

# Hamlin Lake Preservation Society

## Meeting

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 -- DRAFT

**Present:** Kent Gage, Wayne Disegna, Lynn Hoepfinger, Lloyd Gearhart, Jim Pinkerton, Ruth Crompton, Linda Leibole, Susan Austin, Diane Boulais, Bonnie Wood, Tom McGill, Jim Strom, and Bruce Pelletier  
Guests: Wayne Anderson, Floyd Straley, and Ginny Hluchan  
Meeting called to order 9:30am @ Lloyd Gearharts

### Reports

#### Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Sept. 30th meeting were approved as presented.

#### Treasurer's Report

The financial statements for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008, the year end report for 2008, and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report of 2009 were reported. The Treasurer's reports were approved as presented. It was noted that the fireworks fund for 2010 is substantially less at this time than it was last year. A special appeal will be made. Tom McGill has agreed to be our treasurer when Linda is away for the winter next year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Water Quality

We will again participate in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program through the State of MI. and the MI. Lakes and Stream Assoc. We have already begun water clarity and testing of the lake water. The WWSC water quality testing program is being run by Mike McKinney this year and he is in the process of up grading their program. We will continue to support this program as we have in the past. Bruce Pelletier has volunteered to serve on the water quality committee. Lynn will also ask Joe Gaghen to join the water quality group. Lynn reported that all interested in the unscientific Zebra Mussel Study should get their bricks in the water.

There a discussion about invasive species of plants and wildlife and how most of us know little about them. It was felt that a presentation by an expert at our annual meeting might be helpful and interesting. It was suggested that Carolyn Henney who is a botanist with the Nat'l Forestry Dept., might be a good to invite to the annual meeting for a presentation. We'll invite us to the next board meeting to see if she will give a presentation.

Of general interest, there are several businesses in the area now offering phosphorous free fertilizer.

#### Membership Committee

To date we have 155 members who have not paid their membership dues for 2009. A reminder will be put in the summer currents.

It was also brought up that we have members who as the winter somewhere else they list themselves as temporarily away with the postal service. When the bulk mailing of the Currents is sent out these are returned to us and we are charged \$0.50 for each one plus then we must mail the Currents as 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to those people which is an additional cost. The membership committee has a record of who those families are and the suggestion was made to not include them in our bulk mailing but to just send their Currents out as 1<sup>st</sup> mail. This would end up costing us less overall.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **HLPS Currents**

There was discussion about when the deadline dates for submitting articles to the Currents should be. After a lively discussion it was decided and agreed upon that the deadline dates will be Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup>. We missed the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline so the new deadline for the summer currents is June 1.

### **Fireworks**

Our annual fireworks display will be on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Every thing is set all permits have been obtained. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the area the next day. The rain date is set for Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Memorial Fund**

The well at Wilson Hill Park is now complete except for the installation of the hand pump. The contractor is waiting for a fiberglass rod to be delivered so he can finish the work. He expects to be finished by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.

The quality of the water is very good.

### **Phragmites Infestation**

Wayne Anderson of the BSWR (Big Sable Watershed Restoration Committee) reported that plans are being made to again work on eradicating the phragmitie infestation in the Hamlin Lake marsh. He is planning to have a couple of work days the middle of Aug. It appears that there as been very little new growth of the phragmites over the winter.

### **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting is set for Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Sadlers will do the catering again. It will be at the Hamlin township hall. Volunteers are needed for set up before and clean up afterward. Wayne Anderson suggested that we might ask Carolyn Henney to speak at the annual meeting since she is very knowledgeable about invasive species and can give very interesting talks on the subject. The board will ask her to come to the next board meeting .

### **Sculpture Tribute to Hamlin Lake**

This project is coming to an end. The monies needed have almost been raised. \$90,000 was the projected need and \$83,000 has been raised to date. The work on the sculpture is proceeding and they expect to have the finished sculpture here by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The official

name for the sculpture is “Hooked on Hamlin”. Work has started on preparing the site where the sculpture will go. The dedication for the sculpture will be July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Victory Park**

A long range plan has been developed to improve Victory Park which includes tearing down old buildings, putting in new restrooms, docks, hiking trails, parking lots and recreational facilities. They are planning a work day on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **WSCC Scholarship**

Kent Gage reported that he attended a luncheon for the scholarship recipients and the donors of those scholarships and met the recipient of the \$1000 scholarship we gave last year. A motion was made by Bonnie Wood and seconded by Lloyd Gearhart to offer another \$1000 scholarship this year. Motion passed. Funds will be taken from the water quality fund.

### **Board members**

There was a discussion about adding additional members to our board and that we should try to get a resort owner on the board.

A suggestion was also made that we should survey the membership about what they feel we should be doing as an organization. The survey would be put in the Currents so that members could tear it out complete it and send it back.

### **ORV Regulation**

The issue of whether or not ORVs should be allowed on township roads is of great interest to our membership, since we are a not for profit organization we can take sides in this issue, but we urge all members who have strong feelings about this issue to contact the township to let their thoughts be known.

### **Wilson Hill Park renaming**

There is a petition going around to change the name of Wilson Hill Park to Hamlin Lake Park. After some discussion the board felt that because there is historical significance to the Wilson Hill name it should be preserved. A motion was made by Sue Austin and seconded by Kent Gage to post articles in all the message boards at the boat ramps as to why the name should not be changed. Motion carried.

In another matter concerning Wilson Hill the township will now take over the collecting of donations for the boat ramp there.

### **Hazardous Waste Clean up Day**

The hazardous waste clean up day has been set for Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Scottville Road Commission site. Laura Lyons the coordinator for this event is asking for financial help to defray some of the costs involved. Kent moved that we support this event with a \$500 donation as we did last year. Motion passed.

### **Big Sable Water Restoration Committee**

Wayne Anderson reported that they made \$400 on their House of Flavors Restaurant event. They will be working on the last major erosion site on the river this year. We now have a new fisheries manager Rich O'Neil who is out of Muskegon. The Big Sable River at this point is in excellent condition.

This committee in conjunction with Schmidt Outfitters Fly Fishing School will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> annual youth fly fishing day on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm. All donations go to the restoration of the river.

A motion was made to give the restoration committee a \$1000 donation by Wayne D. and seconded by Jim Storm. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at Jim Pinkerton's house.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm