

## Linda Walker

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Subject: Nov 2020 LSPOA minutes

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

November 12, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance: Jodi Dahlberg

Call to Order:

Jodi Dahlberg called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

President – Jodi Dahlberg

Vice President – Che-ray Bellingar

Treasurer – David Kelley

Building Control – Kelly Langley

Secretary – Linda Walker

Parks – Terry Taylor

Roads – Eric Mozer

Security – Jeff Bennett

Water Quality – Don Tappan

### **Officers Reports:**

#### • **Secretary – Linda Walker**

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Update on the Main Park Building: Checking on land use such as water sanitation, health department requirements, building permits, etc. Created a line item in the 2021 budget for cost associated with research, drawings, etc.

#### • **President – Jodi Dalhberg**

Dredging update: All but one area has completed dredge work. Pipes etc. will be removed, and road will be restored by the first week of December. Plans to restore the holding areas are land absorption and weather (rain/snow) dependent. Generally, holding areas can take up to 2 years. Cell two near the church will probably take less time to dry out, cell one near West Park could take 2 years before flattening out. It was noted that earlier objections to the smell of the holding cells have not panned out as no or little smell has been noticed.

Gazette: It was mailed last month, READ IT. If you didn't receive, call the office. Contained in this publication is a lot of things that you need to know! Thanks to all the contributors, publishers, and sponsors!

• **Vice President-Che-ray Bellingar**

Attended the October Somerset Township meeting, on the agenda was the creation of a community blight ordinance. A committee will be formed to write an ordinance for vote. The primary focus is reducing blight in populated (urban) areas while allowing properties in more agricultural areas less restrictions. Those in attendance voiced their concerns supporting or not supporting this work. Lake Somerset members are zoned as urban, so this ordinance, if voted in, could impact property owners.

• **Treasurer-David Kelley**

A motion to approve the November financial report was presented, Linda Walker made the motion to approve, Jeff Bennett seconded. The financial report was approved. The board met in October to create and approve the budget for 2021. A capital expenditure list was added to the financial information for reference.

• **Security-Jeff Bennett**

Main park launch gate key will be changed in April. New keys will be distributed, more to come on this. Request for volunteers for ice fishing "watch dogs" to help keep non-members from fishing our lake. Contact Jeff Bennett if you are interested. Remember if you don't have a fishing tag, you can pick up tags at the office.

• **Building Control-Kelly Langley**

Two deck permits (\$100) were applied for and approved. Sent a letter to an owner who built a shed on Westmore without permit. Please remember to apply for building BEFORE you start to build. If you are not sure if you need to apply for a permit, check the membership guidelines.

• **Parks-Terry Taylor**

Park activities are winding down. The docks are coming out soon. A date to pull out the launch docks will be within next few weeks, probably once the dredging is completed. Trash cans and Port-a-Johns will be removed and water turned off. You may have noticed that some of the park toys are missing. They are being removed for some well needed sanding and repainting. Some of the toys are the Swivel toy at the East Park, and the spring toys and Merry-Go-Round at the main park. Exploring for opportunities to improve our parks: beach tilling, ideas to keep the beaches cleaner, adding No Trespassing signs to deter non-member fishing and park use, and adding new swim ropes to the swim area. Also, getting estimates to add a few more docks to the main park either on the new property or other side of the swimming area to prevent boat damage by rocks placed to reduce erosion. Lastly looking at putting some of the park lights on motion sensors or timers so that the bright lights are not continually on.

- **Roads-Eric Mozer**

Due to a schedule conflict, Mr. Shaw, Road Commissioner, had to cancel. A special meeting will be held in December to discuss the roads and what can be done. Look for an email for date and link to zoom meeting.

- **Water Quality-Don Tappan**

Excited to see the results of the dredging. Dredging should have a major impact on weed issues and over all health of the lake. We did not use some the money in the 2020 budget to outsource weed harvesting to Savin. We are going to increase the pay of the harvester so that we get consistent drivers for 2021 and add more frequent weed pickups in 2021. Now that dredging is wrapping up, we need to look towards improving the farm inlet 1 which currently allows sediment and farm run off to drain into the lake. This is a source for nitrogen/phosphorous which contributes to weed growth, amongst other things. Looking into the process for the Board of Health to test the creek twice a year. Adding Red Ear Sunfish in the spring to help with the zebra mussel population.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Audience Participation:**

Spillway – Hillsdale County exercised valve by raising and lowering. Was able to move the valve four inches – need to exercise correctly (when lake is frozen) in case of any issues. Doug Dollar reported.

Leaves on the lake – KEEP THEM OUT. If you see someone blowing leaves in the lake, please remind them not to. If it's a lawn care company, please call and let them know that this isn't an option. If you are cutting down trees and they fall in the lake, you are responsible for clean-up and removal. The less organic material in the lake the better! Remember, you can take your leaves to Liberty dump. See in the Gazette for further details.

Dale Hinkleman announced that a new zoning appeal and building permit was approved for 14621 Kildare Lane. Current owner added a two-step break wall that complied with regulations and looks fantastic. Welcome to the lake!

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm with a motion by Linda Walker and seconded by Che-ray Bellingar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Walker, Secretary

Lake Somerset Property Owners Association Board of Directors