

Minutes of LCIA Board Meeting – JULY 13, 2022

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Date of Meeting: JULY 13, 2022 – The meeting was held in Prizl Hall.

Board Members Present:

Mike Panek (P);	Tom Martin (VP)	Martin Connors(S)
Phil Silverstein (T)	Kathy Little	Bob Corriveau
Gerald Dufresne	Carol Natitus	Kari Olsen
Lynn Fontaine (A)		

Board Members Absent:

Kay Warren (A) , Seth Kaufman. Irwin Krieger (A)

Public in Attendance: Ralph Sherman, Bobby Guerin, Toni Guerin, Mary Griffin, Chris Fyler

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mike Panek at 6:35 PM.

2. Approval of June 8, 2022 Minutes:

Members were given a brief period to read the minutes. The following correction were identified:

Line 58	change “as” to “if”.
Line 86	change “east” to “north”.
Line 87	delete “which in effect constitutes a new and different property line.”

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Bob Corriveau and approved unanimously by voice vote.

3. Public Comments.

Several members of the public in attendance who expressed alarm and concern at the increasing appearance of golf carts, handicapped vehicles, ATVs and other unregistered motor vehicles. There were differing opinions as to whether or which streets in the boundaries of LCIA were public or private, and how those designations might affect State Police ability to enforce laws. No resolution was reached on that matter. Gerry Dufresne recommended that any LCIA resident who witnesses illegal use of such vehicle should immediately call State Police and register a complaint. This recommendation was supported by Mike Panek.

Ralph Sherman recommended constructing a fence in front of Mother's Beach that would allow pedestrian traffic, but blocks the ATVs

There was a further discussion regarding whether or not residents are aware of the LCIA regulations regarding the use of these vehicles. It was suggested that someone from the BOD write a letter to all residents describing what those regulations are. Tom Martin made a motion that Lynn Fontaine would draft a letter for all residents on behalf of the BOD explaining the By-Laws and Ordinances regarding unregistered vehicle use. This letter would be reviewed by the President and approved by vote of the Board of Directors before being sent out. This motion was seconded by Bob Corriveau. A voice vote was held that was unanimously positive, with no abstentions. Bobby and Toni Guerin agreed to pay the cost for mailing and posting the letters.

Mary Griffin offered a suggestion that residents who sell or rent their houses give a prepared packet with all rules and regulations to the buyer or renter.

4. Approval of June 22, 2022 Treasurer's Report:

Phil Silverstein briefed the members on the financial condition of the LCIA. Some of his points included were:

- We are doing well as an Association
- Our insurance costs went up about 7%.
- Phil provided an overview of our insurance coverage.
- At this time, we are on a par with last year
- 83-84% of residents have paid their dues;
- Phil expects we will have to issue liens on about 15% of the membership.

At the close of the discussion, Tom Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

This motion was seconded by Gerry Dufresne, and passed by voice vote with no Nays, and two abstentions.

The meeting has typically involved approving funding for three accounts: Lake/Dam Account, Road Account and Septic Replacement Fund. Mike also pointed out that funding those accounts would put the Association slightly in the red for income this year. Nevertheless, he recommended that we proceed with this action, since those funds are vitally important for the lake. A motion was made by Kathy Little to fund these three accounts as planned, seconded by Bob Corriveau and approved unanimously by voice vote, with no nays and two abstentions (Tom and Phil).

5. Remarks by the President: Mike Panek expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support during his tenure as President. Mutual appreciation and thanks were expressed by everyone attending.

Mike encouraged the members of the BOD to continue to run the organization in a business-like manner.

6. Correspondence The following correspondence was reported and discussed:

- Mike received an email from someone who is interested in buying a property at Lake Chaffee, and wanted to know more about the lake, particularly rules and regulations. Mike directed him to the website page on ordinances, which answered his questions satisfactorily.
- Mike received an email from Bob Corriveau, following up on Bob's property line dispute, in which Bob reported having taken Mike's advice on marking the property line, which appears to have remedied the situation.
- Mike received a correspondence from Linda Roy, who expressed interest in being on the BOD; Mike expects her to come to the Election meeting this Sunday.
- Mike received a follow up from Lise Silverstein regarding her previously expressed concerns about dangerous trees along Lake Shore and Ferrence that she had tagged. She called the town to inspect them, and she was informed that the trees are definitely on state property. She was told that LCIA would need to contact the State garage in Pomfret to get the tree removal process started. Marty Connors volunteered to make this call.
- Mike received a registered letter from Martin Demolition regarding a property at 27 Shorefront Drive, stating that they will be taking down the house on that property in the next three months. Mike announced that LCIA would be in contact with Martin Demolition to discuss what equipment would be brought in, and he confirmed with Kari Olsen, who is owner of the property, that she will take care of any bond necessary to cover problems stemming from the movement of heavy equipment.
- Correspondence with Tom Martin regarding information he gained from the Town regarding the property line dispute involving Bob Corriveau and his neighbor. Tom was able to confirm that the solution implemented by Bob Corriveau (see item 6.c. above) was correct.
- Tom Martin was in receipt of correspondence from the State Office of Policy and Management regarding the submission of LCIA's budget after the August Budget Meeting. They confirmed that LCIA's budget vote must be held within 30 days prior to August 1st, the start of the State's fiscal year. However, the OPM rescinded the \$100.00 fine, given LCIA's commitment to bring our planning and budgeting process into compliance with the above requirement before August 1, 2023.

7. Chairperson's Reports:

A. Boat Launch & Lakeview Drive Boat Dock

Gerry reported that he mowed the Boat Launch area. He plans to put a coat of sealer on the dock if weather permits. There are trees in the area around the boat launch that require trimming or removal, that Gerry will deal with. There are some small oak or maple trees that Gerry has that he will transplant onto the Boat Launch.

B. Constable Gerry reported that he has received complaints about the ATVs and golf carts. He has also observed people who appear to be to 8 – 10 years of age

driving them, when state law requires drivers to be 16. He encouraged residents to send complaints to the State Police Commander, state senators or representatives.

C. Beaches – Main & Mothers

MAIN: Mike reminded that in the past the BOD voted to unlock the gate to allow for easier access for residents

The rope holding the bouys appears to have been moved.

MOTHERS: Mother's beach continues to be a problem, with inflatable mattress, a boat and kayaks abandoned on the beach

Mike has not called the Porta-potty company to have one installed, but he has not received any complaints. Tom Martin volunteered to make this call.

The question was revisited of installing a fence at Mothers Beach to deter vehicles from entering the beach; an alternative was proposed to place more large rocks outside the beach; Gerry offered to provide a selection of extremely large rocks. One suggestion was to stagger the rocks so that mothers with carriages could pass, but larger vehicles would be more obstructed. Tom Martin made a motion that as a first effort to limit vehicles on Mothers Beach, we place some of Gerry's rocks around the entrance, and if these fail, we consider other options such as adding a gated fence. The motion was seconded, and passed with a voice vote, wherein all votes were aye, no votes were nay, and there was one abstention. Gerry will investigate how the rocks will be moved to the beach.

D. Dam

Kari had nothing new to report. Gerry reported that he brush-hogged it several weeks ago.

E. Environment

Ralph has not done the July water sample, but he plans to do it in the near future, if the weather cooperates. He reported that the staff from the USDA has successfully remediated all but four of the geese. All of those four took flight before they could be captured. Ralph suggested that he did not see a need to have them back to attempt to capture the four escapees. General comments following Ralph's presentation indicate that most of the attendees feel that his efforts were successful, and the situation with wild geese populations is the best that it has been in a long time.

Ralph reiterated the importance of efforts to control the population in the future.

F. Roads

Mike has not scheduled a meeting and assessment with Greg Peck, but will do so in the next week, and forward the results to whomever is the Roads Chairperson at the time.

G. Fund Raising

The 2022 Summer Kickoff get together took place on June 11th. We raised \$112 in door donations and \$205 in the sale of raffle tickets. Additionally, there was \$21.00 donated from an anonymous source. All of the food and decorations were donated by the Paneks and the Littles.

The total income for this fundraiser was \$338.00. Thank you to all who attended and the many people who donated items for the raffle.

There were \$140.00 in proceeds from the first Paint and Mingle event. Another Paint and Mingle is scheduled for July 20th. Thanks to the Griffin's for their work, and donation of supplies.

There were also \$30.00 in shirt sales; I also have orders for shirts that will be done in about 5 more days.

The annual Poker run will be held on Saturday July 23rd.

The Tag and Craft sale will be held on September 17th,

On October 8th we will hold the Fall Get Together from 5 – 8 Pm in Pirzl Hall.

On November 19th we will have the Holiday Bazaar.

Kathy added that the products she has for sale are available all year. And she would very much appreciate anyone who wanted to help in any of these events or activities, to contact her.

In addition, Mary Griffin has a contact who has proposed an event to teach line dancing later on August 17th of this year, and she will need the Board's approval. The proceeds from these, as with the Paint and Mingle events, would be set aside for the playground project.

Mike asked for a motion to allow the dance class at 7:00PM on August 17 . Kathy made the motion, seconded by Gerry. A voice vote was held, with one opposed and all remaining in favor and no abstentions.

H. Tax Collection

Tom is still awaiting a list of residents who owe more than \$1,000 in taxes. Mike agreed to send that list to Tom.

I. Hall

Kathy Little had no additional comments regarding the hall.

J. Website

The website remains operational.

8. Old Business:

Mike introduced Chris Fyler, who was sitting next to Marty, and exploring the possibility of becoming the next Secretary of LCIA.

9. New Business

Mike reminded everyone that this Sunday, we will be having the Annual Meeting at which elections will be held for four Officers, two regular Board Members, and three Alternate Board Members. Mike mentioned that there was the possibility that there might be voting required for some positions.

Gerry made a motion to lock the main gate at the Main beach to prevent motorized vehicles from entering the beach. After discussion, Gerry withdrew his motion, and no vote was held.

10. Adjournment:

At 7:59 PM Gerry moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Corriveau, which received unanimous approval at which time the meeting was adjourned.