

# LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

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## Minutes of LCIA Board Meeting – MAY 12, 2021 AMENDED VERSION

**Date of Meeting:** May 12, 2021 – This meeting was held in person at Pirzl Hall.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Panek, Tom Martin, Martin Connors, Phil Silverstein, Kathy Little, Gerald Dufresne, Carol Natitus, Bob Corriveau, Lynn Fontaine, Seth Kaufman, Kari Olson

**Board Members Absent:** Toni Guerin (A)

**Public in Attendance:** Ralph Sherman

**1. Call to Order:** 6:32 PM

**2. Approval of April 2021 Minutes:** Minutes of the April 2021 BOD meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made:

- \* LINE 35: from: "...Paned" to "Panek".
- \* LINE 46: from: "...Squirrel Hill RD" to "Squirrel Hill Drive"
- \* LINE 55: from: "...south" to "north west"
- \* LINE 100: from: "...Matt" to "Mark"

Following those amendments, Kathy Little made a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended, seconded by Tom Martin. The motion was approved with no "Nay" and three abstentions (Seth Kaufman, Bob Corriveau and Kari Olson).

**3. Public Comments.** There were no public comments.

**4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for March 2021** Treasurer Phil Silverstein had the following comments:

- The past month was extremely light and easy (with regard to the number of transactions)
- LCIA is now within \$500.00 of the budget income goal.
- Approximately 20% of residents are not up to date.
- He is hoping to collect \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in back taxes (during the upcoming month)
- We have collected \$15,000.00 in back taxes.
- 18 residents owe one year taxes;
- 14 residents owe two years plus interest;
- 12 residents owe over \$1,000.00.
- As of this point last year we had collected a total of \$35,000.00; '
- As of now we have collected a total of \$40,000.00.

Attendees were given time to read over the Treasurer's Report. Gerry Dufresne made a motion to adopt the report as submitted. Tom Martin seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

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43 At 7:00 PM Gerry Dufresne made a motion that the Board should enter Executive Session, seconded  
44 by Tom Martin and approved by all Board members present. The Board came out of Executive  
45 session at 7:40 PM.

## 46 47 **5. Remarks by the President:**

48 The subject of the annual newsletter was raised by Mike Panek. Kathy Little agreed to provide a text  
49 for the letter, then pass it to Mike to add the message from the President, then have it printed.  
50 Lynn Fontaine took responsibility for mailing it out.

## 51 52 **6. Correspondence:** The following items were mentioned and discussed:

- 53 • President Mike Panek received a complaint from resident Adam Schooks regarding a buried  
54 culvert under the street near his residence. President Mike Panek said he would double  
55 check with Greg Peck to arrange for repairs.
- 56 • A resident of Oak Drive sent a message to Mike Panek regarding two trailers and a truck  
57 blocking the end of the street. Gerry will explore alternatives with the State Police.

## 58 59 **7. Chairperson's Reports:**

### 60 61 **a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** (Gerry Dufresne)

- 62 • Gerry Dufresne mowed the Boat Launch area, and agreed to mow it again when needed.  
63 The new dock has not righted itself after the thaw; Gerry will attempt to straighten it using a  
64 come-along, but that might not affect a correction, in which case a work party will be  
65 needed.  
66 Dead trees near the Boat Launch still need to be cut.  
67 Mike and Gerry removed the sunken canoe near the Boat Dock; Gerry has it stored safely  
68 until the owner can be identified. A board member suggested that it might belong to Sue  
69 Calkins, or she might know who is the proper owner. Gerry agreed to follow up with Sue.  
70 Gerry reminded the Board that Town Ordinances prohibit parking on LCIA roads, including  
71 Lake View Drive and Old Town Road.

### 72 73 **b. Constable:** (Gerry Dufresne)

- 74 • Gerry had to talk to local children regarding throwing trap rock into the lake. The problem  
75 regarding illegal use of golf carts and ATVs continues, and appears to have been increasing.  
76 The BOD discussed the situation, and considered ways to incentivize residents to abide by  
77 the LCIA prohibition on the use of these vehicles.

### 78 79 **c. Beaches – Main & Mothers:** No report.

### 80 81 **d. Dam:**

82 The Dam Chairwoman reported that work has been done on the dam site, and it was looking good.

### 83 84 **e. Environmental Chairperson:** Chairperson Ralph Sherman reported that the lake remains full and 85 active, and there are no apparent algal blooms.

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**f. Roads:**

- Mike told the Board that he will contact Hipsky to arrange repairs to a pipe under one of the roads that had been broken.

**g. Fund Raising:** Kathy Little requested that an insert be added to the Summer Newsletter announcing the planned Tag Sale at Lake Chaffee.

**h. Tax Collection:** No additional items.

**i. Hall:** Gerry offered to donate a buffing machine for use in the Hall. His offer was discussed, and accepted.

**j. Website:** Ralph Sherman worked with Jacqueline Kennedy to move links to the top of the website's opening page. Ralph continues to monitor the website for updates.

**8. Old Business:**

- Past proposal for a fencing ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.
- Residents are encouraged to monitor the Town Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission as meetings occur.

**9. New Business:**

- Regarding 25 Lakeview Drive, the LCIA and the Town have been having mail returned from that address. Gerry agreed to contact the Post Office to investigate further.
- Mike identified a need for the LCIA to have a designated individual to monitor and report to the BOD on issues that are being addressed by the Town Planning & Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission, and to update the BOD as meetings occur. Phil Silverstein agreed to explore the issue with a few residents who he knows to be interested in these matters.

**Adjournment:** At 8:10, Bob Corriveau made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Tom Martin, and approved unanimously.