

Board Meeting

May 15, 2020

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Phil Dast. Board members present at Secord Township Hall: Phil Dast, Chuck Sikora, Susan Morgan, Richard West, Bruce Plowman, Rita Lewis and Jeanne Ballor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from March 11, 2020 Board Meeting approved, No further report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bank balance is \$2,619.31.. Bill for \$300.00 from Media Skapes for Secord Lake Association signs presented. Motion to approve payment of bill made, seconded, and passed. IRS Form 909n has been filed; confirmation placed in archives. Motion to approve treasurer's report made, seconded and passed.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: After discussion, it was agreed that that the upcoming public meeting had to be cancelled due to Stay at Home Order. The cancellation of the meeting will be added to our Facebook page and our website and posted in the Secord Lake group Facebook page.

Phil also suggested that Board members keep track of water levels on a regular basis, so there is data to refer to when members have issues with the level at their shoreline. This would allow the Board to contact dam authorities if it appears the level is in fact too low, which is the primary issue reported to the Association. It was agreed that this is a great idea, and each board member will begin tracking this information.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

SIGNS: The 15 signs that were ordered have been received. Discussion and consensus regarding where they should be posted. Sue added that the sign maker can do T shirts and other branded items.

WEBSITE: Phil thanked Sandy for all the work she has done on our website. Board members agree that her work has been crucial and well done.

Sandy reported that the gmail account is working well to send messages out to members. Discussion held regarding the Townships' ability to put information on our account by contacting committee members. Clement Township lists us as a resource on its website.

Deb brought up that Secord Township is proposing an ordinance prohibiting contractors from blowing leaves into the lake, as it is believed that this is toxic to the water. The ordinance would impose fines on contractors who do this, and on homeowners only if they re-hire contractors previously in violation. Deb suggested that the Association take a public stance on this. It was agreed that she will bring a copy of the ordinance when it is adopted, and the Board will consider it at that time.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter will include information about the June 20 membership meeting. The program will include a DNR report (Chuck will arrange speaker); a recap of goose roundup if it can be held (Phil); and a summary/reminder of State regulations about fireworks (Phil). There may be a Four

Lakes Task Force update. Phil noted that the next Task Force public meeting is on July 16, but he wants to try to move it to our 7/18 membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE::

Discussion regarding dues payment held. It was agreed that an email letter reminding those who only paid one year's dues last year would be sent. A different email would be sent to those who paid for 5 years. The PayPal option appears to be working fine. Sue reported that there is a delay in posting the amounts to our account of about 7-10 days. She also said that she only gets a confirmation of the deposit but no copy of the membership information, which she needs to maintain the membership list. This will be tweaked.

FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE UPDATE:

Discussion held about a proposed amendment to Task Force ByLaws regarding appointment of Lake Associations' members to the Task Force. The language has not yet been finalized, but the amendment would likely cover the procedure for selecting 2 representatives and possibly one alternate from each Association. Also discussed was the possibility that SLA would amend its bylaws to reflect the change to FLTF bylaws.

Assessment information for each property is available at the Task Force website. All members should look at this information and contact the Task Force if there is a dispute.

A summary of the recent FERC filing regarding Secord Dam was posted on our website. Richard pointed out that the actual document should be made available.

The Four Lake Operations (FLO) board has now been formed. This board will be in charge of the power plants on each dam.

Motion made to adjourn with support; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

JB