

Lake LaSalle Property Owner's Association Inc.



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Lake LaSalle Property Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2021

The meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom and was called to order by Mark Helm, President. In attendance were Sally Gindling, Long Range Planning, Dan Jackson, Treasurer, Gretchen McFarland, Secretary, Kurt Ellinger, Director of Communications, and Dan Kurko, Director of Fishing. Joining the meeting in progress were Linda Schwaner, Vice President, Curtis McCloud, Director of Maintenance, and Lisa McCloud, Director of Entertainment. Jonas Karlsson, Director of Complaint/Compliance was absent due to a family emergency.

A big THANK YOU to Sally for again scheduling the telephonic meeting!!

Old Business: Mark initiated meeting discussions by reviewing Old Business with most being completed. Boat stickering was brought up and Sally confirmed/clarified that this will be a 2022 initiative that will coincide with the annual Dues notices submitted by the Treasurer. It was discussed that thereafter the renewals will be on an annual basis (using a year stickering system similar to auto license plate renewals). As to the speeding that had been observed on LaSalle Rd and discussed at the last meeting, this will be addressed on an as-occurrence basis.

VP/Linda brought up the issue of where non-voting members can access the lake for swimming purposes. That area is directly north of Lot #59 on LaSalle Rd, where the natural ramp was dug out and graveled for heavy machinery access into Thunder Creek last Fall. That area will be reseeded and will remain a grassy area where members without direct lake access can access the lake for swimming purposes. **As a reminder....there is no swimming allowed at the boat ramp or the dam area.**

New Business:

President – Mark Helm: A review of the agenda showed two items brought up by the Board members: (1) the Action Plan necessary to address the Dam Inspection findings and (2) restocking and shoreline plantings for future lake health and fish habitat needs.

Vice President – Linda Schwaner: Fish restocking. **As this falls under the Director of Fishing, we moved immediately to that discussion.**

Dan Kurko – Director of Fishing: Long Term Planning - Sally Gindling and Treasurer - Dan Jackson: Dan K has spent considerable time researching and discussing our lake with aquatic biologists. As this is a budget-driven decision, it was necessary to review what dollar allowances were available. It was reviewed that prior biologist recommendations were to restock (bluegill and golden shiners) in Spring prior to spawning. Since we're at that point now, Dan was going to revisit this tight timeframe to see if it was feasible to stock now or if that would have to be postponed to potentially Fall. Sally Gindling and Dan Jackson had met prior to the meeting to go over the budget and those figures were shared prior to the meeting. As there was budget remaining from last year's lake maintenance project (which included dredging and any clean-up or improvements needed as a result of same), it was determined fish restocking and shoreline plantings fell under that budget umbrella. Dan Jackson also provided a review of overall budget numbers. A question was raised whether it was appropriate to restock after the dredging and Dan K noted the experts stated it was better to do now versus wait a year. The subject of the potential for an

assessment being levied this July arose. Since the assessment isn't determined until year-end (December 2021), this couldn't be officially addressed, however, any dollars allocated to fish restocking are not a part of our operational expenses but rather are allocated to incidentals specifically related to the 2020 lake maintenance project. An additional question was posed relative to budget and the dollars needed to address deficiencies found in our 2020 Dam Inspection. As this is an Operational Expense, again, money will be allocated from that budget.

We then moved to shoreline planting and whether this would create any problems with growth into the lake. Per Dan K, the two plants recommended for our lake were cardinal flower (does not grow past 6" of water but helps control sediment from the bank) and pickerel rush (which does not grow in over 2' of water). Focus was on planting along the common ground (east side of the open lake), and in the common ground by the dam. Some areas were identified as ideal growing locations but would require the property owner(s) to authorize planting there. While areas of pea gravel were placed during the dredging process for breeding purposes, shoreline plants are also necessary for the fish to use for cover. Spraying of the common pond weed (already in the lake) was reviewed by Dan K and per the biologists, we would be better served to spot treat that vs. total eradication as, again, some plant life is necessary for the overall quality and health of the lake. With no further questions, Dan was thanked for all his hard work, time and research expended in this project. The original proposal submitted by the aquatic specialists for both planting and restocking was \$11k. After careful analysis and consideration, a more prudent approach was shaved to half or \$5500. This also allows remaining dollars for any lake maintenance needs. A motion was made by Sally to authorize proceeding with a \$5500 budget for restocking and planting which was seconded by Gretchen, with eyes from all other meeting attendees.

Secretary – Gretchen McFarland: Gretchen proposed we start outlining and communicating NOW the Board positions that will be vacated this year. At a glance today, we will have several vacant positions and with all the new additions to our lake community, we'll all be best served to generate interest now vs right before the Annual Meeting. **Please consider joining the Board now!! New faces, new ideas and new energy are essential to the preservation of our beautiful lake community.**

Here's a snapshot of vacating positions. Also, Kurt/Communications will provide a quick synopsis of the roles and responsibilities of each position.

President – 1 year term. Mark Helm (ongoing incumbent)
VP – 1 year term – Vacating (Kurt willing to take position)
Secretary – 1 year term – Vacating
Treasurer – 1 year term. Dan Jackson (ongoing incumbent)
Entertainment – 3 year term. Lisa McCloud (ongoing incumbent)
Long Term Planning – 3 year term – Vacating
Communications – 3 year term – Vacating
Maintenance – 3 year term. Curtis McCloud (ongoing incumbent)
Complaint/Compliance – 3 year term – Jonas Karlsson (incumbent status unknown)

Director of Entertainment – Lisa McCloud: Any formal activities and/or planning remain on hold due to the pandemic. We're hoping as 2021 unfolds, the opportunity to gather together will as well!!!!

Director of Communications – Kurt Ellinger: Kurt had no outstanding agenda items nor new items to discuss but as noted above, will be including a Board member role and responsibility. (Thank you, Kurt!)

Director of Maintenance – Curtis McCloud: Thank you, Curtis, for taking the lead on the Dam Inspection and a focus outline to keep the Board at task to ensure we're moving forward with showing progress in addressing the Deficient recommendations outlined in the final inspection report (which was submitted to the DNR). A challenge for the Lake Association is the cost associated with several recommendations that were outlined. To show good faith and progress, a budget was recommended of \$10k now (from our available Operational Expense budget) to allocate towards the "as built drawing" (since no record of the original dam building can be located after extensive research - back to the 1960's), the recommended hydraulic study and reseeding. Curtis will seek a quote from our

contracted mowing company for slit seeding. We will quote out all the other Deficient recommendations to, at minimum, show the State we are moving forward. One item involves the spillway (on non-Lake owned property) on which are brush and trees the DNR recommends removal of. Sally volunteered to speak with that neighboring property owner to see if we can clear out the area. Curtis will seek an official quote per line item on the recommendations. A Motion was made by Sally Gindling to commit \$10k over the next two years toward addressing items (3,4,5,6 and 7) on the dam spreadsheet. Curtis McCloud seconded with ayes from all other meeting attendees.

Mark thanked Curtis for all his work on the dam project as well as the recent dam clean-up for which there was a solid turnout of help!

Director of Complaint/Compliance – Jonas Karlsson: In Jonas' absence, we'll just reiterate that **please please adhere to the speed limits in our community. Many neighbors, including children and pets, walk around our beautiful lake and the safety of our residents is EVERYONE'S responsibility.**

Prior to adjourning, the subject of the various shoreline "improvements" was tabled. After discussion, it was proposed that for any future lake maintenance/improvement projects, the Board consider drafting a By-Law now for the annual meeting/property owners' voting purposes, of the type and material to be used for shoreline preservation with the goal being to maintain a safe, natural and aesthetically pleasing lake for all.

Dan K/Fishing inquired into muskrat activity. If spotted, please let the Board know to include location of the sighting. The muskrats can and do cause damage, some of which was noted during the Dam inspection last year.

A motion to adjourn our Zoom meeting was made by Mark Helm, accepted by Dan Jackson and seconded by Dan Kurko. The meeting concluded with the Board's consent at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Gretchen McFarland/Secretary



WE WANT YOU!

The LLPOA Board of Directors is looking for new blood! We have several positions opening up in the Fall and really need input from everyone. Whether you are full-time, part-time, a new resident or have been here awhile - we need YOU! Please reach out to any current Board Member if you have any interest in the following positions or need more information. Help determine the future of Lake LaSalle and have some fun in the process!

Vice President – 1 year term

Secretary – 1 year term

Long Term Planning – 3 year term

Communications – 3 year term

LAKE LASALLE FISH SPECIES AND GENERAL GUIDELINES - 2021

Only dues paying LLPOA members, associate members and their guests have access to boating and fishing on Lake LaSalle. Only LLPOA members and associate members watercraft are allowed on the lake.

ALL Watercraft must display the **Lake LaSalle sticker**. Make sure that we all follow the boating rules and be courteous to our fellow fishermen/boaters/swimmers

BAIT If using live bait, dispose only in trash....Never in the lake.

WATERCRAFT Thoroughly clean exterior of watercraft and motor prior to launching on Lake LaSalle. This keeps invasive plant species from entering our lake.

FISH In an effort to continue to enjoy and preserve our wonderful lake, we should all follow the fish guidelines below

HABITAT Assist improving lake vegetation through use of tree tops, brush piles or artificial structure. Contact board for authorization if interested in habitat improvement on your shoreline.



BLUEGILL
20 per day.



LARGEMOUTH BASS
5 per day up to 14". 14" or larger are protected and to be released.



CHANNEL CATFISH
3 per day: these fish have limited ability to reproduce in Lake LaSalle.



LONGEAR SUNFISH
Non-desired species. Keep or dispose



WHITE CRAPPIE
20 per day.



CARP
Non-desired species. Keep or dispose



REDEAR SUNFISH
10 per day.



BLACK CRAPPIE
20 per day.



WARMOUTH
Non-desired species. Keep or dispose

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2020/2021 Board of Directors

Name Office Committee	Year Elected	Term Expires	Contact Info
Officers			
Mark Helm President	2020	2021	mhelm@pipeinc.net
Linda Schwaner Vice President	2020	2021	linda128@msn.com
Dan Jackson Treasurer	2020	2021	jackman342@comcast.net
Gretchen McFarland Secretary	2020	2021	gretchmcfarland@sbcglobal.net
Directors			
Lisa McCloud Entertainment	2020	2023	lamccloud50@gmail.com
Kurt Ellinger Communications	2018	2021	kurtell@icloud.com
Jonas Karlsson Complaints & Compliance Building	2018	2021	jonasola@yahoo.com
Dan Kurko Fishing	2020	2023	DKurko@DeFouw.com
Curtis McCloud Maintenance	2018	2021	pappym50@gmail.com
Sally Gindling Long Term Planning	2019	2022	sagindling@yahoo.com

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