

# LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 1 Lake Chaffee Summer Meeting - August

2 August 21, 2016

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3 **Board Members Present:** Robert Corriveau, Tom Martin, Jacqueline Kennedy, Kathy Little, Jeff  
4 Cosman, Kari Olson, Sandy Moquin, Ivan Wasko, Carol Natitus. Alternates: Seth Kaufman

5 **Public in Attendance:** 22 persons in attendance per sign in sheets

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- 6 1. **Call to Order:** Bob Corriveau called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m and thanked  
7 everyone for coming.  
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- 9 2. **Approval of Minutes:** The July minutes were reviewed. Tom Martin made a motion,  
10 seconded by Ron Holmes, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed with  
11 2 abstentions.  
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- 13 3. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Bob Corriveau introduced Jacqueline as our new  
14 treasurer replacing Ken Garee who was our treasurer for many years. Jacqueline  
15 presented the Treasurer's report. Tom Martin made a motion, seconded by Kari  
16 Olson, to accepted the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.  
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- 18 4. **Presentation of Proposed 2016-2017 Budget:** Bob Corriveau reviewed the proposed  
19 budget; going over the line items and pointed out that our proposed expenses are  
20 greater than our anticipated income.  
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- 22 a. Kari Olson expressed concern about our projection past taxes income; feeling  
23 that figure may be inflated. A discussion followed with Tom and Bob explaining  
24 how that figure was arrived at. A question was posed by a member asking what  
25 the total amount of past due taxes was. No one was able to answer that  
26 precisely, but the last time it was calculated it was around \$13,000 – \$15,000. A  
27 member asked if we are making sure that when properties that are up for sale  
28 LCIA is getting what is due. Bob explained that we put a lien on when taxes are 2  
29 years in arrears.
- 30 b. Kari went on to express concern about the \$5000 donation amount that is  
31 included in the proposed budget. A discussion followed that included the fact  
32 that we based this amount on prior years. Kari stated that we should not be  
33 basing a budget on donations. More discussion followed and Kari made a  
34 motion to not include the \$5000 donation amount in the budget. Jeff Cosman  
35 seconded the motion. There was further discussion among the members  
36 including the feeling that the community needs to see that we are operating at a  
37 large deficit. If we not include the donation line item on the budget what  
38 happens; the deficit in the proposed budget just increases. Tom Martin called  
39 the motion to a vote, seconded by Kathy Little. The vote passed with 12 in favor,  
40 5 opposed and 1 abstention. We will adjust the proposed budget to remove the  
41 \$5000 donation line item.

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- 42 c. A member questioned the insurance expense and asked how many claims we  
43 had last year (0) and in the last 5 years (1).
- 44 d. A member offered to donate the postage to mail a copy of the budget to every  
45 member. That offer will be discussed further at the September board meeting.
- 46 e. A member asked what the Beach maintenance and Recreation consisted of. It  
47 was explained that the major expenses were a fence for Mother's beach and  
48 new ropes and buoys for Main Beach for the next swimming season.
- 49 f. A member suggested that we publicly publish the list of delinquent taxpayers the  
50 LCIA website. A discussion followed with opinions for and against the proposal.  
51 Many years ago the list was printed on the back of the proposed budget and  
52 handed out at the budget meeting. Several people didn't feel it was proper to  
53 print a list of delinquent taxpayers. This is a matter of public record and if  
54 someone wants to know, they can request the information.  
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- 56 5. **Vote on 2016/2017 Proposed Budget:** Tom Martin made a motion, seconded by Kari  
57 Olson, to set next year's tax rate at \$125. The membership voted and the motion  
58 passed unanimously.  
59 Tom Martin made a motion, seconded by Kathy Little, to vote on the proposed  
60 budget, as revised. The membership voted and the motion passed unanimously.  
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- 62 6. **Chairman's reports:**
- 63 **Constable Chair:** Gerald Dufresne was not present. It was reported that that there  
64 have been some drunk drivers observed; the membership was advised to contact  
65 the police with the information.
- 66 **Hall Chair:** Jeff Cosman is our new Hall Chair. Jeff reported the lawn has been  
67 mowed. Nothing new to report.
- 68 **Road Chair:** Ivan Wasko reported that the roads were recently graded. The plowing  
69 contract is out to bid this year and he would like some ideas of where to advertise  
70 this. Ivan explained that plowing expenses vary over the years; the plowing  
71 contract is a flat fee but the cost of sand is based on use. Kari reported to Ivan that  
72 an area of Shorefront Drive is beginning to deteriorate. She is willing to donate the  
73 necessary funds to get it fixed.
- 74 **Environmental Chair:** Ralph Sherman had the water tested recently and it came  
75 back high at the Main Beach. He will retest next week.
- 76 **Webmaster:** Jacqueline Kennedy is our new Webmaster. She has created a new  
77 web address [www.LakeChaffe.net](http://www.LakeChaffe.net) which originally had all the same information as  
78 .org. It will take some time to get it overhauled, but she is working on it. Access will  
79 be redirected to [www.LakeChaffee.net](http://www.LakeChaffee.net) from our prior website.
- 80 **Damn Chairman:** Kari did not have a lot to add. We have a plan in place to repair  
81 the damn and remove some trees and brush when the lake is lowered.
- 82 **Main Beach:** Sandra Moquin submitted a written report (attached).

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83                   **Fund Raising Chair:** Kathy Little reported that she would like to hold the Haunted  
84                   House again this year and is looking for volunteers to help with the set up as well as  
85                   “actors” to provide the scares.

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87           7. **Lowering of the Lake:** Tom Martin made a motion, seconded by Kari Olson, to lower  
88           the lake on or around Columbus Day. The membership voted, the motion passed  
89           unanimously.

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91           8. **Old Business:** none

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97           11. **Adjournment:** Tom Martin made the motion, seconded by Kathy Little, “to adjourn.”  
98           The motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**Lake Chaffee Main Beach Report for Pubic Meeting**  
**August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

1. The Main Beach Chair Person, Sandra Moquin would like to thank those who have helped in keeping the Main Beach picked up and raked – Christy and Dan Calkins, Christy's mother; Sue, Ron Holmes for leaf removing assistance, Ivan Wasko (for dock installation and tie-up, and leaves removal), Neil Gordon and family for general maintenance . I have forgotten anyone please come forward.
2. Needs:
  - Buoys
  - Ladder for dock
  - Ro-to-tilling
  - Sand
  - Continuous mowing and raking
3. Maintenance: the main beach yard (plus some) was last mowed on Sunday; ~~May~~<sup>Aug</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
4. The grass is beginning to fill in where the beach sand should be. We have at this writing only about 10% sand at the beach. This needs attention as soon as possible and budgeting for this sand and rototilling . A person has come forward to rototill if equipment is supplied.
5. Clean-out of weeds is needed at the east end of the beach (left side when looking from street) The weeds consist of invasive plants, prickly plants, and volunteer lilies.

Port-O-Let will come out after labor day

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sandra Moquin  
Beach Chair