

**BPILA Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

All board members, with exception of Vivian Sims, were present.

**Treasurer's report**

Paul Mulheisen reported that we have total balance of \$4842.67. We have 55 paid memberships.

**Lake Improvement Board Update – Dan Bailey**

Spring phosphate test has been done. Results will be received at the end of the year. Secchi test measured visibility/clarity at 15 ½ feet. The last time it measured that clear was in June 2000.

Scott DeMeyer remarked that the Kent County Health Dept. has run-off/watershed info on-line.

Dan attended the Michigan Lake and Stream Association annual conference in Lansing. There was a great class on shoreline management, and natural alternatives to seawalls. Dan will do an article for the newsletter on this topic.

Dan reported on a booth featuring a boat wash concept to control the VHS fish virus, which also kills zebra mussels. The cost of a wash station, including the wash concentrate, signage, etc., is \$400.

Jen Medema volunteered to investigate this project further, including communication and enforcement options.

A motion was made by Tom Manikowski that, pending investigation outcome, to allot funds of no more than \$500 toward a boat wash. Seconded by Lisa Zigmont. Motion carried.

Tom Manikowski reminded all that Sonar treatment has taken place, and that it is working, although die off of milfoil is slow. A second treatment is planned for Friday, if needed. Also, a reminder to avoid watering any ornamentals with lake water, according to the posted signage.

**Newsletter update – Pat Talbott**

Pat reported that next newsletter is planned for mid-June, before fireworks. Pat had also checked on cost to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> page to the newsletter. This would not cost much more – approximately \$25. She recommended that we keep it to the current size, so that advertisements don't overrun the more valued articles. We currently take in \$150 on ad placement, with \$300 - \$325 per newsletter cost.

Pat will post the upcoming few BPILA meeting dates on the front cover of the newsletter, and refer readers to check the website for future dates. Also to be added to the June newsletter will be a fireworks update, note from the president (thank you from the fire station re: pump contribution), lake historian update, lake weed treatment, call-out to join the association/reminder of dues, and the twilight cancer walk.

Resident Gloria Burns remarked that she updates the Grattan Twp web and cable sites. She would like information about the lake treatments and watering restrictions to post on the sites. Dan will provide her with details.

### **Safety Committee and Website**

Scott DeMeyer reminded all in attendance to keep an eye on vacant neighborhood homes. Scott also advised that because the BPILA website address is a bit long to type in, it may be easier to go to the Grattan Twp site (grattantownship.org) and click on the “links” navigation from the home page to the Big Pine Island website link.

Emily McNally also reported that there was some recent car vandalism on Larned, so please keep your cars locked if they sit outside.

### **Historical Committee**

No updates. Cathy Kirkbride was not in attendance.

### **Old Business**

Tom Manikowski reported that he has not yet completed exploration related to Association insurance.

### **New Business**

Tom has appointed Dan Bailey and Pat Talbott as additional board reps, to fill the 2 vacant seats.

### **Fireworks Update**

Scott Marks reported that the fireworks proposal is awaiting permits. It must be approved at the township board meetings (June). Shell sizes up to 10-inches are planned. We’re maintaining the same budget of \$5000 for the show.

Tom Manikowski inquired of the board if we still want to maintain the sheriff patrol again this year, now that Greene’s store has closed, which could lessen public traffic in that prior problem area. Pat Talbott made a motion to continue with sheriff patrol services during fireworks for 2010, with a second from Scott Marks and Dan Bailey. Motion carried.

Tom is making copies again this year of fireworks display flyers for Road Reps to distribute. Suggested starting late June for collection.

Scott Marks will be speaking with Hesslers on May 12 to confirm use of their property for staging the fireworks show. Scott made a motion to budget \$50 in gas for mowing/clearing the location, and an additional \$100 toward a gift card to provide as a “thank you” to Hesslers. Motion was seconded by Dan Bailey. Motion carried.

Emily McNally inquired as to what they could suggest as an average contribution amount toward fireworks. Anywhere from \$25 - \$40 is average.

Tom reminded Road Reps that if any email addresses are collected from contributors/new members, please get them to Tom in order to be added to the distribution list.

Scott Marks will investigate possibility of using a floating barge for next year’s fireworks, and he will also investigate the potential of using the property south of Big Pine Island Lake Preserve for same.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.