

THE LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, Inc.

SPRING MEETING Minutes 2021

May 22, 2021 at Milestone/Newman/Treat Barn, 7722 Arnold Rd

9:00 AM sign-in, pay dues, socialize -- 9:30 AM Call to Order.

Call to Order

- Prayer by Walt Hessler
- Welcome – Rich Nelson, President
- Introduction of Board Members Patti Thomas, Vice President- Carol Kurtz, Secretary-Tena Miller, Treasurer- Gary Hicks, Clark Milestone, Steve Weaver, Lindsay Gallmeyer, Karen Treat, Bob Gallivan, Brian Clark, Geoff Velpel
- Introduction of new members Jay and Nancy Bradenburger on 700. Jay spoke saying that since they moved from Fort Wayne. The people are so friendly and welcoming
- 69 attended.

Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes dated August 22, 2020 – Carol Kurtz –

- Tena Miller motioned to approve, JoAn Butler second, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tena Miller

- Summary Cash \$36, CD \$4000, checking \$27369.98, Savings \$4406.45, Fidelity \$33255.39,
- Jan Barkley motion to approve, Mike Birkenbeul second, unanimously approved.

Guest Presentation –

- DNR officer Darren Reed
 - Lake is covered by both Noble and Whitley County
 - Law has changed pertaining to operating boat to and from shoreline no violation 200 feet from shore as long as idle speed defined as 5 mph or maintaining control of vehicle. That does not create excessive wake or wash.
 - Buoy or swim raft placement required to be less than 150ft no permit is necessary. Over 150ft a permit is required.
 - Pier can be placed as long as landowner. Not all properties have 10-foot easement. Must be temporary structure and 150ft from shore or six foot depth. Temporary does not require permit if permanent requires a permit. Temporary does not have to be removed in winter but is recommended.
 - Beaches are allowed if landowner with permit. No Sand must be pea gravel. A permit will define the guidelines including size allowed.
 - Wake boat legislation on limitations was proposed but did not pass. As long as under 10 miles per hour can run anytime of day or night sunrise to sunset until law is passed.
 - Shoreline can have natural stone glacier stone or rip rap without permit as long as not altering shoreline. If altering by digging or expanding must have a permit. Concrete seawall can be put in if repairing existing. But will not issue permit if there is not existing.
 - Life preservers per person that fits person on boat -anything that floats kayak canoe paddle board etc. Only time wearing is required is on Personal watercraft (wave runner). If skiing or tubing behind Personal watercraft you are considered a passenger.
 - Weight or number of passengers is capacity whichever comes first. If 1500lb have 6 passenger boat with kids 20 pounds each you are at capacity because of 6 kids even if not 1500 pounds.
 - 16 feet or greater is required to have throwable device that is coast guard approved.
 - Acceptable running lights on watercraft after dusk when under power. The white light that can be observed 360 degree must be on even kayak paddle boats etc.
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Old Business / Committee Reports

- JoAn Butler spoke on the Fishing Derby on free fishing weekend June 5th serving hot dogs, chips, lemonade. She passed around a container “Bubbles” for donations since we lost a donation from Meijer. The Derby is self-sustained by company donations and the members donations. Rich thanks JoAn for her enthusiasm and volunteering.

Approval of 2021 Board Members

Richard Nelson, Patti Thomas, Carol Kurtz, Tena Miller, Bob Gallivan, Steve Weaver, Gary Hicks, Clark Milestone, Lindsay Gallmeyer, Brian Clark, Karen Treat, Geoff Velpel

- Voice vote by signifying I was approved.

Loon Lake Fish Management Group update – Clark Milestone

- Handouts on the fishing study that occurred for crappies.
 - Muskie 26 min size 28.6 max 45.5
 - Walleye 25 min size 19.1 max 28.4
 - Black crappie 251 min size 5.8 max 9.8
- Walleye population due to the Club stocking

Loon Lisle Reserve plans (Prairie Project) – Jan Barkley

- Jan had volunteers stand to thank them for working on the project since March
- Grass was sprayed last year and can be seen as brown dead grass currently. This fall grasses that are natural will be planted and they will become a prairie. Native flowers will be planted as well.
- There are markers that have been placed for the tree line along the north boundary. The Natural border we are hoping will be red bud and bushes.
- There has been a walking path that will lead into the wooded area, the wetlands with a board walk eventually.
- At lake edge we will be placing glacier stone for the shoreline and fill dirt to level out the muskrat holes.
- A memorial garden will have memorials such as the bench for a lifelong resident.
- If anyone would like to donate native flowers-pot them up for this fall when they can be planted. Jan will send a link of native flowers.

5.5K Run/Walk – Heather Klemm

- Ten new sponsors by going to downtown Columbia City.
- Volunteers needed. A sign up sheet provided.
- Volunteers for EMS to help out around the lake.
- Volunteers will have gray shirt on.
- Grand Marshall for 2021 is Garry Hill. Garry a past president and 5K chairman – Thank You!

Volunteer Clip Boards passed around for the different committees.

Loon Lake Apparel and Stickers – Karen Treat

- Web page has a list of prices and availability

Committee Written Reports: (Only critical issues will be discussed during the meeting)

Apparel – Karen Treat

Loon Lake apparel can be purchased by contacting Karen Treat at 260-438-7968 or Missy2209k@aol.com. For sizes and prices, you can check out the apparel section of our Loon

Lake page (www.loonlakeindiana.org). For colors, contact me. The lettering is black so consider that when picking out colors. We also have Loon lake sticker for \$3.00. There are other products on the webpage that can be ordered.

Fireworks – Brian Clark

Fireworks will start at dark (around 10:00 PM) on Saturday July 3rd. Again this year the display will be shot from barges on the lake. CRITICAL - Please be sure to respect instructions of "Safety Patrol" and maintain a safe distance from the barges. The barge loading will occur in front of Brian Clark's home near our Reserve. Buoys will be placed to designate a "NO WAKE" zone after 4:00 PM. They cannot load the fireworks with rough water as it is unsafe!!!

Garage Sale – Lindsay Gallmeyer

The garage sale will be held June 11 – 12 from 8 am to 4 pm. We need a coordinator to handle publicity for this annual event.

Pancake Breakfast – Mark Newman/Karen Treat

The pancake breakfast is back! It will be hosted by Greta and Bob Gallivan on the North side of the lake again. We will be serving breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on July 3rd. Come by lake or land and bring your family and friends. \$3.00 for kids and \$5.00 for adults. Start your day with a good breakfast and help support your fireworks. Additional donations for the fireworks are appreciated. For questions or information, please contact Mark Newman at 437-5825 or Karen Treat at 438-7968.

Kids Fishing Derby – JoAnn Butler (C Kurtz)

Saturday, June 5. 8:30 registration with 11:00 weigh in Loon Lake boat launch. Ages 2–16. This year's fishing derby is set for the first Saturday in June. It is a free fishing weekend for adults, so you can take the children to the lake and have some fun. Come to the boat launch at 8:30 a.m. to get registered. A bag of treats will be provided for the fish and the kids. Find your secret spot to catch a big one, but keep the little ones too. All size fish count. At 11:00 come back to the boat ramp and get your fish weighed. While you wait to find out who has the heaviest fish bag, grab a hot dog, chips and a drink.

Poker Run on the Lake – Ehingers / Runions (Tena Miller)

The annual Poker Run is Saturday, July 24th, starting at 10 am. You may register on Friday night the 23rd from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Phil & Kathy Ehinger's house, 7488 N. Brown Rd. You can also register the morning of the 24th between 8 - 10 am, but we encourage early registration. Cost is \$5.00 a hand. Donations or raffle baskets would be appreciated (contact Phil Ehinger at 260-450-4445 or Kathy Ehinger at 260-437-8085). There will be prizes for adults and children. THERE WILL NOT BE A BRAT SALE THIS YEAR.

Can Pick-up_- Bob Gallivan

Throughout the summer we will continue to have aluminum can pick-ups on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Lighted Boat Parade_– Carol Kurtz

This year's lighted boat parade will take place on Friday night July 2nd. Plan to join up in Sycamore bay at "dark thirty". Typically around 9:30 in the evening. Let's see who can come up with the most creative, festive or colorful design.

Golf Tournament – Steve Weaver

On Saturday, August 7th, the LLPOA will hold its golf outing at Crooked Lake Golf Course. Registration begins at 11:00 with a 12:00 start. Last year, the Lengerich family grilled some fantastic food. Everyone won a door prize of some kind. Prizes were given for longest drive, longest made putt as well as prizes for the top two teams in the men's division as well as the mixed teams composed of women and men.

Whether you have golfed for years or have never tried, come on out and enjoy a GREAT time with family and friends. There promises to be surprises with this year's event. See you there! Watch Facebook and emails for more information as the summer rolls along.

Loon Lake Yacht Club Sailing Regatta - Tom Zahm (Gary Hicks)

Join the Yacht Club members at 11:00 AM on Saturday July 3rd in the middle of the lake. If it floats and has a sail you're eligible and WELCOME. The event is handicapped based on the type of boat you sail. But truly the point is to simply show your sailing colors and have some fun on the water. Register at the pontoon and pray for a breeze.

Fire Hydrants – Terry Huffman (Gary Hicks).

All lake dry hydrants continue to be tested each fall by the Noble Township Fire department. Any repairs are made by LLPOA. The association donates \$500 annually for this service.

New Business

Items from Floor – general membership

- Steve Burman from Safety Committee talked about the new “door hangers” with a list of safety points and will be distributed to each resident on the lake.
- Comments on the 2020 Halloween that took place that improved attendance. Although not a LLPOA event still very fun and residents are hoping to do it again by identifying the houses participating
- Why isn't the events spread out over the weekend instead of all-in-one day. Such as 5k. 5K is a official time race for Boston Marathon. It is part of the Independence Day Celebration Brings in the runners to the Pancake Breakfast and is the number one fundraiser.

Raffle Drawings

- Smoker – Beth DeReamer
- TriLakes – Margie Moore
- Wings -Don Crishill
- Portside-s Glenda Bierkenbeul
- The Square – Jeff Jones

Adjourn

- Motion by Claire Hicks, second Debbie Bauermeisters

The Fall Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 7722 Arnold Road. Sign in 9:00 AM- Call to order 9:30 AM.