

Hamlin Lake Preservation Society Meeting

Sept. 8th, 2011

Present: Kent Gage, Wayne Disegna, Jim Clark, Wayne Andersen, Ruth Crompton, Bruce Pelletier, Lynn Hoepfinger, Wil Steketee, Dick Todd, Tom Kalina, Mark Otto, Kathy McGill, and Ginny Hluchan

Meeting called to order 7:00pm @ Bruce Pelletier's house.
Board members introduced themselves to one another.

Reports

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the June 22nd meeting and the minutes of the annual meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy McGill is in the process of taking over the treasurer's job from Linda Leibole. The financial statement for the 3rd quarter of 2011 was presented. It was noted that we have a substantial amount of money in our treasury. After some discussion about what should be done with the money, Ginny volunteered to help establish some long range goals that will help the organization to focus on how best to use the available funds. Kathy indicated that she would like to make some changes in the financial report that would help her in her treasurer's job. The board has no problems with this. A letter of thanks will be sent to Linda for all her years of wonderful service as the Treasurer of HLPS. The financial report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

Our present membership is in the 360 to 370 member range, which is about the same as last year. One of the reasons for the static membership is that we have not had a membership chairman for over a year. Although no one stepped forward to be membership chairman, 4 people have volunteered to work together as a membership committee. They are Ruth Crompton, Ginny Hluchan, Wil Steketee, and a non-board member Judi Cartier.

Water Quality

Lynn described to the new board members are active testing programs with the MLSA and WSCC. The MLSA testing involves our members getting samples for e-coli testing,

chlorophyll testing, phosphorous testing, plus doing dissolved oxygen testing and water clarity testing.

WSSC has their own boat and do similar testing on Hamlin Lake and we help support this with annual funding in the range of \$600 to \$1000 per year.

There was discussion about the heavy weed growth this year in the upper lake and the development of very heavy algae blooms which included some blue-green algae. The consensus is that the very warm summer contributed to this phenomenon.

It's time to pull our bricks for the very unscientific zebra mussel study and report the results to Lynn.

There are monofilament recycle boxes available from MLSA. Lynn will obtain these and he and Wayne Anderson will place them at boat launch sites.

Fish Committee

Wayne Anderson requested that we change the fish committee to the fisheries committee and expand its purpose beyond just the planting of fish but to also include improving the fishery habitat. He would like to work with Mark Tonello from the DNR to assist them in anyway as they are developing a management plan for Hamlin Lake. Wayne put this request in the form of a motion which was 2nd by Ruth Crompton. Motion carried. The exploratory committee will be Wayne Anderson, Jim Storm, and Dick Todd.

Historic Cottage Committee

Jim Clark reported that a couple of cottages are under consideration for relocation to White Pine Village. The White Pine Village governing board is very interested in having this new display.

The committee is now at the point of making decisions about which cottage will be moved and they will be putting out an appeal for funds to accomplish this. They plan to put an article in the Currents.

Ruth Crompton will also contact Judy Thorpe about writing an historical article for each Currents issue.

Duneview Erosion Project

The erosion problem at the end of Duneview road has been examined and it appears that the road needs to be extended back into the lake by about 40 foot of fill. The road commission has reviewed the situation and does not with the need to do this. They suggested a concrete log ramp be used since this is a road end. Jim Clark is presently developing a plan to submit to the DEQ to obtain a permit for the project. A part of the plan is to do proper shoreline landscaping. To this end Jim requested monies to hire a consultant to advise on the proper landscaping. Wayne A. moved that we allow an amount of up to \$500 to be used for this purpose. Motion was 2nd by Wayne D. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Fireworks

The fireworks this year went very well. Our fireworks fund is presently at \$8300 and it looks as if we will be able to have a display equal to last years next year. The fireworks display for 2012 will be on Sat. July 7th with a rain date of July 8th.

Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social was again a success. HLPS made about \$592 on the event. Wil Steketee will again chair the event for 2012.

Annual Dinner Meeting

The Date for the Annual Dinner Meeting will be Sat. Aug. 4th 2012.

Bruce will see if the township hall is available. With the increase in the price of the dinner this we were able to cover all expenses and ended up with a surplus of \$216.

Hamlin Lake Swim

The Hamlin Lake swim from North Bayou to the Nordhouse Dunes was a success. There were 12 swimmers who registered for the swim and 11 successfully completed it. The event raised \$1235 with a surplus of \$720 going to HLPS to be used for lake improvements. A letter of thanks and appreciation will be sent to Becky Reamer who organized this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Victory Park improvements

Wayne Anderson reported that the Nordlund study has been completed. The Eagle Scout is laying out the walking trails in the park and they are starting to work on application for grants to complete the overall project. Wayne stated that many of the grants are of a matching fund sort and if the township can not meet the match they will have to go outside for funds. HLPS has already allocated \$500 for this project.

Memorial Funds Committee

Our memorial fund has several thousand dollars init and has received some additional funds. There was discussion about what is the policy was on this matter and it was found that we have no clear guidelines. Kathy McGill and Tom Kalina will work on this problem and come back with some suggestions.

The deadline for articles for the Currents is Oct. 1st

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 15th 6:30 pm @ Wil Steketee's house

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm