Merry Lake Property Association

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Date: September 15, 2024

Called the meeting to order: 1300

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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| Kyle | Terry | Sian | Teresa  | Julie | Mark | Gail |

Board members absent: None

**Visitors (First & Last Name):** Greg Leja, Randy Leja, Rick & Sue Nowak, Daryl Williamson, Kathleen Nelson, Dean & Andrea Applin, Maureen Drewes, Karen Lowe, Brian & Beth Tobey, Mike Kendall, Yevette Callahan, Tim Tennyson, Moki & Lucinda Glidden, Jill Lemerand, Russell Wood.

**\*\*\*\*PRESIDENTS MESSAGE\*\*\*\***

Kyle thanked everyone for being here.

1. Newsletters were emailed out and posted to the Merry Lake website this past week.
2. Thank you to our volunteers that help throughout the year. Thank you to everyone for donations made in excess of their annual dues. The following were collected:

General: $752.50

Contingency: $787.50

Activities: $337.50

Memorial: $242.50

**Grand Total: $ 2, 120.00**

Some things the Board has been working on or resolved this past year include:

* Baby swings were replaced in the parks
* Picnic table benches replaced
* Tractor was serviced – Hasn’t been serviced in 15 years, which will allow us several more years of use.

**Additional items for discussion:**

Dam: Matt is looking for a company to come out. Repairs looking to be done as early as this fall. We lost Steve Albright. There are no final figures/numbers reported for repair costs, but Matt et.al. are searching for a company that specializes in dam repairs.

**Unfinished tasks/projects:**

Working on Trausch Park seawall. The wood has been taking abuse. Need to look into options like riprap, etc. etc.

Park Development (East Side): A five year plan was put in place for the development of the park on the East side off of Oak Glen. This plan includes relocation unused BBQ grills from the other parks and an addition of a picnic table. Kyle has been working with the city of Morenci in obtaining their used park equipment that they are replacing.

**Upcoming Activity/Event:** Chili Cook Off & Sweet Treat Bake Off will take place Saturday October 5th. Details will be posted on the Facebook page and will also be emailed. Reminder was made that one doesn’t have to enter anything to participate in this event. We need judges, so we ask that you and your family come and vote on your favorite.

**\*\*\*\*NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS\*\*\*\***

A motion was made to retain the current Board Members for the 2024-2025 term.

 (1st: Rick Nowak / 2nd: Brian Tobey) Majority vote was received by attending guests.

Brian Tobey thanked the Board members for their service to the community this past year.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Clarification of lawn bid: Kyle informed the attendees that there was concern he had given the bid to his son. Kyle assured everyone that this is or was NOT the case and that he, himself, has been mowing the properties won in the bid.

Rick Nowak asked if a committee could be formed to monitor the dam. Kyle stated a committee is already in place with Hillsdale County.

Daryl Williamson asked if the lake would be lowered during repairs. Kyle confirmed this would be the case and that Matt will be in contact with the company selected to make repairs and that they would likely draw down the water, sand bag it, and initiate the repairs. Water would be diverted.

The question was asked when the gate would be opened. Kyle stated the gate will open between October 15th and October 30th, which involves monitoring the weather. Kyle reported that the gate had been tampered with and encourages everyone to report any trespassers that are observed messing with the gate.

A concern regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) servicing Merry Lake community through interstate partnership program with Pioneer, Ohio was raised.

Teresa Bertke (Board Member) provided the following information:

Pioneer Fire & EMS covers our area for rescue and response. Amboy Township was approached with a 10% funding increase for 2025. The township currently pays $14k for coverage. The council members of Amboy Township were undecided in retaining Pioneer due to the increase which amounted to approximately an additional $1400. Teresa stated that the current contract/agreement in effect until December 31st, 2024. If the township should decide to disengage from Pioneer, the Merry Lake community would be impacted by delayed response times. Waldron EMS would likely take 15-20 minutes due to location, whereas Pioneer is just down the street. Our community includes homeowners/personnel that are attached to Pioneer Fire and EMS personnel, which has allowed for fast response times. Mark Rhodes (Board Member) shared that our community had a recent incident requiring EMS services. He reported that it took Waldron a half hour to respond with ambulances, but Teresa was able to be on scene within two minutes.

Given the impact this makes to our community and neighboring lake communities, she shared that no final decision has been made at this time by Amboy Township, but highly encourages our community members to attend the next township meeting [October 9, 2024]. Amboy Township meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The open forum portion of the meeting would give individuals an opportunity in expressing their opinions and thoughts about this matter.

Daryl stated that everyone’s insurance rates would be affected due to the decreased response times.

If Amboy Township retains its partnership with Pioneer, we would likely see a slight increase on our tax forms. This would be listed under BLS/ALS.

Sian will post a reminder on the Facebook page and via email for Merry Lake community members that may be interested in attending the township meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (1) Kyle / (2) Mark **MTG END TIME:** 1350