



The Dunham Laker

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IT WAS A WONDERFUL SUMMER



BY FRED EVERHART

Shout out and a special thank you to all the Board and Civic Committee Members, along with everyone else that was gracious enough to volunteer their time and energy. Every volunteer makes their mark on our community and plays a significant role in making this a healthy, peaceful, and beautiful place.

I believe there are **3 primary goals** our Board strives to always achieve for the community:

1. To preserve, protect, and enhance the value of the community.
2. To enhance the lifestyle of the residents.
3. To provide for a harmonious atmosphere within the community.

We've had several events this summer and it seems that if you want rain, schedule a car show! We're still trying to make the car show happen. We were able to have two wonderful concerts, a Fishing Derby and our annual Pig Roast! We are always open for new event suggestions from our community—feel free to pass along any fun ideas.

I do have a few areas of concern that I'd like to mention:

Unauthorized parties — Parties of more than 10 need to be registered and approved. Approved parties receive 2 extra temporary car tags and a red rescue tube.

Keep all gates locked — With the gates left unlocked, it allows unauthorized persons to access the greenbelt. If you notice the gates open, do your part to close and lock them.

Theft — There have been multiple reports of personal items stolen from the beach areas. Please keep a watchful eye out for your property.

Water Safety — Sorry to share we had 2 near drownings at the lake this summer. We have placed special flotation devices at each of the beaches in case of emergency. Parents must be responsible and always watch over their children and/or their guests.

It's all of our responsibility to call out bad behavior — If you see someone doing something wrong, please speak up and ask a neighbor to stand with you, if you feel you need support. We have to address these problems as a group to make it better and safe for everyone. If it's illegal behavior, please call the Sheriff. As residents of this neighborhood, we need to work together, so that we can all enjoy our beautiful lake.

We were lucky enough to add Josh Jensen as our security person this summer. He really seems like a good addition and hopefully/maybe he'll come back next summer!

— Fred Everhart, Board President



In The Know

Important Numbers:

Oakland County
248-858-4911

Livingston County
517-546-9111

For Emergencies Dial
911

DLPOA Park Patrol
TBD

Report Road Problems and Missing Signs to:

Oakland County
Road Commission
248-858-4804

Livingston County
Road Commission
517-546-4250

Park Addresses:

1010 Murray Hill, Highland
(Main Park)

2850 Parkway Place, Hartland
(West Beach)

1161 Plover, Highland
(East Beach)

COME HELP! — Fall Workbee on Saturday, October 22 @ 9:00 a.m.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Your DLPOA Board members are neighbors who volunteer their time and effort to help ensure our "Hidden Gem" can be fully enjoyed by its residents, while being protected and respected at the same time. We're also involved in the planning of fun social events.

The Board is so grateful for the Dunham Lake residents who consistently step up to help at the Fall and Spring Workbees, or serve on a committee to plan and coordinate one of our events, or pitch in with other important projects. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something! The best way to find out how you can become one of the "many hands" is by going to our top-notch website, dunhamlake.com! Choose "Table of Contents" in the top right corner and click on any of the five bullet points under "Communications", or reach out to one of your Board Members. Thanks!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, October 18**
DLPOA Annual Meeting at Dunham Hills Golf Club Conference Room, 7:30 p.m. (sign-in begins at 7 p.m.)
- **Saturday, October 22**
Fall Workbee, 9:00 a.m. (meet at the Main Park)
- **Saturday, October 22**
The Haunted Trail, from 5 to 7 p.m. At the Main Park
- **Tuesday, November 1**
NEW DATE! All watercraft must be removed from the greenbelt. (formerly Dec. 1)
- **Monday, November 14**
DLPOA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- **Saturday, May 6, 2023**
Spring Workbee, 9:00 a.m.

NEW PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS

- New stairway with a railing at the West beach starting this fall
- Change park lights to LED (save on energy costs)
- Review and update DLPOA bylaws and articles
- Lake quality efforts continue, including water sampling/testing and working with counties and local neighborhoods to complete water flow projects

WHY ARE VEHICLE HANG TAGS NECESSARY?

Every DLPOA resident is allowed to have a maximum of two vehicles parked in any one of our gated parking areas. The only exception to this is when a resident has reserved a picnic area for a larger gathering and additional parking passes are issued for that day.

On hot summer days and during holiday weekends, the parking lots at all three beaches are typically full. It's only fair that every resident (and guest) should have an equal opportunity to find a parking spot (or two). Parking outside the gates is prohibited. Hanging your issued parking tags helps maintain this fairness, as well as ensure that only residents and their guests are using our private property.



WATER SAFETY

Have you noticed the new signs and yellow rescue tubes at all our beaches? Thanks in part to our resident and masters swimmer, Carol Schemanske, our community is becoming better educated about how to think "safety first" when spending a day at the lake.

Another step we've taken is to provide our residents with a red rescue tube for added safety when they make a park reservation for a larger group.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN & GUESTS

Below is a friendly reminder of a few of the DLPOA Property, Park, and Lake Regulations related to children and guests:

- #6: Minors must have proper adult supervision when using Association property.
- #7: Parents shall be held responsible for minors actions when using Association property and facilities.
- #21: No guest will be admitted to the park and lake areas unless the lot owner host is physically present in the subdivision. Guests at the park who are 18 years or younger must be physically accompanied by their DLPOA resident host at all times while in the park.

GOLF CARTS

Many residents are now enjoying their day at the beach by means of a golf cart for transportation. A golf cart can be convenient, fun, and it certainly takes up less space in our parking areas!

At the same time, when traveling by golf cart, please make SAFETY your top priority. Are you aware of a MI state law that requires **golf carts to be driven only by a licensed driver if driven on public streets**? Some of our owners have contacted the Board, expressing concern for the safety of our residents after seeing a golf cart full of children (only) driving around our neighborhood streets.

WHEN TO TRIM YOUR OAK TREES

To prevent the spread of the very invasive Oak Wilt Disease, this is a reminder that oak trees should only be trimmed during the dormant season (November to March). For proper trimming, we recommend you engage an arborist professional.

NO MOTORBOATS ON DUNHAM LAKE!!!

We've had multiple reports of motors on the lake but need residents to report this information if they see it. This is a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulation and as such, is enforced by both that agency and the local sheriff's department. The best way to report is to contact Oakland County's non-emergency dispatch at 248-858-4950, option 8 or the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) Hotline at 1-800-282-7800.

Note: The regulation states that, "on the waters of Dunham Lake... it is unlawful to operate a motorboat. "Motorboat" means a vessel propelled wholly or in part by machinery."



ANNUAL PERIMETER WALK

Our neighborhood greenbelt and common property is over 43 beautiful acres! Protecting and maintaining the greenbelt is all of our responsibility.

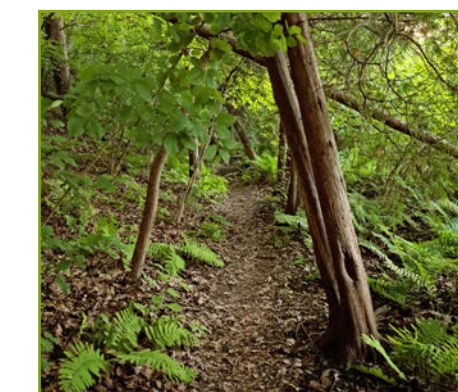
In late April or early May, a handful of our Board members perform an annual inspection and observation walk to document the condition of the property boundary posts (4x4 wooden posts with numbered tags) and identify any private encroachments within the common property.

Items commonly observed in violation of the greenbelt policy are:

- tree branches or vegetation cut and grass mowed beyond the property boundary
- leaves blown into the greenbelt
- items placed or mounted on the greenbelt including bird feeders, wood piles, dog run cables, and planted flowers

Homeowners in violation will be notified, and a plan will be created to restore any damage to the common property.

If you're interested in tagging along on a perimeter walk, please contact a Board member. We welcome your participation!



BABYSITTING

Norah Alberta	810-986-6395
Ella Gardner	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	248-981-4820
Daeya Hermanson	248-798-9825
Grayce Nist	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	810-210-6303
Sam Ralston	248-459-6582
Cora Mason	248-890-0760
Emily Zinter	248-977-8476

PET SITTING

Norah Alberta	810-986-6395
Nick Haley	248-904-9833
Grayce Nist	810-210-6303
Katy Nist	810-210-6303

YARDWORK

Sam Ralston	248-459-6582
Ella Gardner	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	248-981-4820

SEASONAL MOVING WATERCRAFT IN AND OUT

Ben Vanderlist & Charlie Johnson	248-535-2218
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HELLO!!!! ARE YOU STILL FOR HIRE? I would love parent's help with current information!

We need to keep this list current with kids that are **still interested** in having their names on the **services for hire** listing. Please let me know if would like your child's contact information removed from the *Dunham Laker*. To be a useful tool, we really need the kids interested in taking on work to be on this list when people call with projects they need help with.

Are You for Hire? I would be glad to add your name to this list in the areas you would like to offer help for.

Please email Pam Moran at: beachmoran@comcast.net



Nature's MINUTE

WITH PAT HERREL

THE THREE SWANS OF DUNHAM LAKE

There are three types of swans found on Dunham Lake: the Trumpeter, Tundra, and Mute. The Trumpeters are the largest. The Tundras are the most plentiful. The Mutes are the most aggressive.

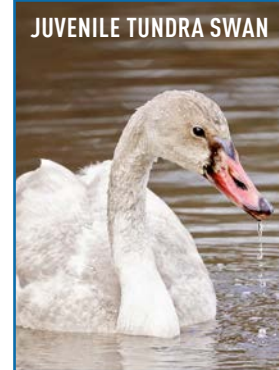
TRUMPETER SWANS have a loud "trumpet" call and are our biggest native waterfowl with a wingspan of almost six feet and weigh 25 lbs. or more. They have upright posture, swim with a straight neck, and have black bills. Trumpeters are a rare site because they almost became extinct by 1933 from hunting for their meat, quills, and feathers. We have been lucky to see these beautiful swans visit our lake the past two January's.

TUNDRA SWANS are the most numerous native swan species and are much smaller than the Trumpeters. They look like Trumpeters from a distance because of the black bill, but they have small yellow markings on their bills just below their eyes. Best time to see them is late Autumn through early spring as they migrate through.

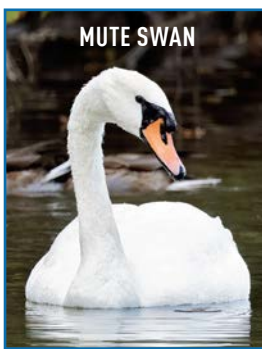
MUTE SWANS were introduced in the late 1800's from Europe to decorate parks and zoos and have since escaped into the wild. They are extremely aggressive and will readily attack native swans (as well as dogs and kayakers). The adults have orange bills with a black knob on top and visit our lake throughout the year.



TRUMPETER SWAN



JUVENILE TUNDRA SWAN



MUTE SWAN



DUNHAM LAKE APPAREL IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

So many people have shown an interest in the uniquely-branded Dunham Lake logo on sweatshirts and t-shirts for our own community. Here is the location of where you can still order this apparel in multiple colors, styles and sizes for both adults and kids. Go to the website listed here to make your purchase: cascade-creations.square.site

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

To all the new families who have moved into the neighborhood recently—**WELCOME!**

- Andrew & Samantha Geda
- Ben & Brenda Lewis
- Taylor Acree & Kateri Linahan
- Patrick Quinn & Susan Meconi
- Kyle & Ani Niffin
- Gerald & Lynn Szara

We hope our welcoming packet delivered to you when you first moved in was helpful in getting to know your new neighborhood.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out our neighborhood website at dunhamlake.com for links to important information including: the association bylaws, park and lake regulations, property covenants, a site map, Dunham Laker newsletters, greenbelt activity, neighborhood history, ongoing park maintenance and board meeting minutes, as well as the association DLPOA board members' contact information. Please be sure and sign-up to our private **Google Groups** and receive association news and to communicate with your neighbors.

HOORAY FOR OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!

UNSUNG HEROES SUPPORT OUR DUNHAM LAKE COMMUNITY



Firefighter Gregg Schkade
Photo Credit: Patch.com

Photo Credit: Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority Facebook page

Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority does more for our neighborhood than provide the ever important fire protection and rescue, underwater search and rescue, and emergency medical services. Did you know that firefighter Gregg Schkade uses his SCUBA diving skills to attach and reattach our swimming rafts every spring and fall? He makes sure the raft anchors are at the proper location and depth for safe swimming and diving by our residents. Furthermore, Gregg helps recover dropped items—like the occasional ladder that goes overboard. At times, he brings out trainees to help in this work.

Donations to a Wonderful Cause

Rather than take any compensation for his efforts, Gregg long ago established that our Dunham Lake association make a donation in the name of Hartland Deerfield Fire Department to a charity of Gregg's choice. We, as an association, donate five hundred dollars a year. For many years, the money was donated to the University of Michigan Burn Institute. Some years ago, Gregg asked us to switch the donation to the Great Lakes Burn Camp for children (traumaburn.org/aftercaresupport). The U of M sponsored camp enables children between the ages of 6 and 15 to engage, heal, grow and support one another with the guidance of U of M nurses, occupational and physical

therapists, Michigan firefighters, and social workers who specialize in treating pediatric burn patients.

Additional Support

The fire department also provides their fire truck equipment to lead our bike parade, before the annual pig roast events, providing our neighborhood with the opportunity to learn more, especially our children.

We are fortunate that we can offer a bit of support to the fire department in turn. Because of Dunham Lake's clarity and depth, the Hartland Deerfield Fire Department uses our lake for training and jointly with other Livingston county departments. Training drills include summer diving and winter diving and ice rescue.

Gregg shared some recent good news that affects Dunham Lake as a whole. With Dunham Lake existing in both Oakland and Livingston County, there was always a concern if the exact location, such as the county, of a water incident wasn't known. This is no longer an issue. The Livingston County Dive Team is now part of Region 2, which includes Oakland county. Geographically, it no longer matters which county a water incident occurs within. We will now get resources from both agencies.

Hartland Deerfield Fire Department Facts

The fire department is comprised of around 50 staff members—many



You may have seen Gregg in his diving gear putting our docks in and out over the years! Dunham Lake's clarity and depth is useful for firefighter's training drills for summer and winter diving and for ice rescue.

of which are part-time. The part-time members are paid on call and dedicate their time on top of other full-time careers. There are 5 full-time staff members that are firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The firefighters train weekly.

Did you ever wonder why the fire department shows up for a 911 call? It's because the fire department is a Medical First Response (MFR) provider. All the firefighters are trained in emergency medical response and are either EMTs or MFRs and some are paramedics. When a 911 medical emergency call is received, the fire department is sometimes able to arrive before an ambulance and begin care. Sometimes they also assist the paramedics with care. Check out the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority website (hartlandareafire.com) for more information including burn notices and guidance on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Celebrating Dunham Lake with Neighbors

A CHAT WITH NEIGHBOR JEFF MASTERS – INTERVIEW BY PAM DEAR



outflow stream. He told us about the lake and sold us on the location. Herb said: "If you live here, you're a millionaire." We saw the beautiful lake and the great green belt zone, and we knew this was exactly what we wanted.

It's like a fantastic nature preserve up north

What do you love most about living here?

It's like a fantastic nature preserve up north. It's such a retreat—after a busy day we go out and ice skate, windsurf, swim, or bicycle here. Not allowing motors on the lake makes it great for swimming. Also, it's nice to be close to family; all our relatives live nearby.

In what ways has the lake and community evolved over the time you've lived here?

I'm always observing nature, so I see local confirmation of what is occurring globally with climate change. We have shorter seasons of ice on the lake, and the lake water temperatures are measuring much warmer (the warmest water temperature I've measured to date is 86 degrees). The effects of climate change are also noticeable in the ice-in and ice-out dates that I've recorded for

We know him as the neighbor who provides the annual Dunham Lake ice-in/ice-out dates and frequent water temperature updates in the Dunham Lake Google chat group. We see him biking the woodland paths and pulling invasive plants out of the greenbelt. But did you know that our neighbor, meteorologist Jeff Masters, also flew into hurricanes for four years of his career and writes about hurricanes and extreme climate change for Yale Climate Connections (yaleclimateconnections.org)? Read on to learn more about Jeff's background and his love and advocacy of our beautiful lake and woodland.

What drew you to live in the Dunham Lake community?

I moved here in 1995 with my wife, Diane Hallinen. We were looking for a home between our workplaces, and we wanted to be near a nice swimming lake. At the time, my wife worked for Hurley Medical Center in Flint. I was working towards my PhD in air pollution meteorology at the University of Michigan, and also directed (and co-founded) the Weather Underground



(wunderground.com), the first commercial internet global weather service. We toured a house here, and after the tour we came out to check the lake and greenbelt area. The first person we met while exploring was Herb Cole. He was tinkering in the



HISTORICAL FREEZE/THAW DATES FROM 2000 THROUGH 2022

ICE-IN DATES:

2000 — DECEMBER 23
2002 — JANUARY 1
2002 — DECEMBER 10
2003 — DECEMBER 27
2004 — DECEMBER 19
2006 — FEBRUARY 11
2007 — JANUARY 20
2007 — DECEMBER 20
2008 — DECEMBER 11
2009 — DECEMBER 29
2010 — DECEMBER 15
2012 — JANUARY 20
2013 — JANUARY 15
2013 — DECEMBER 22
2015 — JANUARY 12

2016 — JANUARY 19
2017 — FEBRUARY 5
2017 — DECEMBER 8
2019 — JANUARY 21
2020 — JANUARY 20
2021 — JANUARY 10
2022 — JANUARY 11

ICE-OUT DATES:

2000 — MARCH 3
2001 — APRIL 2
2002 — MARCH 9
2003 — MARCH 27
2004 — MARCH 26
2005 — APRIL 3
2006 — MARCH 13

2007 — MARCH 26
2008 — MISSING DATA
2009 — MARCH 18
2010 — MARCH 20
2011 — APRIL 3
2012 — MARCH 8
2013 — APRIL 5
2014 — APRIL 13
2015 — APRIL 6
2016 — MARCH 12
2017 — FEBRUARY 28
2018 — MARCH 30
2019 — MARCH 30
2020 — MARCH 19
2021 — MARCH 15
2022 — MARCH 24

Dunham Lake since 2000. In addition, we are also experiencing more years with heavier precipitation. Last year was the wettest to date in Oakland County, and we've never before had mosquitoes like we did in 2021.

Unfortunately, our lake's water quality has decreased. The measurements from experts the board hired show the declining water quality. You'll notice there are more cattails on the Livingston side of the lake as well reflecting the declining water quality, too. It's important to fix the issue causing the decline at the source, and undoubtedly our aging septic systems are the major source. The increase in extreme precipitation events is likely contributing to decreased water quality because our septic systems are not designed to handle such inundations.

In addition, invasive plants are on the rise throughout the greenbelt including garlic mustard, Asian bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, dog strangler vine, leafy spurge, Japanese barberry, rosa multi-flora, sweet woodruff, autumn olive, Norway maple, spotted knapweed, phragmites, euonymus, myrtle, and honeysuckle. Twenty years ago on the Oakland side, glossy buckthorn made it difficult to get across some trails. The board hired professional help to bring it under control, and ever since then, my wife and I have been working to keep it at bay (though we are starting to fall behind). I've also focused on pulling the garlic mustard at the northwest gate (Briar Hill road entrance). Since then I've seen trillium pop up again and the trout lily that I transplanted has taken hold.

It is good that awareness of declining water quality and invasive plants have grown since I moved here, but much more needs to be done. I would like to see the board dedicate substantial funds to controlling

invasive plants. Our volunteer efforts have been good, but not sufficient. In particular, Asian bittersweet is becoming the dominant plant in several areas on the Livingston side.

I'm always observing nature

How has your background affected your view of the lake?

My parents took us on vacation out west, camping and visiting places like the Redwoods. And, I'm always observing nature.

From an early age, Jeff's been observing nature. During his elementary school days, he helped found the Mad Scientist Club and tracked wind gust strengths based on a weather station he set up in his backyard. After graduating with a bachelor and masters degree in meteorology, he spent four years flying into hurricanes for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) Aircraft Operations Center. Read more about Jeff's background and his near fatal flight into the category 5 Hurricane Hugo in 1989 at www.wunderground.com/hurricane/articles/hunting-hugo-part-1. And, if you can find the 43 minute

video Air Crash Investigation: *Into the Eye of the Storm*, you'll see the recreation of that chilling flight with commentary by Jeff and other crew members.

What a wonderful place to escape from civilization

What are your most memorable lake moments?

I remember three winters when the lake froze solid before the snow came. You could see right through the ice so clearly. It was amazing to skate across it with the clear view below the ice. On one super windy day, we held our coats over us, and the wind blew us across the lake on our skates. I also remember swimming at night and watching the Perseid Meteor shower across the night sky.

How has the lake benefited your life?

What a wonderful place to escape from civilization. We get to share in all the animal sightings and the diversity of nature here. Nature is renewing, so healthful, and helps us live longer. I find that part of my spirituality is connected to nature; I'm most connected to my soul out in nature.

Celebrating Dunham Lake with Neighbors

A CHAT WITH NEIGHBOR MARILYN BRADFORD – INTERVIEW BY PAM DEAR

She's worn many hats as a Livingston County assistant prosecutor, law instructor, a former high school teacher, and ski instructor. Although retired now, she still teaches winter skiing at Mt Brighton and Vail resorts out west for fun and coordinates the annual Red Dress Run here at the lake. She spends more time on the lake and greenbelt pathways swimming, paddle boarding, running, and preparing for triathlons. As Marilyn describes the Dunham Lake area—
"It's a wonderful playground".



Marilyn on a run with Edna

What drew you to live in the Dunham Lake community?

I was living nearby at Long Lake and was training for a marathon. During my marathon practice I decided to cut through the gate to Dunham Lake; the gates weren't locked back then. I was taken aback by what I saw. I thought: "WHAT! What is this place?" I continued down the path and ran the greenbelt trail. From then on, as I continued my marathon practice, I followed that same route. One day just before I cut through the gate, I noticed a for-sale-by-owner sign on a nearby house. I subsequently bought that house, I think around 20 years ago.

Edna, our dog, joined my partner Deb Sarosy and me during Covid. Other neighbors adopted puppies then as well. There were no puppy classes for socialization due to Covid, so our house became a popular

puppy central. Edna made many puppy friends. They got to play together and learn socialization skills. Now she loves seeing all her friends on the trail.

Conscientious stewardship of the lake

What do you love most about living here?

For me, it's the lake and the green space. My focus for many years was as the assistant prosecutor for Livingston County, while also teaching at Cooley Law School. And during the winter season, I taught snow skiing. In the summer season, I competed in triathlons. As I got older and wound towards retirement, I stopped teaching at Cooley. I then had more time to meet neighbors. I enjoy the people that play at lake as well. Also, I would attend board meetings and see how all the

volunteer presidents of the board, the board, and the committee members provided conscientious stewardship of the lake and greenbelt. I appreciate the long term care of maintaining the pristine quality of the lake.

In what ways has the lake and community evolved over the time you've lived here?

The data collected by the board and the work that the board and committees are doing around the lake demonstrates the declining quality of the lake. I see the evidence of our board and committee's concern about the lake quality. When I'm swimming, I see the lake up close; the lake is not as clear as it used to be.

We used to have an old-school water slide in the lake at the east beach, one with the big giant metal ladder going up to the top of the slide. It was a rite of passage for my nephews to go up and down that slide into the

water. And, we had big heavy wooden rafts. Those have all been replaced with safer slides and rafts.

I've also got to see the generational cycle of kids playing, jumping off the raft, and having fun. I now see those kids have grown into adults. I love seeing that cycle too.

What a huge blessing

How has your background affected your view of the lake?

I see this place as a wonderful playground; I swim and paddle board in the warm weather and ski in the snowy weather. It's all right out front of my door. What a huge blessing.

What are your most memorable lake moments?

My family gatherings at Dunham Lake—when we had family adventure races. My seven nephews and their friends from all over the world (China, Japan, Germany, and Spain) would join in on our family adventure races and the Red Dress Run. My whole family was here for a week. We'd divide into red and blue teams, old and young, and compete in group activities for points throughout the week, culminating in the Red Dress Run. As a family, then, the last activity was performance art. As my nephews aged, I was thinking they are getting to old to want to do this anymore. But the first thing my nephew who was returning from Japan for the family gathering said: "What are we doing for the race?"

For many years, the neighbors beside me had a big white, blue-eyed dog named Yukie. Yukie would come out on the hill whenever I got home from work and wait to go on a run or swim with me. That was our relationship; no cuddles, but let's go run or swim. Sometimes I wouldn't want to go, but Yukie would be waiting, motivating me to get outside. Sometimes he

came back pretty dirty from our escapade, and I'd just say... here he is!

The lake and the greenbelt are my sanctuary

How has the lake benefited your life?

While I was a high school teacher and coach, I went to law school. I was on a trial team, and realized I wanted to be in a courtroom. I started my career as a prosecutor in 1991. My focus was working with the special victims unit. The job as a prosecutor, is by nature



adversarial and tension filled. The lake and greenbelt were and are my sanctuary. After work, by the time I swam halfway across lake, I made a shift of 180 degrees in terms of my mental health.

THE RED DRESS RUN—JULY 4TH, 2022

The Red Dress Run started when I was up north running the trails in the Sleeping Bear Dune area. While up north I thought: "What do I love to do in the summer? I'd like to wear a red dress and run around." Why the red dress? When I was a high school teacher, my mom made me a red dress with pockets for me to conveniently carry chalk while I taught. My mom died shortly after making that red dress. Also, red is the symbol for women's heart health. Eventually the run turned into a fundraiser at Dunham Lake. I set out a box for donations to Livingston County's LACASA—an independent nonprofit organization supporting victims of abuse (lacasacenter.org). I supported LACASA and CASA, the court appointed special advocate group. We've had picnics here to honor the staff's work. They do an incredible job helping survivors of abuse.

The Run consists of a walk and/or run event and a triathlon event. For the triathlon, we meet in the early morning, swim across the lake, and then bike 12 miles up to Tipsico Lake and back. We finish with the Red Dress Run. You can participate as you like. One neighbor dresses up in a beautiful red dress, walks across the street, takes photos, and then is done. This year, we had 29 participants.



Photos: Deb Sarosy

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



Brad Parks
Infrastructure



Along with my wife, Barb, and our little maltipoo, Sullivan, we became a part of the Dunham Lake community in 2020. A year before that, we were invited to enjoy the lake with our youngest daughter (of five) as guests of a family who lives on Plover Drive. As someone who has lived in and

around water all my life, including as a competitive swimmer and a former homeowner of a house only a mile from Lake Michigan in Grand Haven, my first swim in Dunham Lake just blew me away. I spent most of the afternoon just treading water in the middle with my mouth open! I hope my fellow residents realize how totally unique our lake is compared to the thousands of lakes in Michigan. I've met many of you who have described your time floating around with family, walking the greenbelt, or just lake-gazing from

a favorite beach chair as your "happy place." I can relate with my frequent swims each week across the lake! I believe it's the responsibility of every association member to do everything in our power to protect and preserve our "hidden gem". This is why I joined the Board. I want to do my fair share to assure that someday... hopefully, my great-great grandchildren will be enjoying an even more beautiful, pristine lake and greenbelt than the one we get to enjoy today. It takes all of us, however, to be able to give this gift to our future generations.

SOME OF OUR FUN SUMMER EVENTS



NORTHVILLE FOLK BAND PERFORMED AT OUR JUNE CONCERT IN THE PARK



THANKS DAVE & CARL FOR ALL YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED!



PASSING THE TORCH! — LOOKING FOR INTERESTED NEIGHBORS TO TAKE OVER THE ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Update from DLPOA Pig Roast Committee (Dave Geen & Carl Krause). We would like to say that we have enjoyed doing the Pig Roast (Dave for 26 years and Carl for 24 years) and we wanted to thank the following people for all the help they provided this year:

- Bill F. and Jeff S. for helping with all the shopping and getting the pig, roaster and corn
- Jeff, Jim and Jenn for stuffing the pig and doing the surgical work on stitching
- Michelle for providing dinner Friday night
- Kevin K. for helping lift the pig and his friend Ben and Samantha for staying all night to baby sit the pig
- Sue K. for getting the bicycle parade started
- The Hartland and Highland Fire Departments for both showing up with their new fire trucks (Special thanks to Kevin for arranging the Highland FD)

- Amy K. for doing another great job on the kid's games (watch out for flying whipped cream)
- The O'Brians for face painting
- Jeff, Kevin and Ben for cooking the burgers, sausages and hot dogs on the hot grill on a very hot day
- Carl for cooking the best-est beans again (never any left overs)
- Kaleigh for earning her Masters Degree in corn cooking (again, no left overs)
- A special thanks to Jim, Scott, Dan & Dave for being the pig cutters
- Scott O. and Ed C. for the Fishing Derby and the winner's plaque
- Scott for picking up and dropping off the grill and really helping when we were short on one thing or another
- Rich P. for dropping off the pig roaster (all the way in Linden)
- Patty R. for washing all the utensils and even some off the tin pans

Now as the old saying goes all good things must come to an end! The 5 consistent old guys (Dave, Carl, Jim, Jeff and Bill) have a combined age of 331 years! We need some young guns to step up to the plate and take over the Pig Roast. Dave and Carl have the system down with what and where to buy all the supplies, what activities need to be planned, and contacts for those activities.

We will absolutely help out next year with all the activities to make the transition extremely easy. Part of the deal is the bins will need to be stored next year (Dave really wants his garage back), but they can be stored easily in anyone's garage rafters.

Please let the board know if you are interested. We look forward to sharing all the fun details for an always fun annual event!

Thanks again to all the helpers and we hope everyone had a great time this year!

— Dave Geen & Carl Krause



FIREFIGHTER RYAN COSSIN

2 FIRE STATION TRUCKS ESCORTED THE BIKE PARADE AND FIREFIGHTERS GAVE OUT STICKERS AND FIRE HATS



FIREFIGHTERS TERRY CONKLIN AND JON RUSZALA

FUN GAMES FOR THE KIDS



FISHING DERBY ANGLERS



CORN SHUCKER'S AT THE PIG ROAST

The Fishing Derby winners were Evan Phillips & Audrey Penzein. Audrey caught a 17" largemouth bass, weighing in at 2.52 lbs. Also presenting fish were Connor & Kennedy Callaghan with some large bluegills and Caden Caldwell with a 13" largemouth bass. Abbey and Scott Oswald participated but didn't catch anything and Stefan Skendi participated but didn't keep any fish to bring in. Evan and Audrey will get a trophy and all participants received some small fishing gear as tokens for participating. All the anglers had a great time, and the weather was hot but a beautiful sunny day on the lake.



MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:30 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Kate Griswold, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Jenny Vanderlist, Wes Watt.

Others present: John Schiltz, Terry and Carole Gannon, Georgianna Paul

President's Report:

- Fred would like all to consider the option the attorney mentioned about taking the Board from 11 to 9.
- Fred also mentioned that Tim Hiebert has been keeping the beaver dam down and keeping water flowing. Offer free advertising to him in exchange for the work he's doing to keep water from backing up. Probably not until the Fall/Winter issue. Jane suggests that Pam might be able to design for him.
- Reminder about the Laker deadline.

Vice President's Report:

- Scott plans to cover these topics in the Laker – bridge replaced, spring work bee, parking passes, tree planting.
- His current work is all related to the above Laker projects, and scheduling the Spring perimeter walk.
- Discussion about where to plant the remaining trees.

Secretary's Report:

Heather moves and Scott seconds – to accept minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

- Scott asked about the bank change. Jane still has to close the old accounts because the bank lost Jane's signatory. There is a question that checks written in December will happen when Jane returns to Michigan. In April, Jane will also be setting up electronic dues payments with the bank – but wants to delay rolling out to the residents until after we complete the bylaws/articles of incorporation update so that residents are still mailing in dues to increase our odds of having ballots returned.

Civic Committee: No Report.

Old Business:

- **Watercraft Committee update** – Jane helped Jenny get the attorneys to review – and they made a few good recommendations which have been incorporated into the final document which will be published in the Laker.
- **Lake update** – Ed asked if we all received the emails from Barney/Dr. Jude. They seem have predetermined that our issues are septic related – however we have no legal authority to sample on private property, and no legal recourse should we find evidence of septic failure on the greenbelt. We need the STATE to step in if they want us to do sewers. Our scope is the greenbelt, so all we can do is plant/redirect water/and inform the townships/counties when we see water issues coming into the lake and ask them to rectify on behalf of our residents. We had a new opinion from Tony Groves of Progressive Engineering and he's considered that we had a bad turnover in the lake – so he doesn't feel that the data showed too quick a change for it to be correct and is suggesting a re-sample. Georgiana – Lakes Class just finished – resources for a lake management committee to draft a lake management plan. It's difficult to get folks to work together. Ed would like to put something into the Laker asking to form a Water Quality group. John Schiltz reminded us that the cost of sewers was not just the initial large installation costs, it was also a monthly fee, which can also be exorbitant, especially for anyone on a fixed income. Ed would like to re-sample – possibly Dr. Jude, or through MSU. Ed will find out the cost of re-sample, and will also ask.
- **Discussions regarding Legal Review of Documents** – Jane wants to emphasize that she doesn't want to browbeat us into proceeding with this. The attorney is confirmed to join us for the Civic Committee meeting in April. Cinda wants us to be sure that we store whatever the results of this review is in a place that can be easily passed down to future boards. Jenny, Kate reminds to send questions by March 30. Jenny and Jane commented on how helpful it was to have this resource to help us vet the new watercraft guidelines.
- Member recruitment – holding off until we make a decision about the size of the board.

New Business:

- **Tree planting** – need a fresh count of what survived the winter.
- **Spring Work Bee Saturday May 7, 2022** – Safety equipment is still back ordered, so we don't yet know if we are getting tubes or rings, and the Safety information isn't going out with the Watercraft mailing – because we aren't sure when we are getting the safety tubes. No special projects beyond the normal for Spring Work Bee.
- **Laker** – Articles due by March 21. Wes would like to get the band scheduled – preferably a Friday, 2nd choice Saturday – June/July/August – avoid August 5th weekend due to Pig Roast. Wes/Ed working on a car show. Trying to firm up dates before the Laker goes out.

Call to Public:

- John Pettipher sent email request regarding a well failure – need better access to re-drill – but would have to come in behind the porta john in the West Beach park – Wes is going to look tomorrow – the request is to be able to open and re-close the fence to access the well drilling. Scott moves to grant conditional approval to grant Pettipher's request for access via West Beach Park upon review of the existing conditions and on site meeting. Ed seconds. All in favor. Wes would like to be present when the work is done to ensure that the park is returned to it's previous condition.
- Terry Gannon – have we thought about the safety equipment at the non-traditional swimming spots on the lake. Jane agrees and will address with Carol Schemanske. Discussed wording of our liability statement/signs to encompass all of the lake. Discussion ensued about whether the remote safety equipment would disappear – but it was decided that the awareness that it creates is valuable enough to try it at the remote locations.
- John Schiltz would like to see us fence the Main Park in. Much discussion ensued. Scott suggested that we approach the homeowner about the issue his driveway has created. Ed mentioned that the homeowner had indicated he planned to chain across the driveway, but it hasn't happened yet. A "private property, no trespassing" sign has been installed, and Ed has observed that it has surprisingly helped, but doubts that it will be as helpful in the summer.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:03 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.



MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:32 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Kate Griswold, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Jenny Vanderlist, Wes Watt.

Others present: John Schiltz – Civic Committee Rep.

President's Report:

- Fred would like to see us fill out the board to its full 11 members..

Vice President's Report:

- Thanks to Ed for getting the gates locked on boats in. Failure at East Beach – but already being fixed.
- Diane Hallinen offered to take the lead on Garlic Mustard, looking for compensation. Ed asked if we should abandon the fight – but Kate and Kristina both feel like the fight is worth waging. Cinda agrees that it is a never ending battle. Jane reminded us that we budgeted for remediation. There is a feeling that we should utilize the professional lawn company as we originally planned. Tabled until next meeting and Scott discussing more with Diane.
- Boat Tipping – Carla hired a family last year – Scott would like to hire a couple of football teens he knows. Jane brought up that we should be grabbing the boat tag numbers and sending letters to those boat owners about tipping their boats. Much discussion ensued about boats, the new watercraft rules and enforcement. Kate volunteered to send letters to residents that need to tip their boats if the football teen gathers the boat tag numbers.
- Kayak Racks – We already have a budget, and Ed has plans and feels he could build 4 of them for about \$2,000 that would hold 48 kayaks. Scott asked to see the plans, and pointed out some issues with lifting kayaks/vertical storage.

Secretary's Report:

Motion by Ed, 2nd by Heather to accept amended minutes. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion by Scott, 2nd by Ed to accept Treasurer's Report. All in favor.
- Scott ordered Hang Tags – they should be here in a couple of weeks – will be included with invoices.

Civic Committee Report: No Report.

Old Business:

- **Spring Work Bee** – May 7, 2022 9:00 am
 - a. Swim Tubes – Carol Schemanske is unable to getting the swim tubes. Ordering swim rings for this summer for each beach. Jane ordering "SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK" signs to go up at Work Bee.
 - b. Wes has reached out to Greg, the Diver, regarding Work Bee date to secure the rafts.
 - c. Fred contacted TPC about doing our greenbelt mowing this summer. We are now awaiting the proof of insurance and the contract.
 - d. Branches to trim by West Beach per Wes.
 - e. Scott asked if there was any replacement needs? It was generally agreed that picnic tables were all in good shape when put up in the Fall, and Wes and Ed repaired the grill that needed repair.
 - f. Jenny would like the swings lowered a bit? Scott mentioned that the mulch actually needs to be raked back under the swings. Jen asked that raking the mulch back under the swings during Work Bee.
 - g. Cinda ordering/picking up donuts, Kristina ordering coffee.
- **Lake update** – Ed
 - a. Dr. Jude did prelim sampling a few weeks ago in the rain. Sampled the 2 deep basins at 115 and 90 feet. Samples at surface level, and samples mid-level. He will re-sample in the summer once the lake has flipped. Results at the end of the summer.
 - b. Waiting for Livingston County to reconstruct another ditch – but that hasn't started yet.
- **Discussions regarding Legal Review of Documents** – Jane
 - a. Civic Committee has voted to accept the Legal Review Proposal with a maximum expense of \$10K.
 - b. Kate moves to support the Civic Committee's vote to accept the legal review proposal and move forward. Ed 2nds. All in Favor.
- **Member recruitment** –
 - a. Terry Cremeans neighbor hasn't returned from Florida yet.

New Business:

- **Concert info** – Wes
 - a. Northville Folk – Band is available for \$600. Four dates: June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 15. June 24 first choice, June 17 second choice.
 - b. Car show in July? Shooting for a Friday – or in May. Pig Roast in August. Wine and Beer night in July? Will pick a Thursday for that soon.



- **Laker Deadlines** –
 - a. Fred mentioned that board members need to do a better job of meeting her deadlines. Fred would like to discuss offering compensation for Pam. Cinda will offer an ad. Maybe do a neighbor profile of Pam in the next Laker that features her ad.
- **Security** –
 - Nathan will not be returning as Dunham Lake Security. He got a new job further from Dunham and cannot work for us this summer. Kristina is asking Jane and Jen to help her search for a replacement and brainstorm.
 - History of Security from Scott – hired off duty cops – worked until it didn't, hired private security agency – worked until it didn't, a couple individuals spun off from that agency – worked until it didn't, a resident reached out looking to take the job – but it didn't work out, but that person pointed us toward Nathan – who has been doing security for 12 years.
 - Jane doesn't think we need as much security since we've been locking the gates. Looking just Friday nights/weekends as we had transitioned to that in 2021. Jane suggests hiring an agency. Scott reminds us that an agency will just provide a warm body – Nathan got to know who belonged and who didn't.
 - Wes wants us to self-regulate. Scott agrees that this works 95% of the time – but it's the 5% that residents are afraid to get involved.
 - Jane makes the point that off-duty police officers – we might have more policing of the neighborhood in general as they will start to care. Cinda makes the point that it might give that "power" for the police to be able to act on our behalf to enforce issues. Fred asked Kristina to reach out to Oakland/Livingston/Milford for leads.

Call to Public: No public in attendance.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:23 pm

Next Meeting: May 9, 2022

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:38 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Kate Griswold, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks.

Others present: Rose Gross, Karen O'Mara, John Schiltz, Carol & John Pettipher.

President's Report:

- Still trying to follow up on the drainage easement on the east Blue Heron/Harlequin easement.

Vice President's Report:

- **Work Bee** – pretty successful, fabulous weather, 41 people/29 families – great turnout! Met a couple of new residents. Signs didn't come in on time – but will be installed later.
- Porta John service has been requested to restart.

Secretary's Report:

Jane moves to accept minutes as amended, Ed seconds, all support.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Legal expenses** –
 - Resident with 2 adjacent lots is attempting to have them re-platted to one lot.
 - 2 households with chickens – against township rules. Wes following up with township.
- **Electricity** –
 - Ed asked about switching street lights to LED to bring that expense down & lifespan.
- Ed moves to accept treasurer's report, Heather seconds, all support.
- Scott asked about bank transfer status.



Civic Committee:

- Lot issue, and chickens issue from the Legal expenses above, also fall under Civic Committee.

Old Business:

- **Civic Member recruitment** – still looking for someone willing who meets requirements.
- **Concert updates** – Wes & Ed
 - *Northville Folk* – June 17th confirmed
 - *Firth & Foremost* – August 19th if available (Date choices were 7/8, 7/15, 8/19 & 8/26)
- **Life Preservers & signage update** – Jane
 - Sign blanks are having supply issues. 6 signs ordered – 2 at each beach – one at parking lot, one at water.
 - Carol has the tubes on order – she finally reached the right person – so we are NOT having to go with rings. Kate has agreed to cut either vinyl, or a stencil to label them as ours.

Security Update – Kristina

- Called Oakland County – transferred to the Marine department – transferred back to the county. Raised a white flag after being passed around.
- As of last inquiry, Sheriff's department is no longer offering off-duty patrol service.
- Kristina – posting on Highland and Hartland Matters Facebook groups – looking for retired police looking for part time work. Schedule is looking at Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday, and limited hours on Sunday. Will make final determination after we know costs.
- Jane suggests that DLPOA get liability insurance for our security person.

Roads

- Heather reported on Oakland County side only: Grebe 84%, Plover 65%, Blue Heron 60%, Petrol 71%, Harlequin 45%, Murray Hill with both counties at 33%.
- Tom is handling Livingston side.

Kayak Racks

- Ed has sketched up a plan for racks with pressure treated lumber that he estimates will cost around \$500 for 12 kayaks. Scott spoke to Jason Coon – who may have a lead on supplying aluminum to build the racks with for possible material donation.
- Ed suggests we build just 1 or 2 to see if people will use them – and then supplement when those fill. Scott suggests placing about 50 yards from beach.

New Business:

- **Lock at North Gate** – a resident asked why it was not locked, as they have observed non-residents entering there since we upgraded the path down to the gate. That gate used to be locked, but it was pulled as a spare – but DLPOA will look into re-locking it.
- **Welcome new member to the DLPOA Board** – Brad Parks – Originally from west side of state – wife is from Farmington. He's a retired teacher

from Grand Haven/Grand Rapids. Worked in South Carolina for a while after retirement, and they winter there. He has observed this board work for the benefit of the community and is excited to give back. He was a HS and College swimmer – and he swims early AM all Spring/Summer/Fall – wet suit. He feels our lake and our community is very unique, and hopes our great grandchildren will also be able to enjoy this lake.

- **Auto Show** – Ed
 - Thursday May 26th at the main park no rain date. Ed has club people coming – and would like to invite residents to show cars if they wish to. Contact Ed directly to reserve your space!
- **Greenbelt** – Invasive pulling update
 - 5-6 active greenbelt pulling – Diane 8 hours in, probably about 25 hours in with other residents, Scott would like to acknowledge Diane's efforts – he proposes making a donation to a charity on her behalf.
- **Perimeter Walk** – Saturday May 14, 8 am-11 am – led by Scott – meet at North Gate at 8 am any resident is welcome to join.
- **Boat Tags** – Cinda passing out tags, and most are OK with the 2 boat limit.
- **Boat tipping** – Scott got confirmation that current resident, Lyric Hermanson, is interested in being our tipper.
- **Swim Lessons** – Carol Schemanske is running again this summer via same organization & same insurance coverage.
- Ed is going to purchase some steel to fix a few grills.
- Jane is going to follow up with Eric Gustafson regarding the notice board at main park.
- Wes has a few trees on the greenbelt that need removal – so he's bringing out the tree service for a day.
- Herb is asking for another log at West Beach for erosion control, Ed is worried about trapping algae behind new logs.
- Fishing point – rocks are missing/were removed – but shoreline continues to erode – need to come up with a plan to curb that erosion. Cinda & Fred's neighbor is donating stones to help with that situation. Wes and Ed have yet to retrieve them.
- Ed suggests adding e-bike to our list of prohibited vehicles on the trails in the park.
- John asked about Main Park fence issue. Scott spoke with Pete and it went well.

Call to Public:

- Carol and John are developing a plan and committee – improved West Beach access/stairs. Still moving forward. Scott asked for sketches, and to consider the stairs from Briar Hill park upper trail to lower trail.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:07 pm

Next Meeting: June 13, 2022

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Kate Griswold, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks, Jenny Vanderlist, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Wes Watt.

Others present: John Schiltz, Mary Jeffrey, Rosemary Gross, Mardi Mattei, Candi Good, Carol & John Pettipher, and Tom Teeters.

President's Report:

- Fred will be composing an email regarding things that need to be addressed throughout the neighborhood, including children driving golf carts, and security.
- There was a civic meeting this past week at which there was discussion about membership; proposed to Heather Kerr to move from board of directors to Civic Committee, waiving tenure requirements.
- Motion to appoint Heather Kerr to vacant position on civic committee for 5-year term. Scott motion, Jenny support. All in favor. Approved.

Vice President's Report:

- There were trees damaged by north gate, lower trail (looks like a hatchet was used on about 18 trees), mostly Cedars, quite a few Norways; Scott sprayed tree seal and should assist trees in healing.

Secretary's Report:

- Kate OOO; Jenny taking notes in her place; motion to accept minutes as amended made by Scott, Brad second. All in favor. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Legal firm will have draft suggested revisions by end of June, in preparation for the annual meeting vote.
- Insurance quote (obtained every 3 years) increased by 23% since last time quote was obtained. Excludes coverage for communicable diseases (new exclusion). Jane will request verbiage on how this is documented on meeting materials (i.e., by attending this meeting, attendees accept full liability for...)
- Jane met w/ bank regarding potential of pursuing CD purchase but was advised against due to current interest rates.
- Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Kristina Oswald, second by Wes. All in favor. Approved.

Civic Committee Report:

- 3 sheds were approved on the Highland side.
- The township wanted approval for the house that burned down on the Hartland side – this was approved.
- A homeowner with 2 lots was looking into getting them re-platted to a single lot so they are linked for tax purposes and only 1 dues notice – Civic Committee does not support this.
- Terry and Rich are working to update shed policy and publish on website.

Old Business:

- **Security Update** – Kristina
 - Phone calls have been had with 3 police academy colleges; awaiting on return call from Mott but OCC has agreed to publish posting and communicate via professors. Kristina will develop posting to multiple venues. Heather to assist.
- **Ordinance** – Wes
 - Visited township hall regarding ordinance violations (camper – forwarded to zoning & chickens – township paid a visit to the address).
- **Re-Paving Project** – Heather
 - All votes are in for Oakland County, but need proof of everything in order to generate a quote. Once quote is ready, house to house signatures will need to be obtained (w/in 6 months of quote being generated).
- **Changing Park lights to LED** – Jane & Ed
 - Ed will call DTE to see if they will change to LED.
- **Lake report** – Ed
 - Livingston County is still planning to fix Briar Hill ditch where water is being funneled onto the roadway.
 - Oakland County already fixed their side
 - Timber Lake estates already fixed their section & water volume has been significantly reduced.
 - Dr. Jude has reported that the lake is showing no signs of improvement and is concerned that this lake is not 'turning over' like most other lakes do; he is strongly advocating for sewers.
- **West beach Stairs** – John & Carol Pettipher
 - John obtained a couple bids for stairs for west beach as well as far north trail entrance.
 - o West Beach quotes: w/ handrail, estimated around \$41k - \$48k (pressure treated wood) OR \$58k (for treks).
 - o North Trail entrance: \$25k for stairs on the north side (pressure treated wood w/ railing).
 - Group decided to research replacement of chipped slabs with a railing; bring in landscaper to see what they can do with improving what we have currently while addressing the issue of no railing and chipping steps. Ed agreed to contact landscaper(s) about this and report back.
- **Boat tipping, covers, untagged boats, future paddle board racks** – Scott
 - Boat tipping – boat tipper has been doing a good job tipping and keeping a good log on number of boats tipped & keeping track of repeat offenders.

- Untagged boats – plan to address untagged, uncovered, untipped boats initially.
- Future paddle board rack – Ed continues to look into this.
- **Invasive update** – Scott
 - Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Garlic mustard pull!
 - Will need to hire dog strangle vine puller in the next month; will look into this.

New Business:

- **Parties at the Park** –
 - Some party issues have occurred over the past 2 weekends w/out approval. Parties are defined as 10 people or more and must go through the proper steps; Issues include: dogs off leashes, trash not disposed of properly, over 10 ppl and party not approved. Letter will be sent to resident by board president.
- **Communications** –
 - Reminder to please submit articles for Fall/Winter laker by August 31.
- **Summer Happenings** –
 - First Summer concert is at 6:30pm on Friday. Reminders will be sent via e-group & sign board will be placed.
 - Ed is working on getting the car show rescheduled.
- **Rebuild of Main Beach Signboard**
 - Ed and Eric have discussed; plan is being developed.
- **Grills**
 - Ed fixed 2 grills at main park – thank you Ed!
- **Rescue Tubes**
 - Party tubes are in and are being passed out for party reservations.
 - Sample tube will be used to create racks for future tubes (2 at each beach).
 - Signs will be installed 6/14.
- **Information gathering** - Main beach fence
 - Wes will work to gather a quote.

Call to Public:

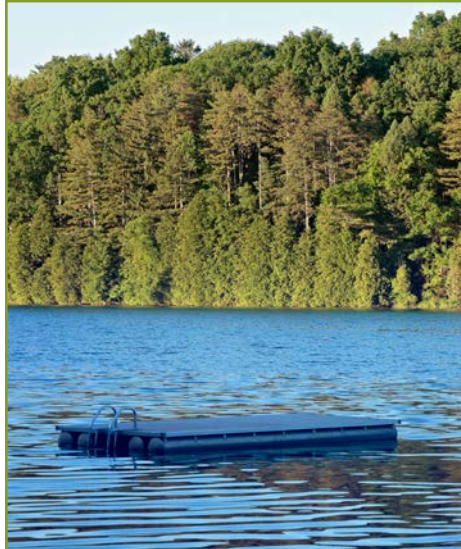
- Golf carts –
 - Residents concerned about golf cart safety.
 - Per Mary and Mardi, golf cart must be licensed, registered and insured if driven on a public road. The driver has to have a drivers license. Additionally, they can only be driven on roads with speed limits of 25 MPH or less. Speed limits for golf carts is 15 MPH. If the sheriff finds someone violating this criteria, tickets can be issued to driver and owner and cart can be impounded.

Adjournment: 10:01 pm

Next meeting: July 11, 2022.

Minutes recorded by Jenny Vanderlist.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022
Meeting called to order 7:35 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks, Jenny Vanderlist, Wes Watt.

Others present: John and Carol Pettipher, Mary Cesa, Tom Teeters, Doug Flees, John Shiltz.

President's Report: No calls to Fred over the 4th weekend. However several board members had reports of issues over the weekend. All were successfully resolved.

Vice President's Report:

- Damage to the bridge – Scott was able to obtain replacement deck panels, and replace them pretty quickly. He was able to also speak to a couple of the adults who witnessed the damage being done and reminded them that the greenbelt is common property and all of us should speak up when we see someone vandalizing anything on the greenbelt.
- Took down a tree that was blocking the path south of the lagoon fishing spot.
- Will take out the downed East beach tree.
- Scott has identified a new volunteer.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept June Minutes. – Scott; 2nd – Kristina. All approve amended June Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- We made the decision to pursue the legal consulting after the 22 budget was approved, so we will continue to see the legal category over budget this year. We will still be fine overall.
- Jane asked about what to do because now our insurance specifically excludes liability for any illness contracted in a group situation (COVID). We discussed a blanket statement for our events reminding residents that they assume risk by attending. We also discussed a possible waiver to sign for any indoor meetings.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Scott; 2nd – Kate. All approve treasurer's report.

Civic Committee Report:

- Feedback on the first draft from the lawyer is coming in.
- Planning to have an interim meeting outside of the usual quarterly meeting.

Old Business:

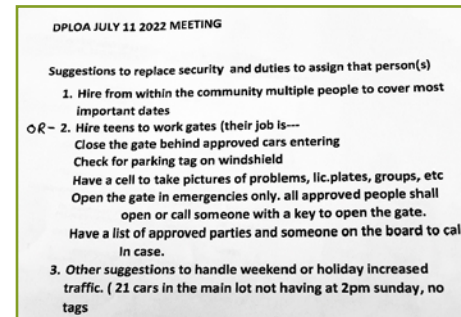
- **Security Update** – Kristina
 - Wes has a good lead, Meghan Brandsetter's Stepfather is a retired West Bloomfield police officer, and he used to work for the parks & rec as well. Wes spoke with him extensively, and he sounded like a great candidate. Kristina will connect with him.
 - Kristina also has another interested party (resident's daughter's boyfriend – Army Reserves).
 - Kristina wanted to speak about rate – Nathan's final rate was \$24/hour. Consensus was to start at \$24 and see what the candidates say.
 - Kristina also asked about hours – consensus to start 11-7 on weekends, possible extend to 10 on nights with events/parties.
 - Fred would like to see someone start as soon as next week. Kristina will schedule interviews ASAP.
 - Security Top Priorities – Secured Gates; Parking lot monitoring; Monitoring for Non-residents; deal with issues like smoking/glass bottles; monitor parties. Scott will send the job description to the whole board.

- **Changing Park lights to LED** – Jane & Ed
 - Ed contacted Edison – and they said we could cut our electric bills by about 50% – but we have to hire the contractor to change the bulbs. Ed has calls into 2 different electric contractors. Scott has another lead for Ed.
- **West Beach Stairs** – Ed
 - Old steps will be reused in landscaping – not as steps.
 - 17 steps; 4 feet wide, 2 concrete landings \$14,305
 - 17 steps; 4 feet wide, 2 paver landings \$14,055
 - Ed will verify that a railing is included. He did request that when requesting the quotes – but it's not specifically noted in the quotes. He will also check the start and end of the steps.
 - If we approve – work would be done in the fall.
 - John's quote from Horizon stated: Slope was 21 degrees – 150 6" steps – 75 feet in elevation change.
 - Meeting on Wed 7/14 at 7:30 pm for anyone interested in helping determine start and end of steps.
- **Boat tipping, covers & untagged boats** – Scott
 - 4 paddle boats/2 kayaks that are untagged, and they are always full of water. Scott will be following the watercraft guidelines regarding those boats.

- **Chickens**
 - Legal if you have ½ acre or more – but the lots are both just under half acre. A board member has been trying to verify with the township ordinance officer that he's reading the ordinance correctly.
- **Motorized paddle boat**
 - Contact dispatch, they will reach out to the marine division—we have done this before –but they pull the motor before the marine division arrives.
- **New Business:**
- **Beach Sand**
 - Fred will talk to Tim regarding cleaning weeds that are taking over the edges of all beaches, opening the trench drain at West Beach, and get honest opinions regarding sand needs.
- **Laker Deadline**
 - August 31 hard deadline.
 - Brad will write an article from the board—covering what is upcoming—ideas send to Brad.
 - Kate asked to send draft minutes to Pam and was approved, and Kristina asked Kate to ask Pam to include apparel ordering again.
- **Discuss Amendment to DLPOA By-Laws**
 - Mailing must be done 60 days prior to annual meeting
 - All comments back by July 23 for Bylaws and Articles. Must go out by 8/19 to residents.
- **Events**
 - Car Show August 3
 - Wine/Cheese Social July 21
 - Pig Roast August 6
 - Art Show September 17

Call to Public:

- John – requesting that the draft minutes to those in attendance. Kate will watermark the draft minutes and send them to anyone in attendance who emails her at kate@megameet.com to request them.
- Tom – shared some ideas about security—including an image of the information that he shared.



Adjournment: 9:09 pm

Next meeting: August 8, 2022.

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
Meeting called to order 7:32 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks, Jenny Vanderlist, Wes Watt.

Others present: Georgiana Paul, John Schiltz, Rich Pajaanen, Terry Cremeans.

President's Report: Fred is healing well, and nothing more to report this month..

Vice President's Report:

Pig Roast – Close to 200 attendees. Big success. Organizers are working to pass off the Pig Roast to another chair. New chair not identified.

Secretary's Report:

Jane moved to accept the July minutes as amended and Scott seconded. All in favor..

Treasurer's Report:

- Dues have mostly come in – more are arriving following 2nd notice.
- We have paid 4 of 6 installments for the legal package.
- Insurance increased 16% - we budgeted for a 10% increase. We also increased some coverage following the legal review. This is why it's showing higher than the budget.
- Kate moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Wes seconded. All in favor.
- Discussed 2023 budget and what projects the Board may be planning. The budget must be mailed prior to September 15th for the Annual Meeting in October (remember we need to allow time for budget preparation, printing and mailing all to be done prior to September 15th and in everyone's mail box) Several items were discussed, (fencing, increased security, boardwalk repairs, etc.) and Jane will develop a budget and send it out to us shortly.

Civic Committee Report:

- Terry Cremeans stated that if we as the Board and Civic Committee wish to consider combining, while we are doing the Bylaws revision, this is the time to do it. More discussion will happen during Old Business.



Josh Jensen has been taking on the security duties this summer season.

Old Business:

- **Security Update re: Josh** – Kristina. So far any board member who has had interaction has been good. Brad asked about a shirt for him, which Kristina is working on. A group of non-resident teens who were drinking were ejected from the park at the end of July. A car was broken into in the neighborhood as well.



- **West Beach Stairs** – The existing stairs are a safety issue. We've been presented several options by different residents. We discussed all of the different options that have been presented, and the two quotes we received. A group of residents and board members met at West Beach following the July meeting, and reached a compromise on how extensive the step & railing project should be. Fred moved that we spend \$25,000 on the stair project based on the consensus from that meeting, seconded by Jenny. Passed 7-2.

- **Beach Sand** – delivered and raked, and good reports from residents.
- **Laker Deadline** is 8/31/22. Brad has written a Board Update article for the Fall Laker. He is sending it out this week for our review.

Review of Legal Documents

- Combining Civic and DLPOA Board into one entity. Terry would like to see us make this change, as the need for the Civic Committee as a separate entity has declined as the neighborhood has matured. This would require delaying the bylaws vote a year to make all the necessary changes.
- Jane reported that we requested to just make these four updates to the bylaws.
 - o Fair Housing Coverage
 - o Indemnification
 - o Mail-in Voting
 - o Electronic Communications

- However; after speaking with Greg – Jane is proposing that we will add just the article for mail-in voting at the next annual meeting – and then in 2023 we will do the larger bylaw change. Kate moves that we accept Jane's proposal to only put forth the Mail In voting amendment to the bylaws, and we postpone the larger bylaw revision for a year while we explore combining the Board and Civic Committee. Seconded by Fred, all in favor.

New Business:

- **Annual Meeting** – Dunham Hills Golf Course on 10/18/22 7:30 pm.
- **Upcoming Events** – Kate is going to attempt to reschedule the neighborhood social for a 3rd time. Date TBA. Wes has organized a concert coming up on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 6 pm. Art Show may be canceled in September. (Not enough artists) Annual meeting as above, and the Halloween Haunted Trail (no date yet).

Call to the public:

- Georgiana Paul is concerned about the long bolts on the rescue tube poles, and came with a solution for Ed to look into.

Adjournment: 8:58 pm

Next meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022.

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

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EXPERTS INCREASE 2022 HOME PRICE PROJECTIONS

If you're wondering if home prices are going to come down due to the cool down in the housing market or a potential recession, here's what you need to know. Not only are experts forecasting home prices will continue to appreciate nationwide this year, but most of them also actually increased their projections for home price appreciation from their original 2022 forecasts (shown in green in the chart below):

As the chart shows, most sources adjusted up, and now call for more appreciation in 2022 than they originally projected this January. But why are experts so confident the housing market will see ongoing appreciation? It's because of supply and demand in most markets. "After all, supplies of homes for sale remain near record lows. And while a jump in mortgage rates has dampened demand somewhat, **demand still outpaces supply, thanks to a combination of little new construction and strong household formation by large numbers of millennials.**"

Knowing that experts forecast home prices will continue to appreciate in most markets and that they've actually increased their original projections for this year should help you answer the question: *will home prices fall?* According to the latest forecasts, experts are confident prices will continue to appreciate this year, although at a more moderate rate than they did in 2021.

Many Experts Raise Home Price Forecasts

January Forecasts for 2022 Home Price Appreciation Compared to the Latest Forecasts.

Source	January 2022 Appreciation Forecast	Latest 2022 Appreciation Forecast
Fannie Mae	7.6%	16.0%
Freddie Mac	6.2%	12.8%
NAR	5.1%	11.5%
Zelman	3.0%	10.0%
HPES	6.3%	9.3%
MBA	5.1%	2.7%

BOTTOM LINE

If you're worried home prices are going to decline, rest assured many experts raised their forecasts to say they'll continue to appreciate in most markets this year. If you have questions about what's happening with home prices in our local area, let's connect.



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IMPORTANT DATES: Mark your Calendars!

- DLPOA Annual Meeting
October 18, 2022
- Fall Workbee
October 22, 2022
- Watercraft OUT!
November 1, 2022
- Watercraft IN!
April 1, 2023
- Spring Workbee
May 6, 2023
- Neighborhood Pig Roast
August 6, 2023

THE HAUNTED TRAIL
October 22, 2022
(from 5–7 pm)



DLPOA Board Meetings

DLPOA board meetings are held the second Monday of the month. Summer (June, July, August) meetings are held in the main park, weather permitting. Other meetings are held at DLPOA board member homes or virtually.

The DLPOA Annual Meeting will be held at the Dunham Hills Golf Course conference room on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Typically doors open at 7:00 for people to sign in.
Meeting starts at 7:30.

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