

THE LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

SPRING MEETING Minutes 2022

May 21 at Milestone/Newman/Treat Barn, 7722 Arnold Rd

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

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Prayer – Walt Hessler

Welcome – Rich Nelson, President

Introduction of new lake neighbors – Heather Klemm finally closed on house and is now living here

Volunteer sign-up sheets – Tena Miller passed around 5K, fishing derby, poker run, and Reserve

Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes dated August 28, 2021 – Carol Kurtz

- **Motion to approve as written by Mike Zahm, seconded by Will Calhoun, unanimously approved**

Treasurer's Report – Tena Miller submitted a financial report

- Dues of \$3660 representing 140 members
- Thank you for donations that are given along with dues Lake Enhancement/Reserve \$1485, Fireworks \$1675
- Summary of working accounts Petty Cash \$41, Checking \$38930.74, CD \$4000, SAVINGS \$9541.92, FIDELITY \$32,728.66-WORKING ACCOUNTS BALANCE \$85,242.32
- Summary of endowment WHITLEY COUNTY COM. FOUNDATION \$65,659.58 distribution of this fund is transferred to VANGUARD \$58,349.96 (earmarked for sediment ponds and major enhancement projects)

Guest Presentation – Lynn Creighton, Executive Director of The Watershed Foundation

- Brochure passed out "Taking Action for Healthy Lakes"
- Watershed to protect Upper Tippecanoe River
- Old, New, Goose drains into Loon Lake
- Protecting 25 years
- Pollution E coli (pets, livestock, geese,) fertilizer (farms and lawns)
- Reduce velocity of runoff farmers erosion, resident's natural shoreline
- Native plants on shoreline (Clayton Nursery a nearby source)
- Geiger farm a Loon neighbor very active in stopping pollution on their own
- Geese keeping under control a factor in pollution control
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Old Business / Committee Reports

Approval of 2022 board members

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

Approved by signifying I...unanimously

Loon Lisle Nature Reserve plans – Carol Kurtz and Clark Milestone

- Pavilion project and budget -copies of budget and picture of proposed pavilion
 - Merry Lea and Goshen College created a plan of improvements. We decided Phase One – Prairie Grass, Phase Two Pavilion, Phase 3 Trails through wetland
 - Budget spreadsheet recapping fiscal year 2021 income versus expenditure
 - Dues collected \$4890, general fundraising \$12183, fireworks \$8728.40 total income \$27006.40 minus expenses \$14480.06 GAIN 2021 \$12,526.34
 - Our accounts are increasing due to our Fundraising events.

- BALANCE OF WORKING ACCOUNTS FISCAL 2021 \$80,558.20 that we can use for our Association needs. Pavilion is an investment in future and we have the funds to build now.
 - Pavilion Construction Estimate of material only – all volunteer labor
 - Thanks to Dave Steiss and his masonry talent and contacts we have a blueprint and a source for the bricks.
 - Footers and 2200 yards concrete \$4000
 - Material lumber and shingles \$13000 (no electric and no ceiling)
 - To include electric and ceiling we are asking for \$25000 with all volunteer labor.
 - Insurance to cover the structure \$200 per year
 - Noble County requires Driveway permit, Blueprint, DNR permit (which we already received).
 - New survey needed before building permit will be issued. Noble County requiring us to meet their Unified Development Ordinance. They are requesting new survey paperwork combining the 3 lots. With a cost of \$1000 which will be included in our estimate.
 - Security light will be \$90/year. After certified electric run we will have a meter installed for events (with lock installed)
 - Estimated start date in June.
 - Raise money by renting out Pavilion? Cannot charge rent per the Conservation agreement to use the pavilion but can request donations. Can hold fundraising events per Easement Agreement
 - Toilet facilities. Porta John may be placed in future per season for all events. Otherwise, responsibility is the user of the site.
 - Pier can be installed. We have a pier already stored on site. Just need DNR approval when we are ready
 - Suggestion to have a donation to cover costs with sponsor name is put on structure.
 - Fundraising will continue. Fundraising made it possible to get to this stage.
 - If over \$25000 the Board cannot approve additional it would be brought back up for a vote at the Membership meeting
 - A sign-up sheet was passed around for Labor volunteers
 - picnic tables will be considered in the future after structure is built
 - if disturbance Conservation Officers have jurisdiction, then Sheriff
 - Food donation can be added to volunteer sheet for day of built
 - **Motion by Walt Hessler to approve a not to exceed material price of \$25,000 for pavilion as outlined in presentation, seconded by Janet Dalrymple, unanimously approved**
- Serenity Garden: inscribed pavers \$50 and tree adoption \$125 process
 - a sample of engraved paver was presented at the registration table.
 - Prairie is a work in progress, patio has been completed with 12 engraved pavers inlaid.
 - Raised \$700 so far as part of our fundraising at \$50 per paver.

5.5K Fun Run/Walk – Heather Klemm

- Event details and registration process-
- Fun Run open online and walk up
- Begin at 8am not a timed run.
- Wear a t-shirt from past years
- Porta potty
- Water provided
- Volunteers sign up
- Planning in October for race in July

- No sponsors
- Last year for Heather as Director- volunteer needed. Spread sheet with contacts and step by step instructions
- Thank you, Heather, for the last 4 years
- Announcement of the 2022 Grand Marshals- Chris and Tim Rice will lead the race

Kids' Fishing Derby –Laurie Heller

- Not a fundraising event-passed around “Bubbles” tub for donations from members
- Last year 77 kids
- Requested that anyone with Ties to a business ask for a donation. Tax exempt.
- Every kid gets a prize and leaves with a smile
- June 4th
- Volunteers sign-up sheet sent around

Loon Lake Apparel and Stickers

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). Shirts from last year's 5.5K Run/Walk – without dates! -- are available for only \$5.00. We also have Loon Lake stickers for \$3.00. There are other products on the webpage that can be ordered.

Lake Enhancement—Walt Hessler

The goal of Lake Enhancement activities is to “Enhance and protect the waters of Loon Lake and the native species that inhabit the lake for the betterment of the property owners and visitors”. The following are just some of the activities performed to accomplish this goal:

- Placement of LLPOA buoys to protect shallow areas and reduce the amount of sediment and weeds stirred up by boating activity
- Work with The Watershed Foundation (TWF) on projects that positively impact the quality of the water entering Loon Lake. This includes active participation on TWF's Watershed Committee.
- Conduct regular water testing and assist TWF's water monitoring efforts on the two largest ditches inputting water into Loon Lake.
- Monitor the Lake for invasive species such as Curlyleaf Pond Weed and Starry Stonewort algae. Work with Aquatic Weed Control and needed to deal with these invasive weeds as needed.
- Spray for Purple Loosestrife which is an invasive weed that grows near the lake
- Measure depths in the retention pond upstream from the public access site and coordinate dredging as needed
- Work to obtain grants as needed for larger projects as required
- Create Lake Enhancement educational articles for each LLPOA Newsletter. These can be found at www.loonlakeindiana.org/newsletters/. Some of these are also reposted on the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Facebook page.

To learn more or to volunteer to help with any of these activities contact Walt Hessler at walthessler@outlook.com

Fireworks – Brian Clark

Fireworks will start at dark (around 10:00 PM) on Saturday July 2nd. Again, this year the display will be shot from barges on the lake near Browers Point. CRITICAL - Please be sure to respect instructions of the "Safety Patrol" and maintain a safe distance from the barges. Barge loading will occur in front of Brian Clark's home near the Loon Lisle Nature 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 Loon Lake Association Garage Sale will be on Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th from 8:00am-4:00p. Feel free to open early or close late, the decision is yours. If you're not having a sale of your own, be sure to get out and support your fellow neighbors' sales. There will be lots of treasures to find!

Pancake Breakfast – Mark Newman/Karen Treat

The pancake breakfast 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 2nd 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 4. 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 (Tena Miller)

The annual Poker Run is Saturday, July 30th, starting at 10 am. You may register on Friday night the 29th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Phil & Kathy Ehinger's house, 7488 N. Brown Rd. You can also register the morning of the 30th between 8 - 10 am, but we encourage early registration. Cost is \$5.00 a hand. Volunteer dealers and 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 second Saturday of each month.

Lighted Boat Parade_– Carol Kurtz

The 2022 Lighted Boat Parade 10th Anniversary Voyage will be on Friday, July 1st at 9:45 dusk. Decorate your boat with lights to celebrate Independence Day! Meet your neighbors in Sycamore Bay (Sycamore and Maple Lane). Float and enjoy while waiting for the arrival of all the decorated boats. When given the signal follow the lead boat and parade around the lake. Not ready to join the parade this year? Cheer on the boats from the shore as they circle the lake. It's a fantastic sight to see from land or lake! Either way we hope you enjoy this annual event

Golf Tournament – Steve Weaver

Due to the pending sale of the Crooked Lake Golf Course the LLPOA golf outing for August 6th is still in discussion... 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 2nd 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.

Kayak Flotilla

NEW TIME! Please join the flotilla at 7pm on July 2nd for a paddle cruise around the lake. Great fun on the water while waiting for the fireworks to begin. Meet with your kayak or canoe in front of the Nature Reserve at 7pm or join the flotilla anywhere along the way. Be sure to watch for the paddle wave on shore as we pass your home!

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.

Safety Committee

Plans this summer from the Safety committee include:

1) Informational door hangers containing DNR statutes and safe boating practices are to be distributed to each residence around the lake. These will go to both LLPOA members and nonmembers. We hope to have this completed by July 4th weekend. These will have some information on them that was not on the 2021 version so be sure to look them over carefully!

2) A CPR / First Aid class will be offered in August however the date/details have yet to be determined. As soon as we have details, a notification will be sent out to the membership.

3) We want to encourage everyone to consider taking a certified Safe Boating course. There is a FREE course being offered June 22nd, 23rd and 24th 6:00pm-8:00pm Leesburg. For more information see the May 6th LLPOA Facebook post.

4) We have contacted our State Representative regarding the State of Indiana publishing and making available to the public the DNR Safe Boating manual. We have had no significant reply yet.

Your safety committee, Krisi Hutson, Kent Farthing, Gary Miller, Geoff Velpel, Steve Burman

Loon Lake Fish Management Club

2022 will be the 10th year of stocking fish. So far we have stocked 12,400 walleyes and 2600 musky. That is a great accomplishment with donations and fundraisers. We would like to thank all the homeowners that donate and attend our fundraisers. Thank you!

Items from Floor – general membership

- 10th year for stocking.
- Works with DNR closely
- Surcharge now \$8800 last year and cannot maintain it. They are recommending muskie one year and walleye the next

Raffle Drawings

- Loon Bench by Chris Root raffled and won by Karen Treat
- IPAD TABLET-James McFadden
- SQUARE-\$50 Jan Chrisweld
- TRILAKES -\$50 Barb Thompson
- PORTSIDE-\$50 Larry Kanegy
- TOKOYO-\$50 Lyn Creighton

Adjourn

- **Motion to adjourn Will Calhoun, seconded by Mike Zahm, unanimously approved**

**The Fall Association Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 7722 Arnold Road. Sign in 9:00 AM-
Call to order 9:30 AM.**