

BPILA Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2009

Attendees:

Tom Manikowski
Susie Manikowski
Jen Medema
Pat Talbott
Paul Mulheisen
Lisa Zigmont
Dan Bailey

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30.

Treasurer's Report

Current balances are \$662.26 in checking and \$3203.66 in savings. We've had four new members, with total membership collection of \$1800.00. Most recent expenditures were \$300 for newsletter. We seem to be fairly stable in maintaining funds. Fireworks were \$768 over budget, with a total cost of \$5450.00.

New business

Tom reported that Scott Marks would still like to be involved in the fireworks show for 2009. We do have to commit fairly early on the show for this year. The board agreed that costs should be held to a total of \$5500.00 for the 2009 fireworks show, including \$450 for the sheriff's patrol. Tom will communicate this to Scott.

The board reviewed membership dues collection for 2009 and agreed to keep this year's dues at \$20.00, due to current economic status. Paul will contact John Little, manager of the north end trailer park, to see if we can get permanent addresses of the seasonal trailer residents in order to solicit for memberships.

The next newsletter will go out mid-February. Pat will contact Grattan Grocery regarding ad placement. All agreed to maintain prices for ads at \$25 for small ad, \$50 for medium and \$100 for large. If February newsletter is full with articles, we'll look at adding an advertising insert. Tom will draft President's report, including objectives for 2009, to submit for newsletter.

Dan Bailey will draft an article for the spring edition newsletter about the BPIL Improvement Board, what it is and how it works on behalf of lake members. This board is comprised of lake association appointees, township and DEQ officials to discuss lake improvement issues, weed assessments, etc. Dan was just contacted by township treasurer Sabrina Freeman that a Lake Improvement Board meeting will be coming in the near future. It was agreed by the board that the BPIL Improvement Board would be added to our '09 objectives.

Objectives for 2009

Goose round-up: We need a petition from lakefront owners to get a round-up permit from the DNR. Tom will contact the DNR for details.

Invasive species monitoring: In process.

Community improvement: Due to some dissent from members regarding developing lake signage, the board agreed to not pursue signage any further. Susie will look into landscape options/shrubbery around pump stations, etc.

Safety network/Neighborhood watch: Tom will contact road reps to see if they're willing to be a "watch" rep.

Lake historian: Kathy Kirkbride is collecting info regarding BPIL and Grattan township, dating back to the 1920's.

Activities/fundraising: Susie inquired about the potential for board support for sponsoring a party for BPILA members only and fishing contests. Susie, Pat and Jen will meet together to research development time and costs. The board agreed to allot \$500.00 toward any future party or contest for 2009.

MLSA/CLMP: The board agreed to send a representative from BPILA to the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association spring conference for 2009. Dan Bailey suggested that other board members may benefit from the conference. Jen Medema expressed interest in attending. The board will fund a member and spouse to attend the conference. Dan will send the registration info to Tom and Jen.

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Other business

Tom reported on sewer status that the township has reduced lagoons for BPIL to a point that they're in good shape this winter. We will continue to monitor this regularly and provide any necessary reports to members through newsletters, including reminders that the board is a watchdog on behalf of lake residents.

BPILA contact list needs to be updated with Tom's new email address: BPILAPresident@gmail.com. Lisa will make the update and resend electronic copy to contact list members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Bailey and seconded by Susie Manikowski. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.