stonewort can spread by fragmentation so copper sulfate is probably the best option for control.
 - 3. Area lakes are using aeration and finding success with its use in shallow bodies of water.
 - F. Other New Business -

1. We need to add this to the October meeting agenda: Chris Toso and Tom Zwartz volunteer to take down the dead tree on the public access, we have permission from the DNR to take care of this, probably needs to be done in the winter.
2. Suzanne Reed proposes that if you miss three meetings in a year you should be up for reelection.
 - a) Currently the bylaws state that you will be asked to step down if you miss three meetings in a row, there is support for enforcing this rule more strongly.
 - b) After much discussion, we decided to table this issue until the October meeting when we can discuss it with an attendance report.

G. Next Meeting: Saturday, October 15th, 10am at Porter Township Hall

IX. Announcements - None

X. Adjourned at 11:20am