

2020 DLPOA Annual Meeting Minutes September 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm at the Main Park.

Members present: Scott Oswald, Jane Debbrecht, Kristina Oswald, Wes Watt, Ed Cesa, Jenny Vanderlist, Tom Teeters, Kate Griswold and Carla Gorton.

Facilitator - Pat McFall – Thank you Pat for helping out!

President's Report: Fred was unable to be at the meeting due to a last minute medical emergency.

Combined President and Vice-President's Report: Scott Oswald – Fred and Scott are thankful for all the tasks that have been completed this past year and the volunteers that have helped accomplish them:

- ◆ The drain underneath Plover was unclogged, which alleviated the flooding that was occurring there. There is still more work to do in this area to make the drainage better, but it is much better than it was. Thank you Ed Cesa for working with the County on this.
- ◆ The clogged drain issue on Harlequin was improved and is working much better now. Thank you to the homeowners who volunteered on this project.
- ◆ The new e-group was created this year. Thank you to Jenny Vanderlist, Gary Burke, Kate and John Griswold for their many hours on this project.
- ◆ A new website was also created. Thank you to Gary Burke and the others who helped with the website's new and improved look.
- ◆ Planting was done on the West Side of the lake to help with the runoff issue.
- ◆ Thank you Eric Gustafson and crew for putting new boardwalks in.
- ◆ Thank you to John Schiltz for arranging performers for the summer concert, which was very well received by residents.
- ◆ Thank you to Dr. Jude for all his work at Dunham – He completed his water study of the lake and made a presentation for residents.
- ◆ Thank you to Tom & Tricia Hamm for keeping the dog bag dispensers filled.

Secretary's Report: Scott Oswald read the minutes from the last annual meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jane Debbrecht - Went over the 2020 budget.

Items that were noted:

- ◆ Less was spent on activities this year due to Covid-19. Thirteen liens were placed on delinquent properties that dues are owed on and will be collected when they are sold. Jane answered questions from residents about the 2020 budget. The 2020 budget was closed.
- ◆ Audit was done by Terry Cremeans and John Pettifer. Thank you for your time.
- ◆ The 2021 budget was approved.

Civic Committee Report: They have been working with residents concerning the rules for outbuildings and fences.

Infrastructure Update: Ed Cesa

- ◆ He explained the plan to replace the North Entrance Steps. After researching it, it has been determined that treated lumber can tend to be slippery and dangerous, so they are leaning towards using gravel instead. He listened to residents concerns and answered questions.
- ◆ Using gravel there will also enable us to clean up some of the downed lumber on that side of the lake and then remove it. Some think that the downed trees may be adding to the phosphorous issue in the lake.
- ◆ Residents are concerned about the run-off problem on the West Side, especially by the steps. Ed asked residents who see water running into the lake to contact him and he will take a sample and test it.
- ◆ We hope to replace the two rafts in 2021 and are researching what type will work the best for our neighborhood.

Activities Update:

- ◆ Residents really enjoyed the concerts in the Main Park.
- ◆ Howell Nature Center did not respond to our calls to set up a presentation. We are still hoping to have one in the Fall if we can reach them.
- ◆ There will be a Haunted Trail Halloween event October 16th, with rain date October 17th. Gary and Ann are looking for donations and volunteers.
- ◆ Resident planned activities are also welcomed and most were still able to happen this year with social distancing - such as the Red Dress Run and Yoga in the Park.
- ◆ The Activities Committee is planning to have more activities for summer 2021 – pig roast, more concerts, nature programs and wine tasting with a new “Art Show” twist.

Lake Quality:

- ◆ Phosphorus is becoming a big issue with Dunham Lake.
- ◆ Possible contaminants are fertilizer and faulty septic systems.
- ◆ The Board is taking steps to identify where the main issues are and contact residents who may be contributing to the problem.
- ◆ Carol Gannon has contacts at the State of Michigan level that may be able to help.

Natural Resources: Scott Oswald

- ◆ We are going to work at optimizing the growth on the West side where it was seeded.
- ◆ Need to plant more to help with the erosion problem. One possible way to get more trees planted would be to have residents donate a tree.
- ◆ There are concerns about Oak Wilt getting to the Greenbelt. Scott asked residents to watch for oak wilt around the neighborhood. Major sign is when the leaves start turning brown. Only trim oak trees from November to March.

- ◆ Great volunteer effort with removing invasive plants in the Spring. Thank you to all who helped. Black swallow wort has become very prevalent on the Greenbelt. We need residents to help remove it.
- ◆ Contact Wes Watt for any tree issues on the Greenbelt.

Communications: Jenny Vanderlist

- ◆ The committee developed a new website for Dunham and implemented a new email system for residents.
- ◆ Thank you to Pam Moran for her great work on the Dunham Lakers.
- ◆ The DLPOA resident guide has been updated and has been posted on the website. Our goal is to deliver it to new residents when they move in as part of the welcome packet.
- ◆ The Water Study results will also be posted on the website to help keep residents informed.
- ◆ The board has had a request to find the old history from past websites and transfer it to the new website.

Call to Public:

- ◆ Tom Waypa - The roads in Dunham are getting bad and we should look into improving them. He said that he will check into it with the counties and bring the information back to the board.
- ◆ Herb Cole – Is there something that can be done about the bird droppings on the rafts?
- ◆ Terry Gannon – There is an issue with residents leaving dog waste bags along the Greenbelt.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.