

9-18-2011 Annual Merry Lake Property Owners Association Meeting.

The annual Merry Lake Property Owners Association meeting was called to order by President Kyle Schaffner and the pledge to the flag was said. Kyle thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

On the annual newsletter there was an error that was noted: The Snow removal bid date should have been Nov. 12, 2011 instead of 2012.

Secretary's and the Treasurer's report was omitted for this meeting.

Kyle explained that we have \$37,582.79 in the contingency fund and that the reason the dredging has not started is due to the permit not being issued for it to start from the State of Mi. DEQ. He then opened it up to questions. The questions were as follows:

- 1.) Q: Where is the dredging going to begin at on the lake?
A: We need to get the inlet opened first.
- 2.) Q: Can the permit be extended to do more later?
A: Yes and we intend to do that.
- 3.) Q: Will we have to continue to dredge the inlet every 5-6 years?
A: Yes.
- 4.) Q: Will we do it soon?
A: Yes, as we are waiting for the permits.
- 5.) Q: What about the stumps?
A: The stumps will be removed at that time.
- 6.) Q: What about the downed trees in the lake?
A: We need volunteers to help remove some that are in the water, but will not remove the ones on the land, and only remove those that are not in the fish bedding areas.
- 7.) Q: When the dam is removed are we losing a lot of fish over it?
A: The grate that was used was plugging up with debris but did not have excessive amount of fish in it. Therefore the grate was removed as it was really difficult to clean during the winter months.

A reminder that the bids for snow removal and park mowing was given.

Info on the Weather Warning Siren was given and everyone was glad to hear the Amboy Township would be purchasing it and maintaining it.

Kyle read the letter from Brad Smith as to the sewer status. Someone asked if there was funding for this and Kyle explained that they already have the grant in place.

We have had interest in getting Natural gas in the area and there was research done for this and you should sign the paper if you are interested, with your name, address and phone number.

There was a suggestion that we remove one of the three port-jons as the park and DeWayne Rendel asked for a show of hands of non waterfront people that used the porta-jons. No one raised their hands.

Don Bertke is with the Pioneer Fire Dept. and explained that the only rescue group is from Montgomery that can do ice and freezing water rescues and Pioneer Fire Dept. wants to purchase the rescue equipment so they can rescue in this area. He is asking the Assoc. for a donation to purchase more equipment needed, which cost approximately \$1500.00 - \$2000.00 for the additional equipment. He also had some of the equipment so we could see what he was talking about needing. There was a discussion and Terry VanSant made the motion we donate toward the fund, which was decided to be a \$1000.00 donation. Lee Ann Lofgren seconded it and there was a unanimous show of hands for approval. Motion Passed.

Kyle told about the seawall here at the pavilion park and said we would like to build on with a beach at the east park, but need some volunteers. A volunteer list was put out and was signed by a few residents.

Jan gave a report on the delinquent fees and answered some questions that she was asked

The Summer picnic date is June 9th, 2012 with a informational meeting to follow.

Mike Adkins from Friends of Lake Diane spoke to the membership about trying to get dry hydrants at Lake Diane for fire dept. use. Question: What does it cost per unit? Approx. \$3000.00 each. Question: How deep does the lake have to be for these? DEQ tells you how far and how deep. But freeze depth is around 4 foot or more. If the Merry Lake Assoc. is interested in this Friends of Lake Diane will turn over any information they collect. Dennis Fackler, Fire Chief of the Pioneer Fire Dept. Thanked us for our donation.

Kyle told everyone that the dam had been inspected last year and was in fine shape, and that we need to get ready for the election of officers to take place, as Chuck Cox who is our building committee chairman had turned in his resignation effective today.

Question: Has our lake water been tested? And what is the fee to have this tested annually? No the water was not tested this year. It was suggested that this be done annually and the results be put in the annual newsletter so the residents know the results of the tests.

Question as to the garage-barn that was built next to the east park conforming to the restrictions? Chuck said that it conformed to the requirements as to siding and shingles and that the township did permit this also.

Nominations were opened at this time. Glenna Hurst made the motion to keep the existing board and only vote for one position to fill the vacant seat. Seconded by Norma Miller. Nominations were Steve Aleshire, and Gary Niebrzydowski. Don Bertke moved the nominations be closed and was seconded by DeWayne Rendel. Votes were counted and the existing vacant board seat will be filled by Steve Alshire. Lee Ann Lofgren moved we adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeWayne Rendel. Meeting closed.

Next board meeting will be held on 10-8-2011 at the Lakeview Church at 9:30 am.

Minutes of the meeting by Jan Powers, Sec.