

# Loon Lake Park District Association LLPDA

## Meeting Minutes – Sunday 2/5/23

Attendees: Kevin Wickert, Barb Kearney, Mary Flynn, Gail Danforth, Patrick Reed, Mary Flynn, Andrea McDonough, Sue Chambers, Rich McCrum, Ken Wade, Lisa Deering

- Introduction - Kevin opened the meeting by introducing the new Board members Andrea McDonough, Sue Chambers and Board Secretary Lisa Deering.
- Minutes - Kevin motioned to accept the minutes of the 10/2022 meeting; seconded by Rich McCrum. All in favor.
- Treasurer report – Mary presented the financial statement saying that the memberships and cash position is strong. Thank you gift stickers were proposed; 2 for \$100, 1 for \$50. It was stated that the Amazon charity funding program has been cancelled.

### New Business:

- Kevin had a conversation with Craig Leggett and shared the details.
  - Craig has agreed to speak at the 7/9 /2023 annual meeting.
  - They spoke at length about funding for the LLPDA needs, including repairing the constable boat and providing constable services, milfoil remediation and continuing efforts into maintenance mode, providing the boat launch with staffing keep it up and running at optimal levels. Kevin felt the tenor of the conversation was such that Craig was looking for areas to cut funding.
  - Constable boat - should be \$1,000 or less to repair the boat but will likely not be done by season opening and the constable has retired. Warren County has services that could possibly fill the Constable role but there is no availability of officers for the upcoming season. This is an open item ranging around \$6-7k to fund.
  - Milfoil remediation - discussion was that so much milfoil has been removed that we are now in maintenance mode but it is not a time to stop or reduce services. Craig believes we could be spending less on this.
  - Boat launch – Craig wants to cut funding due to employment issues and requirements to pay unemployment in the off season. To cut funding would either reduce hours of the launch or allow unmanned open hours. Neither of these options are desired. John suggested reducing the hours before Memorial Day and after Labor Day to help reduce costs.
- Newsletter - Gail spoke about the newsletter preparation.
  - The membership flyer is done, and she would like to have the newsletter complete by the end of April for distribution in late May.

- It was noted that our role as stewards of the lake and town business sometimes gets blurred. We need to be careful how we word newsletter items. John said we contract with the town that “they pay, we manage”.
  - There was a discussion of thank you ideas and it was decided to produce two stickers Gail presented.
  - All this information will be in the door hanger bags. Sue suggested that we use compostable bags to reduce plastic use and it was agreed to.
  - Gail is looking for stories, photos, items of interest to include. Environmental and chemical safety issues were suggested.
- Road Captains - Once the bags are completed, they will be distributed.
    - Ken stated that they have lost a few road captains in the last few years. He will reach out and look for areas needing to be filled. Some members of the Board spoke in the interest of helping.
- Events – each event should be owned/sponsored by a board member. It was noted that the following events need an organizer:
    - Boat Parade
    - Fishing Derby
    - Lake Safety Officer
    - Summer Social – Kevin??
    - Water Carnival – was Doris Gargan. Barb will reach out for status.
- Social Media - general presence and internship options.
    - It was agreed that social media should be increased to spread information and interest in the lake activities and information.
    - Patrick has reached out to the local schools about hiring a student intern to beef up the social media presence and help in distributing information. A concern is the oversight that would be required to have a student complete the task.
    - Gail proposed hiring a professional. Phoebe Wells, a local and Gail’s niece, sent a proposal to handle the services.
    - A discussion continued regarding each option or a combination of the two. Andrea brought up the question regarding specifically what we are requiring and defining it.
    - Once decided, Patrick will be the Board liaison.
- Invasives report
    - John presented the 2022 report stating that we are in good shape but that we don’t want to decrease our efforts and must work with the Town for funding. The goal is to not decrease the funding for the project.

- Rich spoke about the annual data collection process from the 255 points on the lake. They are looking for volunteers to break up some of the areas. People are needed in Blue Bay.
- He spoke of the interactive website being used for data collected and plotted in real time. The data shows less intensity but that it has spread out and that hand harvesting has not been as productive.
- John said the information has been sent to AquaLogic and they are wanting to get more volunteers.
  
- Town Board report
  - Patrick spoke about Craig having a lot to balance within the Town with various projects and balancing the Loon and Friends lake residents.
  - John stated that he believes business is being run more professionally than in the past but that we need to continue be visible at the Town level. Craig is looking to cut lake safety and milfoil budgets and we need to work to keep it up.
  
- Slack App - Patrick proposed and has begun setting up the Slack app for Board communication.
  - There was also discussion regarding email use and common emails for Board officers.
  - Andrea expressed concerns about domain ownership.
  
- Future projects -
  - Drone - possible option for lake milfoil project. Best option would likely be to contract out the services.
  - Lake stocking - NYDEC could do it, but many think it is not needed. DEC says we may not be eligible. There is concern of increased outside daily traffic.
  - Buoys – lighted buoys may be an option for replacement around lake.
  - Loon preservation – Gail stated that we received recertification for fishing line collection receptacles. There were no baby loons this year. We are not eligible for State provided loon nest shelters but the State will provide signage buoys that can be set up in the nest vicinities to warn people encroaching.
  - Lake signage – Ken suggested we install some attractive street signs at the approach to the lake area.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:01.**