

**BPILA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board members: Absent were Vivian Sims, Scott Marks, Pat Talbott and Emily McNally.

Motion made by Paul Mulheisen to approve agenda. Second by Jen Medema.. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Bailey to approve meeting minutes from August 25, 2010. Second by Jen Medema. Motion carried.

Deb Story looking for volunteers to work the upcoming election who are comfortable using computers.

Treasurer's report – Paul Mulheisen

Paul Mulheisen reported that we have total balance of \$4333.38. We have 70 paid memberships, which is down from 90 last year.

Discussion ensued on earmarking funds to a community-related item each year, similar to our contribution to the Grattan fire house for a portable pump.

Jen Medema advised that she checked into a boat wash station, and that the association would have to carry insurance for this at cost of approximately \$1000 per year.

Dan Bailey noted that there are issues with the new ramp asphalt design, causing water runoff straight into the lake. Dan will provide points of concern to Tom, and Tom will notify the contractor contact via email.

Lake Improvement Board Update – Dan Bailey

Dan still checking into shoreline management information and classes. He is trying to reach expert Jane Hebert with DNRE for more details. Dan in process of writing article for spring newsletter.

Tom recommended that we communicate twice per year on shoreline management in our newsletter. Packets of info on this will be available to lake residents through Dan.

Newsletter update – Paul Mulheisen for Pat Talbott

Fall newsletter was out late due to computer issues and press issues with the printer. Shoreline management info will be included in spring edition.

Pat would still like to see a party or gathering for the association members in spring . Could look into renting/holding at Greene's landing.

Next edition due out in Jan/Feb timeframe.

Nancy Popma will check on Halloween activities at the Grattan racetrack and Grattan Bar. We could partner with them to donate extra funds toward prizes specifically for BPILA member contest entrants/winners.

Tom will send out communication on contests/social events, as needed.

Safety Committee and Website – Scott DeMeyer

There have been 370 hits on the BPILA website.

Scott reported that there was a boat safety class coming in early spring. He will keep the website calendar/board posted on this once the date and location is known. The class is free. Scott will check on frequency of classes and notify of Grattan Twp interest. We can also post this on the Township website, too.

Historical Committee

Recommended that we collect historical articles and photos and place into a small booklet for interested parties. Just hold in electronic file form for now. Suzie Manikowski will get with Pat Talbott to compile a booklet concept.

Old Business

Tom will contact DNRE on requirements around boat launch signage (lake rules, etc.) discussed at last meeting.

New Business

Tom will send email to solicit for names of resources who do dock and boat lift removals. Recommended that we put these into next newsletter and on our website.

Sewer meeting update from Jen Medema – there are outstanding complaints on the former township sewer management provider, Sierra, having to do with violation of retention pond discharge management guidelines and lost farm crops. There was no discussion of ground water nitrates at the meeting.

Send ideas to Tom on any community donation suggestions.

Should include a communication in next newsletter on watching empty homes of snowbirds.

Dan Bailey asked if boat ramp etiquette topic could be included in next newsletter. This could also be put on boat launch signage, if approved. Tom checking with DNRE.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.