

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011

Minutes Recorded and Posted Before Approval

President Ivan Wasko called the meeting to order @ 6:48 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ivan Wasko, Dennis Flaherty, Brenda Chisholm, Ken Garee, Laurie Layton, Thomas Martin, Art Apostol (A)

Brenda Chisholm motioned to seat Art Apostol, seconded by Laurie Layton; motion passed.

Public in Attendance: Eugenie Bagley, Bud Bagley, Linda Parent, Marissa Chrysochoou

Public to be heard: Marissa came to the board to express her concern and offer her support/help regarding the increased amount of dead fish that have been seen on the shore of our lake. The fish have shown up with a fungus described as a “whitish slime”. Marissa also has concerns about the increasing number of weeds and the increase in phosphorus in the lake; and wants to remind everyone that any improvement you make to your lawn (fertilizer) is a detriment to our lake.

Secretary’s Minutes: *Tom Martin motioned to accept the Secretary’s Minutes of May 11, 2011 as amended, seconded by Art Apostol; motion passed with two abstained.*

- Correction: Under “Old Business” Include: Keys will be made pending letter for Ivan Wasko.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Garee asked to have an audit on the books; LCIA has limited funds but wanted to grant Ken’s request as best as possible. ***Tom Martin motioned to have three people check Ken’s work, per Ken’s request, seconded by Laurie Layton; motion passed.***

Three people were chosen to look over what Ken has done since becoming Treasurer. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

The fundraiser raised \$312.00!! Great job to Gay Leedie and Ivan Wasko!!

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Ivan Wasko will be repairing benches at the Main Beach using wood available at the Chaffee Hall; Art Apostol volunteered to help. Ivan was looking for a volunteer to supply (20) 3” ¼ x 20 bolts, ***Gay Leedie donated the money needed during the meeting to cover the cost of the bolts. Thank-you Gay!!***

Old Business Continued:

- Ivan will be installing a Donation Box at the port-a-potty to help cover the cost of the maintenance.
- Mailings went out to all homeowners for the annual summer meetings. **Thank you Ivan Wasko, and the Sherman's on Oak Drive for all your time and effort getting the mailing out!**
- The picnic was a great success! Everyone had a great time, we will do more! **Carol Natitus won the 50-50 raffle and donated the entire amount back to LCIA!! Thank you Carol!!**
- Ralph Sherman, Bob Divito and Ivan Wasko all worked on the holding tank and it is now in good working condition! We still need a high water level alarm which has to be installed by a licensed electrician/ plumber.

Ken Garee motioned the board to thank Ivan Wasko for climbing into the septic tank to do the job nobody else wanted to do. Also thanking Ralph Sherman and Bob Divito for being there to help Ivan. Seconded by Brenda Chisholm; motion passed unanimously.

- Dan Cole of D.C. Take Down on Union Drive has been mowing the Chaffee Hall; he will also be taking down a stump. Thank you!
- Ivan has started a "Community Garden" on the side of the Chaffee Hall; anyone can tend to it and help themselves.
- The "Crime Watch" is still in progress. Ivan suggested sharing phone numbers with close neighbors to begin our own neighborhood watch. He did it on Union Drive awhile ago and found neighbors to be receptive to the idea.
- **The big news: We will be getting pretty much a whole new Chaffee Hall!!** During the past winter the roof sustained some damage which caused considerable damage to the inside of the Chaffee Hall. Brenda Chisholm contacted our insurance company at the request of Ivan and the adjuster met with him. We will be getting a new roof; plywood on the roof, ceiling, and lights will be inspected, replaced if necessary. New interior walls, new insulation, if windows do not open they will be replaced. Door frames will be replaced. Half of the floor will be replaced, if it can't be matched or look acceptable then the whole floor will be replaced. There is more but the list is too long to include, come to the June meeting for more info!

New Business:

- Art Apostol went to Smitty's and the Package Store to see if there was some interest in advertising on the LCIA website. Smitty's may be interested. **Thank you Art for your time and effort!**
- Ivan would like to step up advertising for Lake events.

Fundraiser Report:

- Gay would like to do a Halloween Haunted House
- LCIA Tag Sale will be Saturday, June 25, 2011, Gay has received donations of items but no tables have been rented. Please contact Gay Leedie to rent a table or donate items. 860-487-3754
- Texas Holdem is also something that Gay and Ivan are looking into.
- Poker Run is something that was discussed for the fall.
- Boat parade
- Progressive Dinner in the fall
- Design a Logo contest

All great ideas please come to the June meeting to give us your thoughts!

Valve Project: Kari Olson donated the funds to put an ad in the Hartford Courant to put our Valve Project out to bid. Ralph has received some interest in the ad placed, he will report back to the board when he has further information. ***Thank you Kari Olson for donating the money for the Hartford Courant ad!!***

- What we need is a study done to find out exactly what we are dealing with, what we need to have done.
- Only then will we know how much this will really cost us to get fixed.
- Once we know what we need to have done we can go to appropriate State agency to ask for help.

We again talked about siphoning to lower the lake, and discussed again if it needs to be lowered.

Environmental Report:

- Water testing will be done in July 2011
- Baby ducks have been spotted, no baby geese have been seen

Beach Report:

- Port-a-potty installed on May 28, 2011 for the Memorial Day Weekend. on Monday morning the dock and buoys were also installed thanks to the following people: Kyle Keenan (high school student), Brianna Harmon (high school student), Perry Daine (LCIA Member & project manager), Sandra Moquin (Beach Chairperson), & Nathan.
- The grass was mowed by George Moquin.
- Continued mucking is being done, volunteers are always needed as it is a continuous job. Bring your own rake and make your own hours. Community Service workers or Student Projects always welcome and hours will be logged in and signed off on.
- Ivan has materials for a new boat dock at the boat launch, needs to wait for contact with Jerry Dufresne before starting this project.

Road Report: Jerry Dufresne not available but Ivan Wasko reported instead of grading the roads we are looking at filling in potholes. Ivan suggested possibly getting truck loads of gravel and getting volunteers on each street to fill in the potholes. More information to follow at the annual meeting in June.

Constable Report: Jerry Dufresne not available..

- Ivan has stopped a few people for speeding and going thru the stop signs.
- A couple a kids built fires on the Islands and were asked to put them out, the kids were very respectful.

First 2011 Annual Membership Meeting: Sunday, June 26th - 2:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Chisholm, LCIA Secretary

