

Big Pine Island Lake Association Annual Meeting  
October 14, 2008 7:00 PM Grattan Township Hall

MINUTES

- The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Tom Manikowski, President, Board Members present: V.P. Jen Medema, Treasurer Paul Mulheisen, (Absent Lisa Zigmont Secretary) Also in attendance Frank Force, Twp Spvsr, BPIL residents, Neighborhood Rep's and volunteers Dan Bailey, Pat Talbott, Scott Marks, Chris Stewart, Annette Beatty, John Little, Deb Storey, Nancy Popma, Jack Proos, Marian Marek, Emily McNally and Jeff Duncan.
- Agenda, Board Minutes and Budget Review copies provided.
  - Approved tonight's Agenda and Minutes from 07/22/2008.
- The meeting opened with introductions of all those present. Tom recognized the recent efforts of member volunteers Newsletter editor Pat Talbott, Dan Bailey our MLSA and Lake Improvement Board liaison, Scott Marks Fireworks Coordinator and all those who have given on behalf of the Big Pine island Lake Association.
  - Reports
    - The BPILA newsletter is back and getting great response. Call Pat Talbott with lake news, or to sponsor an ad.
    - Scott reported on this years Fireworks show on July 3. The budget this year was increased to five thousand dollars for a bigger show at the current launch site which is well situated to handle the bigger shells and additional shotboxes and aerals. The quality of the production remains high and seems to meet or exceed expectations. On the ground the presence of county law enforcement officials as hired by the BPILA ensured a more orderly fireworks viewing environment for the residents of the Larned/Wimpole neighborhoods. Residents have agreed the situation was much improved. Past events had been marred by vandalism and violence from outside agitators. The Marine Patrol was also present as usual.
    - Annette found and turned in a few Big Pine Island sweatshirts from past fundraising campaigns. Call Tom for sizes!!
    - Jeff reported the discovery of several empty fuel tanks in the orchards off Byrne Pk.
  - Budget Review
    - Paul Mulheisen read the Treasurer's Report. Memberships are up to 84 residents. 224 Newsletters were mailed to lake residents. Our fireworks fund fell \$768 short of goal but the total lake association funds are just over \$4000.
- . Grattan Township Update
  - Frank reviewed three new ordinances under consideration and the current status of the Grattan Sanitary Sewer upgrades.

- The Planning Commission has drafted three new ordinances addressing outdoor wood furnaces, temporary storage pods and wind turbines. The outdoor wood furnace ordinance as submitted for all districts by the Planning Commission was sent back by the Township Board for reconsideration of compatibility in Rural lake district. The other two ordinances are moving towards ratification.
  - Frank is the Sewer System Administrator and reviewed the current status of the mechanical upgrade, work continues towards installation of mission dialers, mechanical upgrades to guide rails are delayed until funds catch up. The Grattan/Vergennes Irrigation system requires a major overhaul and a new discharge permit, the Grattan Lagoons and irrigation fields are “on par” with discharge expectations, that site is running more smoothly after the sso last winter. The Board will seek action to try and recoup some of the losses incurred by that event from the Operations and Maintenance provider, Sierra Consultants. Also in light of increasing O&M costs the Township Board is putting the sewer contract out to bid and will include Sierra Consultants, Infrastructure Alternatives and Kent County DPW.
- Old Business
  - Dan Bailey conducted e-coli tests at three locations, at the public boat launch, Greene’s landing and at the lakefront site of the winter sso on Hallridge. All levels tested in the “normal” range. Members would like to see this testing done at regular intervals to establish what’s normal for BPIL. Dan reported the lake survey assessments are done for the year, PLM did note one location of Eurasian Milfoil in a non-property area. Then Mac Drive residents, Annette and John reported Eurasian Milfoil in their lakefront area.
  - Long range goal of signage for BPIL neighborhoods was discussed with key contact being the Grattan Zoning Administrator.
  - Township is looking to fill expected vacancies on many of their commissions. Fill out an application at the township office.
- New Business
  - Historical Research on the early Grattan lake communities is being compiled by Cathy Kirkbride who has many items of interest already.
  - Neighborhood Watch is looking to start up again with a possible November meeting of the BPIL board members, neighborhood reps and interested citizens.
  - Membership Development. Tom has new resident packets ready for hand delivery to new BPIL residents.
- Adjourned at 8:45pm

Submitted by Jen Medema