

A Great American Neighborhood

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2023



# The Dunham Laker



## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# BEE-GRATEFUL IT'S SPRING!



BY SCOTT OSWALD

## SPRING—the season of new beginnings, is upon us!

Once again Dunham Lake wakes up and neighbors come out of winter dormancy to welcome the longer days and warm sun. Change is with us in the neighborhood too, and I wanted to highlight a few for you. First, Fred has decided to step back from the DLPOA Board to focus on his health and wellness. We thank Fred for his time served supporting the neighborhood and guiding us through COVID as our president. Fred will still be involved, but that leaves us looking for additional residents to serve on the Board's open positions. Also, looking ahead to the Neighborhood Picnic in August—Dave, Carl, Jimmy and Jeff have stepped back from the lead on the Pig Roast this year after many, many years at the helm. We are looking for a family or families to take on this lead and continue the tradition of our Summer picnic. Please contact Scott Oswald for a wealth of information to be able to share with you if you are interested. We are still on the search to fill the security patrol position to replace Nathan. And most importantly, your Board has been hard at work over the last year with legal counsel to update our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, as these documents are at least 20 years old or older. Concurrent with this document update, the Board and Civic Committee will be merged into one governing body, to help the neighborhood operate more effectively for you. You will see more information sent out on this evolution over the coming months. We are very excited for this update! I am thrilled that Spring is here and all the great changes that come with it. I'll look for you out and about, I hope to hear from you when you feel called to serve, and we appreciate you all for making this such a great place to call home. Be safe out there this summer!



## In The Know

### Important Numbers:

Oakland County  
248-858-4911

Livingston County  
517-546-9111

For Emergencies Dial  
911

DLPOA Park Patrol  
248-534-9053

### 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 JOIN US AT THE SPRING  
WORKBEE—SATURDAY, MAY 13



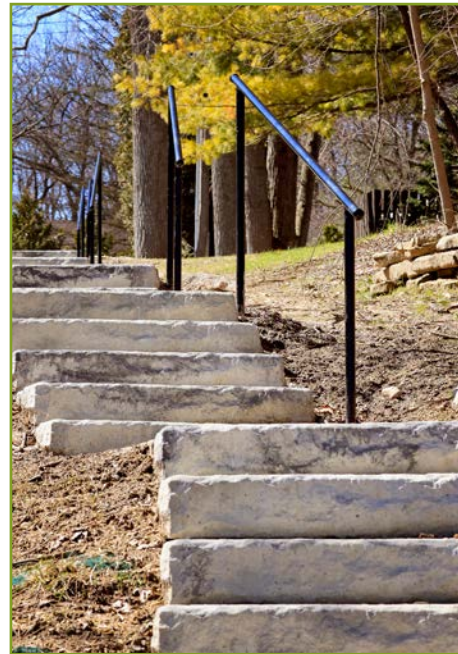


### THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENTS!

The DLPOA Board greatly appreciates our fellow residents who consistently step up at the Fall and Spring workbees, and who volunteer with other projects and social events. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Protecting our "Hidden Gem" needs everyone's help!

### DOING YOUR PART

- Always Remember: **Safety First!**
- Be sure to lock the walk-in or driving gates behind you.
- Display your vehicle tag while in the parks.
- Use the DLPOA issued watercraft decals on all watercraft. Contact: [cindaeverhart@yahoo.com](mailto:cindaeverhart@yahoo.com) to get your decals.
- Please read and follow all the DLPOA Rules and Regulations (see pgs. 12-15).
- Be respectful of other residents and guests who are enjoying the common areas with you.
- Carefully supervise all minors who are your responsibility.
- Look for ways to leave things better than how you found them, like picking up trash in the park areas or on the path, clear out small branches from paths, picking up waste from walking your dog.
- Pitch in at the Spring and Fall Workbees.
- Volunteer to help at one of our fun social events. It's a great way to meet new neighbors.
- Consider becoming a DLPOA board member and make a difference in our community.



### NEW PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS

- Completed west beach stairs with railings, which turned out so nice
- Changing all park lighting to LED (reducing energy costs)
- Revising DLPOA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation
- Planning to fold the functions of the Civic Committee into the Board, creating one governing body
- Continuing lake quality efforts, including water sampling/testing and working with counties and local neighborhoods to complete water flow projects

### REQUIREMENTS FOR GOLF CARTS

**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 residents have expressed concern for the safety of their neighbors after seeing a golf cart filled with only children driving around our neighborhood streets. **Safety first when driving golf carts on our streets—drive slowly and watch out for walkers and children!**



### 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.

### ANNUAL PERIMETER WALK

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

Every year in late April or early May, a handful of our Board members perform our 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, log piles, or mowing beyond the property boundary posts, creating a false extension of the owners property
- leaves blown into the greenbelt
- items placed or mounted on the greenbelt including bird feeders, wood piles, dog run cables, and planted flowers

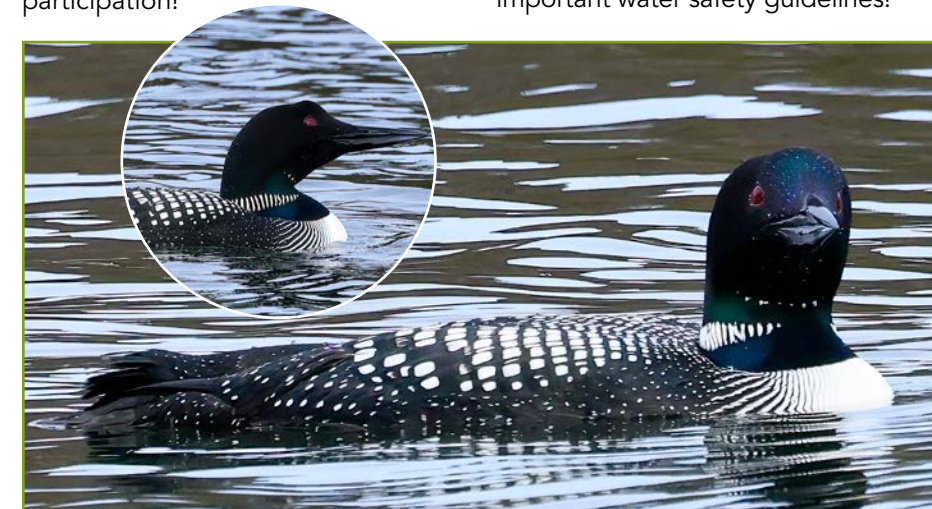
Homeowners in violation will be notified and a plan will be created to restore any damage to the common property.

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



### WATER SAFETY

In the event of a water emergency, extending a rescue tube is one of the safest ways to assist a distressed swimmer while also protecting yourself. On page 5, see other important water safety guidelines!



Finally photographed the Loon closer to the shore after trying multiple times—made my day!

#### BABYSITTING

Norah Alberta	810-986-6395
Ella Gardner	248-981-4820
Abby Gardner	248-981-4820
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

#### YARD WORK

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](mailto:beachmoran@comcast.net)



# Nature's MINUTE

WITH PAT HERREL

## HUMMINGBIRD GETAWAY AT DUNHAM LAKE!

Ruby-throated hummingbirds migrate from Central America, Mexico, and Florida to Michigan every spring. The adults are solitary and will defend their feeding territory by chasing away other hummingbirds. It is rare to see more than one bird at a time. Nectar from flowers and flowering trees as well as insects and spiders are its main food.

### How to make a Hummingbird Bed & Breakfast in your yard:

1. Plant native red or orange tubular flowers such as: Cardinal Flower, Columbine, Penstemons, Trumpet vine, Lupine, Bee Balm, Purple coneflower, Phlox, Butterfly weed and Yarrow.
2. Minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides. The hummingbirds need protein from all types of insects, including mosquitoes when raising their young.
3. Hang feeders in the shade with ant and squirrel guards. Boil 4 parts water, 1-part white sugar for 2 minutes. NEVER use honey, artificial sweeteners, or red dye.
4. Clean out feeders often to prevent sugar solution from fermenting. That is deadly to the birds.
5. Put out feeders by April 15th and take them down no earlier than October 15th. You will NOT delay their migration south because the shortened daylight triggers a hormone that tells them it is time to go. Your feeders will also be a rest stop for tired birds migrating from farther north.

Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy your B&B feathered guests.



## KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS...

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

Joseph & Brigit Convery  
Cynthia Ficarelli  
Cynthia Tatu & Patricia Head  
Ashley Thornton

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

If you are new to the neighborhood or you haven't signed-up, be sure to check out our neighborhood website at [dunhamlake.com](http://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.

### WE CAN ALL HELP WITH A WATCHFUL EYE

Michigan residents asked to look for signs of an invasive pest this spring

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is calling on Michiganders to look for and destroy egg masses of the spotted lanternfly — a colorful, invasive planthopper that can cause damage to fruit crops, trees and other vegetation.

Residents are asked to look for the spotted lanternfly's mud-like egg masses, which can be on nearly any outdoor surface, including tree bark, outdoor gear such as lawnmowers, bikes, grills and patio furniture, and vehicles like cars, RVs and boats.

Springtime is when these pests are in their egg mass stage, makes them a non-moving target — which is an ideal time to find and remove them.

For information, including spotted lanternfly ID tips, egg mass lookalikes, and more go to: [HungryPests.com](http://HungryPests.com) and [StopSLF.org](http://StopSLF.org).



### COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S AND PARTICIPATE IN THE RITE OF SPRING AT THE DL SPRING WORKBEE

Mark your calendars on Saturday, May 13 — 9:00 at the main beach!



Photo Credit: Cinda Everhart

## HAVE A SAFE SUMMER WITH THIS WATER SAFETY INFO



# WATER SAFETY

## How to reduce your risk!

 <b>Learn how to swim</b>	 <b>Wear sun protection and stay hydrated</b>	 <b>Supervise children without distraction</b>
 <b>Wear a life jacket when boating or if you can't swim</b>	 <b>Teach children to ask permission before entering the water</b>	 <b>Buddy up! Swimming alone is dangerous</b>
 <b>Don't swim during the threat of a storm</b>	 <b>Check water depth before jumping in</b>	 <b>Be cautious when entering cold water</b>
 <b>Know your limits and only swim where you feel safe</b>	 <b>Alcohol increases the chances of water accidents</b>	 <b>Learn CPR</b>

### What Does a Distressed or Drowning Swimmer Look Like?

Unlike what you see in movies or tv shows, distressed or drowning swimmers aren't usually waving their arms around or yelling for help. They can't. Breathing is the priority.

Their actions are much less obvious. Signs of distress are: Head is low in the water, mouth is at water level, head is back with mouth open, eyes are glassy and empty, the hands are often pushing down on the water, and the body is vertical and bobbing slightly.

### How Can I Help a Distressed or Drowning Swimmer?

**REACH, THROW, but DON'T GO!!**

It's quite common for a well-intentioned person to become a second drowning victim. Help... but stay safe!

**REACH** out a branch, a paddle, or the opposite end of a paddle board, for example.

**THROW** the person anything that floats, which includes the rescue tubes located at all three of our beaches (see page 3).

**DON'T** swim out or make direct contact with a distressed swimmer! Instead, **CALL for help** or call 911.

### CPR Training for Residents and Guests

Monday, May 1, @ 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
Highland Township Fire Station #1  
1600 Highland Road

\$45 per participant  
Payment due April 24

Class limit 15

If we find there is more interest, we can plan a second class. Email Carol if you would be interested in a possible additional date. You can contact Carol at [Schemanskec@gmail.com](mailto:Schemanskec@gmail.com)

## Celebrating Dunham Lake with Neighbors

A CHAT WITH NEIGHBORS HERB, CHUCK, AND JANE COLE — INTERVIEW BY PAM DEAR



**Octogenarian, Herb Cole has lived at Dunham Lake for 52 years. He and his late wife Margaret raised their family here—son Chuck and daughter Jane. Chuck and Jane have been back in the neighborhood, so this interview became a family affair.**

**What drew you to live in the Dunham Lake community?**

**Herb:** In the late 50s, when I started working at Ford Wixom, I mentioned to a coworker that I wanted to move out of the city—I lived in Redford at the time. He told me to look at Dunham Lake; he lived on Addaleen drive. But, I first saw Dunham Lake on my black and white TV from an ad that ran in the 50s. I still remember those pictures. Those images must have stayed with me.

Then in 1967, we saw five lots for sale for \$12,000 each on Addaleen Drive. Also, 10 acres with a cottage were for sale for \$48,000, including two lots called the Eureka Heights subdivision. That was on the east side of the Turtle Cove Lagoon.

In those days, that land was very pricey and I thought it was too much

at the time. But, I fell in love with this parkland. I drove down Dunham Road to the water. Dunham Road was cut way down in the edge of the hill or the bluff. It was just a one track road; a road going down to the water. I said, well, my gosh, look at all this shoreline. And, then I turned north. There was a for sale sign with the telephone number on it. I called and that's how I found out the price.

The sales office was a cottage with an outhouse in the back. Only the concrete porch of the cottage is left now; you can see it behind the bench between the lagoon and the main park. I went up on that front porch, and there was a canister there with some literature; I took one. It was a little map advertising the lots and subdivisions on the Oakland side (see the map on page 7). Later on

after the subdivision was developed, we used that map to record the boundary posts numbers.

So I decided I'd wait for the price of the land to drop. But they didn't drop the price. I went back to buy a lot on Addaleen Drive, and they were all sold. A man bought all five lots for \$55,000 cash; he built a big house with balconies on it on the north/northeast side of the lake.

Tipsico Lake Road and Dunham Road were not vacated by the county at that time because of that vacant land of 10 acres. After they subdivided that 10 acre piece, then the road was vacated; part of the Dunham Road went into that 10 acre development. The 10 acres that is now part of Parkway Court was sold to the development company headed by the ex-Governor Van Wagoner.

In 1969 we bought one lot on Parkway Court.

**Chuck:** I was a 10 year old when we moved out here. Well, it was quite an adventure. My dad didn't want to rent places while the house was being built, so we first lived in a little apartment complex, and then we stayed in a little travel trailer on Dunham Road close to Fenton Road.



*The original sales office cottage—all that exists now is the cement slab of the porch!*



I remember the pipes freezing up all the time in the winter and so no water. Eventually, we moved into the basement of the house (the roof was on) before the build was fully finished. So it was roughing it a bit, but it was just like paradise.

**Jane:** I was starting second grade when we moved out here. I remember it sounded different and smelled different; it was such a contrast to Redford Township.

**The natural beauty of the lake and the loving community**

**What do you love most about living here?**

**Herb:** The natural beauty of the lake. Plus the people that serve and have served on the Civic Committee and the DLPOA board convinced me to live here. I made a good decision. I'm thankful to all that serve on our board and committees.

**Chuck:** Dunham Lake is private, it's very serene, and it's peaceful. Crime is virtually non-existent. We walk



*Picture taken in 1974, three years after the family moved here. Herb and his parents, with Chuck and Jane.*

down by the lake, and I recognize almost every single person down there. Everyone knows each other. We all say hi. It's just a very loving small community. And that's something that I want to preserve.

**Jane:** Seeing the hand of God in nature. And, the quietness of the lake; you can't have that at a lake with all power motors. As a kid, I found it very restful here; I could walk by the lake and the back roads for miles at a time as a teen. I appreciate the lack of machine noise. What you do hear is the sound of people enjoying the lake and woodland.

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

**Herb:** The west beach area was one straight grade from the parking lot to the lake.

**Jane:** It was just a dirt hill. We used to roll down that hill inside big tractor tire tubes. The fun part was watching the kids after they rolled down the hill—they couldn't walk a straight line.

**Herb:** When sledding we would end up in the middle of the lake when the snow was hard.

**Chuck:** Because it was one long continuous slope, it was a phenomenal sledding hill. I remember when they put in the multi-tiered landscaped—so what kids do now, is they'll build up a little snow bank at the bottom tier, so that it isn't that steep of a drop.

**Herb:** And, we had a well at the main park for drinking water.

**Chuck:** The water was so good. Yeah, I remember that as a kid. It was an old cast iron hand pump. They evidently took that pump out at some point.

**Herb:** Yes, it was vandalized twice. They decided just to get it out of there.

**Herb:** In the 70s the water flowing though concrete dam was so strong it was difficult to stand between the bridge and the vertical concrete during the summer. Very few trees had fallen into the lake. We would shoot our guns in a gravel pit near the outflow creek.

In the 70s and 80s, and I would even say in the 90s, we had enormous amount of water leaving the lake compared to what we have today. The first water, quality study of the lake stated that a spring-fed lake deteriorates when you put in a dam and raise the water level. In the report it also stated that they weren't advocating for the removal of the dam; they were just telling us what happens to spring-fed lakes with dams. Without dams the lake has a greater volume of flushing—water leaving the lake and then refilling with clean spring water. The lake is no longer being flushed to the degree of what it used to be.

A CHAT WITH NEIGHBORS HERB, CHUCK, AND JANE COLE  
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### Tipsico Lake Road is now the lower path we walk on

#### How has the community grown since you first moved in?

**Jane:** I remember when I was four or five years old when we visited here, the lower path didn't exist. At that time, it was part of Tipsico Lake Road. Murray Road didn't exist at the time. Tipsico Lake Road went from M-59 straight to the lake. You crossed over the lagoon culvert—right where the picnic table is. The road went all the way up to where the north gate is now. By the time we moved out here they had changed the Tipsico Lake Road route. I recall the drive down the road and watching the lake out the car window. The road was very narrow.

**Herb:** There were very few homes when we first moved here; I had the first home on Parkway Court. We all had gravel roads.

**Chuck:** We used to have fun on snowmobiles that we would ride all through the fields. We'd just go down Parkway Place, and head over to Tipsico Lake Road. Then we'd go down to this gravel pit and then all over the fields that were between there and M-59.

**Herb:** It was all open and vastly different when we moved out here. Of course, M-59 was only a two lane road. The only building was at M-59 and 23; it was the Standard Oil gas station and the Oasis restaurant. It was all bare otherwise; nothing was there. Where Meijers is now—that was the Oasis truck stop. That's the only store that was around. It had a little mom and pop dining place inside. And, there was a sawmill at Clark Road and M-59. Another interesting bit of history is that the museum in downtown Hartland was the township hall and the fire department. The big



Tipsico Lake Road ran right up to the waters edge before it became the path. Dunham Road also turned into Tipsico Lake Road at the shoreline.



doors on the side of the museum building—that was where the fire engine was kept.

**Chuck:** I remember when I was 11 years old, my Dad was teaching me to drive on the dirt roads of the subdivision. We had Dad's Pontiac Tempest station wagon at the time, and Dad would let me drive down to M-59. We'd exchange seats then, and Dad would drive the rest of the way; we were usually driving to the lumber yard in Hartland. I remember one time, after my Dad had worked a night shift, he fell asleep while I was driving up to M-59. When we got to M-59 I tried to poke him awake, but he was sound asleep. So, I thought, we're just going to the lumber yard—and I know the way there—so I drove on into Hartland by myself! I remember I was so proud, and when I got home, the first thing I did was tell my Mom. She was very mad at my Dad.

**Herb:** Yes, she wasn't too happy about it!

### You can't find a place like this anywhere else

#### How has your background affected your view of the lake?

**Herb:** I grew up in a home at Telegraph and Six Mile in Detroit.

At that time, the area was all vacant fields. My father would plant corn on three sides of the house. The pheasants would come in the fall to get the corn, and we'd shoot pheasants out of the upstairs window. Oh, that pheasant meat was so good in the fall.

Because of my childhood, I was looking to get out of the concrete jungle. I always wanted to be a farm boy. There was a farm I was interested out by Chelsea. You'd stand out in the road and look up and down, and you wouldn't see anybody or any homes. My wife wouldn't have it. But I think I made the right choice buying the lot here because you can't find a place like this anywhere else.

**Chuck:** Where we lived in Redford before moving here, was a tiny little lot and a house. Tiny little lots, nothing but concrete and grass, and then we moved out here. Being out here was just like paradise for a child that loved the outdoors. Also, I've traveled all over the world and across the states, there is no place like this.

**Jane:** When we moved out here, I remember being impressed by the number of trees and that there were no sidewalks or street lights. It was so dark at night that you could see all



Herb still using the stairs that he and Chuck built many years ago!

the stars because there were no city lights to obscure them. What I loved was the beauty of God's creation: the sights, the smells, and the sounds. I loved watching the trees swaying in the wind and hearing the water lapping the lake and the bird songs and insect sounds. I was in awe of it all, and I still am.

#### What are your most memorable lake moments?

**Herb:** We came out to the main park on the days I wasn't working and spent the day. We'd bring our card table, four chairs, and a charcoal grill—before there were picnic tables and grills at the park. And, we spent quite a few Sundays out here enjoying the lake.

Chuck helped me put in the steps off of Parkway Court going down the bank to the lake and he gave me a lifetime warranty on the steps.

**Chuck:** We put those steps in when I was 12 years old. Yeah, I told him it came with 40-year warranty, parts and service.

**Jane:** Dad found a baby raccoon without its mother that still needed to be nursed. He took it to a vet to be checked over, and then brought it home to help nurse it. We fed it with special bottles, and made

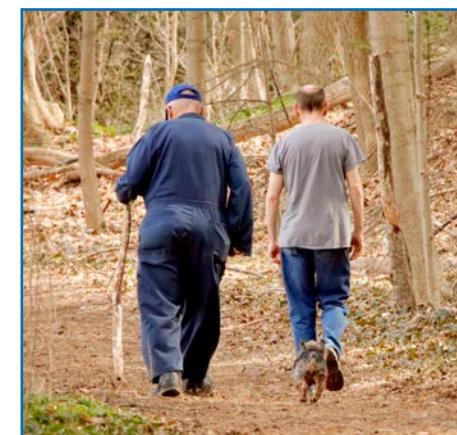


Early days—the Oasis restaurant and truck stop at M-59 and US 23 on a two lane road.

sure it had all its shots. It grew very comfortable with my Dad. It would sit on Dad's shoulder as he walked down to the lake and when he went swimming. When dad got close to the raft, it would climb up on it and play chase with the kids. The raccoon was sneaky and would creep up and pull mom's hair when she was sitting on the couch. The raccoon also loved my doll house, and it played with the doll furniture. I didn't like it because it would wreck my set up. But if I tried to stop it, it would hiss and snarl.

#### How has the lake benefited your life?

**Herb:** Well, I think it has made my life better. I know it has, because when I get depressed over life, I'll go down to the lake and look at what we have here. In other words, I've got a lot of



You will always find Herb enjoying the summer concerts and getting involved in community activities at the lake.

blessings to count, and especially the people that have volunteered to be on the civic committee and the property owners association. Those people have made my life here so wonderful. We are so thankful that we have wonderful people that step forward and take care of things that need to be done.

**Chuck:** So many people have problems with depression and anxiety. But, you know, there's a saying: if you want to get yourself right, get back to nature. You walk in a woodland, you put your smartphone away, and you just enjoy the beauty of nature and God's creation. You can get rid of all that stress in your life. I go for walks almost every day. Is it just wonderful here.

**Jane:** There is a Bible verse that says "Be still and know that I am God". It's what this place did for me. I had a lot going on in life growing up, and being here helped me. The lake helped calm and soothe me, and being by it, I felt better.

## MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



My parents, Herb and Margaret Cole, moved to Dunham Lane from Redford Township in 1971 and my sister and I started going in the Hartland school system.

When we moved here, M-59 was only a two-lane road and the only building by M-59 and US-23 was the Standard Oil gas station/Oasis restaurant. All the roads in the Dunham Lake subdivision were dirt.

After graduating from Hartland High in 1979, I went in the Navy for six years. I was a Cryptologic Technician and my duties were repairing the high-tech intelligence gathering and surveillance equipment. It was because of my group I was in, that the ship I was on was deployed to help with the Beirut, Lebanon conflict after the marine barracks were bombed.

After the Navy, I went to Oakland Community College for two years, then transferred to Lawrence Tech to get my Electrical Engineering degree. Terry Cremeans was my math professor at OCC. He was one of the best math profs I ever had. When I was still in college, money was getting

very low, so I got a job at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. The rest of my engineering degree was paid for by Ford. I lived in Ypsilanti, MI for 29 years while at Ford.

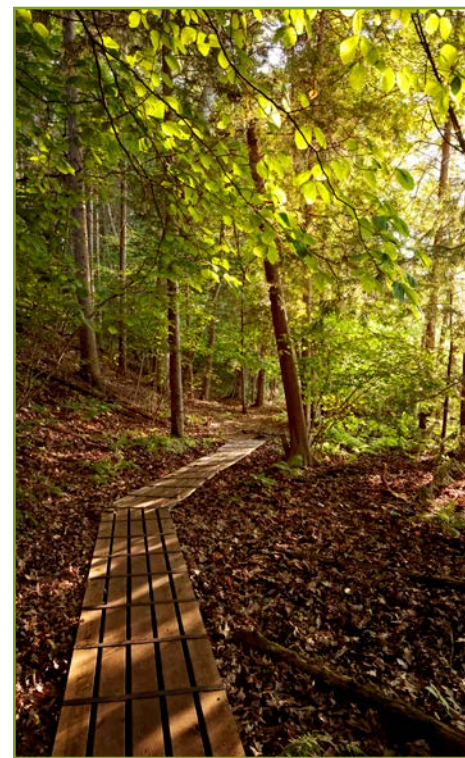
I got married in 2001, but divorced 15 years later. We did not have any children. There was an opioid crisis in the U.S. and my spouse was one of those taking these pills. I wrote a book about what I went through with her, so now I'm a published author. My book is called, "Tales of the Crazy" and is on Amazon at amazon.com/gp/product/0999566709.

I have been able to travel all over the world and see many wonderful places, but Dunham Lake is a true gem and I always wanted to move back here. The problem is that the commute from here to Dearborn would have been too long. When COVID hit, 95% of my work was all telecommuting from home, so when a house went up for sale here that was only a four-minute walk to my dad's house, I bought it and moved in January of 2021. In July of 2021, Ford made me an offer to retire I could not refuse. October 31, 2021 was my last day there after almost 31 years.

In December of 2021 I got engaged to Cristiane Costa, so in just under a year, I moved here, retired, and got engaged. It was a trifecta of awesomeness!



I was first introduced to the neighborhood while shopping with my wife Sam, for our first home in the spring of 2022. We didn't even so much as glance at the lake. We lucked out and were moving in by June, with our 16 month old son, Atlas, and our two dogs, Boots and Pastrami. We love the greenbelt and the atmosphere of the community. I am originally from Lapeer, and my wife grew up in Grand Ledge. I am only just now joining the board, and I am eager to learn as much as I can about Dunham Lake, and all of our new neighbors, and to help in what ways that I can to exemplify the qualities that make this community so special to so many people. I work as an engineer in the automotive industry, just outside Ann Arbor. I enjoy nature and the outdoors, and live music.



## IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

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Dunham Lake property owners not only have the privilege of access to one of the cleanest and most beautiful lakes in Michigan, but they also have the convenience of stowing their sail watercrafts, paddle watercrafts, paddle boards, kayaks, and other non-motor water vessels on the lake shore. However, the following watercraft regulations must be followed to avoid fines and/or removal of vessels from the common ground by the Board.

**INTRODUCTION**

- Storing watercraft at the lake is a privilege.
- If you store your watercraft at the lake, you are still responsible for maintaining care for the watercraft while it is stored there.
- **By Michigan DNR statute, Watercrafts operated on Dunham Lake are to be NON-motorized. No motors, gas or electric, are allowed.**

**KEY DEFINITIONS**

- 'Watercraft' — any vessel, craft, or device intended to float on, or travel through, the water. This includes, but is not limited to kayaks, canoes, row watercrafts, paddle watercrafts, paddle boards, flotation devices and rafts.

**WATERCRAFT IDENTIFICATION**

- All watercrafts stored on DLPOA lake shore must have a DLPOA identification sticker to permit easy identification. (If your sticker cannot be seen when the watercraft is stowed, use a permanent marker to write your sticker number on a visible part of the watercraft or watercraft cover.)

• Watercraft Tags



- Watercraft tags may be obtained at any time by emailing [dunhamlake.com@gmail.com](mailto:dunhamlake.com@gmail.com) or reference the most recent Dunham Laker or board member for alternate contact information.
- There is no charge for tags.

- There is no limit to the number of tags per household, however, the number of watercrafts stored at the lake is limited on a household basis as defined in the Docking & Storage sections.
- All watercraft must be tagged with a readable DLPOA issued tag. Old tags which become unreadable must be replaced.
- Tags should be placed on the watercraft in a location that makes them easily visible while being stored and used. Watercraft committee members may move/ reposition any watercraft as necessary to locate the tag, to ensure compliance.

- If a watercraft is sold OR transferred to another party, a new tag is required.
- If watercraft is not tagged, the board reserves the right to remove and impound.

**LAUNCHING, DOCKING & REMOVAL**

- In/Out dates for watercraft at our lake:
  - **Watercraft are allowed "IN", for use and storage, on April 1st.**
  - **Watercraft must be removed "OUT" by November 1st.** This includes ALL storage accessories (chains, locks, racks, etc.)
  - Neither the Civic Committee nor the Association, nor its officers or directors, shall have any liability for use of watercraft on lake.
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** 'watercraft out' date is a hard deadline; watercraft left at the greenbelt after this date are subject to impounding immediately and corresponding fee. Neither the Civic Committee nor the Association, nor its officers or directors, shall have any liability whatsoever for any costs, expenses, or damages which the owner of a watercraft may incur arising out of or relating to the impounding of any watercraft pursuant to these rules and regulations.
- Launching your watercraft:
  - If using a vehicle, launching should be done at east beach.
  - 👉 **Right-of-way must be given to swimmers.**
  - Otherwise, please use caution to avoid disruption to the shoreline when launching manually from an alternate location.
  - When relocating watercraft from another lake— watercraft must be cleaned thoroughly, away from the lake, to prevent invasive species from entering lake.
  - Watercraft docking on the beaches and swimming rafts is not permitted.
  - All watercrafts shall be **COMPLETELY** removed from the water when not in use.

**WATERCRAFT STORAGE**

- Please be aware of the "NO WATERCRAFTS" posted areas. There are 4x4 sign posts indicating where watercrafts may NOT be kept due to ecologically sensitive areas like the Prairie Fen. Watercrafts found in these areas may be relocated by the Board and restrained at the Main Park at your expense.
- Watercraft storage on the greenbelt is for **Residents Only!**
- Watercraft storage at the lake is granted each year on a first-come, first-served basis. No stakes, chains or other markers should be left along the shore.
- The choice of storage location should, as much as possible, preserve the natural view of our beautiful lake. Please consider impact to shoreline and appearance by storing watercraft on the side of trail opposite the lake if space allows.
- No watercraft shall be stored in ecologically sensitive areas such as the Prairie Fen, as demarcated by the "No Watercrafts" signs. Presently the Prairie Fen has two signs on 4x4 posts identifying where watercraft may not be stored. If vegetation is impacted along the shore line by watercraft, additional ecological zones may be identified.
- Only 2 watercraft per household may be stored at the lake at any time.
- No part of stored watercraft may be on the walking path, in the lake or hang above the water line.
- No tarps are allowed under watercraft. Similarly, as much as possible, watercraft shall be raised off of the ground with small racks/stands to preserve natural vegetation and protect the shoreline from erosion.
- If a watercraft is leaned against a tree, that tree shall be mature and strong enough to support the watercraft without damage to the tree, and the shortest side of the watercraft shall be upward.
- All watercraft must be stored in a fashion as to not collect water to minimize breeding of mosquitoes. If a watercraft cannot be stored upside down or on its side, a cover should be used. If this cannot be done effectively, watercraft must be tipped regularly to prevent prolonged collection of water. If a watercraft is identified as commonly requiring tipping, the board may deem homeowner to be in violation of watercraft regulation.

**ENFORCEMENT AND NON-COMPLIANCE PENALTIES**

- For watercraft deemed to be in non-compliance to any of these regulations, a member of the watercraft committee will attempt to contact the owner for immediate resolution, via phone, email or e-group "Announcements".

- If after 5 days, the owner cannot be contacted or identified, a second attempt will be made.
- If the issue is not resolved within 10 days, the watercraft may be impounded and anyone claiming the watercraft will be subject to a \$75 impound/unlock fee and may be required to provide proof of ownership (photo, receipt, etc.) Such fees may be assessed to the Owner's account with the Association. If the fees are not paid, the Association may record a lien against the Owner's Lot for any such unpaid fees.
- Any watercraft not claimed by the following 'watercrafts in' date will be disposed of.
- Any watercraft removed from impound without consent or by persons other than the Civic Committee or Property Owners Association Board shall be assessed an additional \$75 fee + cost of damage to locking mechanism (if applicable).
- Any damage to the greenbelt or common areas caused by watercraft or watercraft owner will be the responsibility of property owner.
- The Civic Committee and Association may enforce these watercraft rules through legal action, and it shall be entitled to seek recovery of its legal fees and costs incurred in any such enforcement action from the offending Owner if the Association prevails (and to lien Lots if such amounts are awarded but unpaid by the Owner).

**DNR REGULATIONS**

**Section R. 281.763.47 — Dunham lake; motorboats prohibited.**

Rule 47. On the waters of Dunham lake, sections 18 and 19, T3N, R7E, Highland township, Oakland county, it is unlawful to operate a motorboat. (See R 281.747.16 for the regulation covering the part of Dunham lake which lies in Livingston county.)

**Section R. 281.747.16 — Dunham lake; motorboats prohibited.**

Rule 16. On the waters of Dunham lake, section 13 and 24, T3N, R6E, Hartland township, Livingston county, it is unlawful to operate a motorboat. (See R 281.763.47 for the regulation covering the part of Dunham lake which lies in Oakland county.)

HISTORY: EFF. FEBRUARY 25, 1977.  
 NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)  
 Act 451 of 1994.  
 324.80103 Definitions; M to O. Sec. 80103.  
 (f) "Motorboat" means a vessel propelled wholly or in part by machinery.  
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The following rules and regulations are designed to assure members and their guests the maximum benefits of the Association facilities. Strict observance of these rules and regulations are necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose. Any member violating any of these, or engaging in conduct that is not in the best interest of the Association members, will subject himself to such action as the Civic Committee and Property Owners Association deem advisable.

**PROPERTY, PARK, AND GROUNDS REGULATIONS**

- Park property (trees, brush, equipment, etc.) must not be destroyed or removed without the permission of the Property Owners Association and the Civic Committee. Violators will be subject to treble damages.
- The use of water from Dunham Lake for private water systems is prohibited.
- Members shall be personally liable for any damages to Association property resulting from careless, willful, or negligent acts by their families or their guests.
- Glass containers are not allowed on beaches. All refuse in the park areas must be deposited in the trash.
- Containers supplied for that purpose. The dumpster is for park trash only.
- Entrance gates to the Association Parks must be kept locked at all times.
- Minors must have proper adult supervision when using Association property.
- Parents shall be held responsible for minors' action when using Association property and facilities.
- Picnics are not allowed on the swimming beaches.
- There shall be no open fires for any purpose on the DLPOA common grounds, excluding approved charcoal and gas grills, with the exception of the following DLPOA Board sanctioned events where an approved container will be provided for use: Family Camp-out, Pig Roast and the Haunted Trail.
- Overnight camping is not permitted in the park areas or on any subdivision lots.
- All state fish and fire hazard laws are to be observed.
- No private docks or rafts are permitted along DLPOA property.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on lake or park areas, (mini-bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, or all terrain vehicles).
- The use of firearms, air rifles, or weapons of any description is prohibited at all times in the subdivision and park areas.
- No dogs are allowed on the beach areas due to sanitary and safety reasons. All dogs in the Main Park area must be restrained by a leash.
- Swimming, picnicking, or congregating is not permitted after 10:00 pm.
- No horses are allowed in the park or beach areas due to sanitary and safety reasons.
- 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.
- Each property owner is limited to 2 parking places in the parking lots. Display your provided parking tags in your vehicle while at the park.
- Smoking is prohibited on the beaches, parkland and greenbelt areas and all residents are required to properly dispose of cigarette butts in the receptacles found at the entrance of the parking lots.
- If members and or guests violate any of these rules, they will be asked to vacate the DLPOA property.

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**MAIN PARK RESERVATION RULES**

- The number of guests shall be limited to 10, except upon approval by Park Reservations of the Association.
- A scheduled party will have access to 3 picnic tables.
- The party is restricted to the sponsor's parking space plus the two additional passes provided with the reservation.
- No tents or tarps are allowed.
- Each gathering is responsible for emptying the garbage cans in the area into the dumpster. Please replace garbage bags into empty cans.
- Each gathering is responsible to thoroughly police the area for trash.
- Each gathering is responsible for the safe disposal of burning charcoal. Please allow yourself enough time to cool the coals. **DO NOT LEAVE BURNING COALS IN THE GRILLS.** We have had fires in the dumpster, so please follow this rule for safety purposes.
- Party cleanup should begin with enough time to ensure your party is completed and cleanup complete by 8 p.m.
- As the sponsor of the party, you are responsible for the behavior of your guests. If you require assistance, there may be park security on duty or you may call 911 for the police. Please be courteous and responsive to the security people. They are there to help and do their job to enforce rules.
- Please contain the noise of your group: have fun but be aware of your neighbors who border the park area.
- Do not park on the surrounding streets near the park. You may receive a parking ticket.
- Please keep **GATES LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**
- It is possible to have more than one party booked on the same day. Please be considerate to all who are visiting.
- If you are going to reserve tables with signs or tablecloths prior to the start of your party it is recommended that someone from the party be present in the park. The DLPOA will not be involved in settling disputes on reserved picnic tables.
- Please do not dominate the volleyball, basketball, and playground areas as well as open spaces of the park.
- Please ensure that the woods are not used in place of the porta-potty.



**TO MAKE PARK RESERVATIONS call Diane Blakeney at 248-408-7012**

The DLPOA Board has set rules that are intended to allow residents the use of the park for gatherings, but not to infringe on the rights of other residents using the parklands. The DLPOA is asking each gathering sponsor to support the spirit of these rules and ensure their enforcement. In April, 2017, the DLPOA Board approved a park reservation rate increase effective June 1, 2017. Rates will be raised to \$20 per reservation and \$20 refundable deposit for parties of 10-30 people. For parties of more than 30 people, the rate will now be \$40 per reservation with a refundable \$40 deposit.

Your deposit will either be refunded or shredded, depending on whether or not the rules have been followed. The fees will go for the cleaning of the porta-potties and general park cleaning.

**MAIN PARK DUMPSTER**

The dumpster at the main park is for park trash only, it is not intended for household use. Please use the metal can located next to dumpster for ashes from charcoal grills. Do not empty hot coals into the dumpster.

**DLPOA GATE KEY POLICY**

- Only two gate keys will be issued per property owner.
- Replacement keys will be \$75.00 each.
- Property owner must sign for any keys issued to them.
- All dues must be paid prior to keys being issued.
- Property owner agrees to retain possession of issued keys.
- If there is a transfer of property, the seller agrees to turn the keys over to the buyer.



## MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**  
Meeting called to order 7:31 pm

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

**Others present:** Georgianna Paul, Terry and Carol Gannon, John and Carol Pettipher, Carol Schemanske.

**President's Report:**

- New security has decreased weekend issues. Wes is still trying to get a fence estimate.

**Vice President's Report:**

- Scott has Pig Roast funds to come back to Jane. Discussed possible storage options for Pig Roast supplies. Possible Spring project. Wrapping up porta johns for the season following the Haunted Trail. Domain/Website Renewal.

**Secretary's Report:**

Ed moved to accept minutes as amended, Brad seconded. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Clarified Security days and rate. Discussed expenses for the remainder of the year. Kate moved to accept September Treasurer's Report — seconded by Ed — all in favor.
- Discussion of 2022 Forecasted expenses and 2023 Proposed Budget. Only thing Jane is unsure of is security expenses for 2023 – so she made an educated guess. Discussion of Special Project Budget Item from 2022. Brad moves to approve the 2023 Budget, seconded by Scott.

**Civic Committee:** No Report.

**Old Business:**

- **Fall Work Bee** — October 22, 2022. Scott and Kristina will not be able to be there this year. Scott will designate someone else to direct activities that day (Possibly Fred or Wes, or both)

- **Annual Meeting** — No changes to the Agenda Fred proposed. Golf Course is all set for the meeting.

- **West Beach Stairs** — Report from Ed Cesa: Permit is pulled, Scott designed a silt fence that must be approved — we are still awaiting a start date, should have next week. Scott will send a sketch to Jenny for the board update to the membership.

- **Water Testing** — Report from Ed Cesa: Pulled samples for final lake study. Oxygen levels were better than Dr. Jude was expecting — but draw no conclusions until Dr. Jude completes his report.

- **Boat Tipping** — Fred Everhart: Objects to the amount we spent on tipping; especially since we are focusing on just a few home owners boats. Fred prefers tagging, better signage and impounding the boats. Would like a new plan for Summer 2023. Ed and Jane also point out that the amount of swamp land surrounding the lake property breeds more mosquitoes than the boats.

**New Business:**

- **Tree Service** — Wes worked with them to remove the downed trees at West beach and on the upper West Side trail behind Blakenys. A neighbor is working with Wes to grind the stump at West Beach. The lawn service reported that the Memorial concrete table from 1990 had broken and was disintegrating — and he hauled the pieces away. Discussion of what we might replace the memorial with. Brad will investigate where the lawn service left the table top with the memorial plaque, see if a new base might work.

**Call to Public:**

- Georgianna Paul — asking about planned maintenance for the bulletin board. Scott is following up with Eric about those plans.



- John Pettipher — Proposing an additional set of stairs from the greenbelt top to bottom behind his house — John proposes to pay for it, and feels that the ADA supports him. He's emailing the board his proposal.

- Carol Schemanske — Is very pleased with the installation of the yellow rescue tubes — Credit to Ed Cesa, Wes Watt and Jane Debbrecht for all their work to get them installed. Installation of the tubes on the rafts will happen in Spring. Discussed ordering a few more for backup. (weathering, or disappearing) Georgianna Paul thanked Ed Cesa for changing the hanging mechanism from the hook to the straps.

- John Pettipher also wanted to recognize that Carol Schemanske has reduced the risk of water accidents with her presentations and her initiative with the rescue tubes. He also thanked Brad Parks for joining the board and thinks he is an asset to the neighborhood.

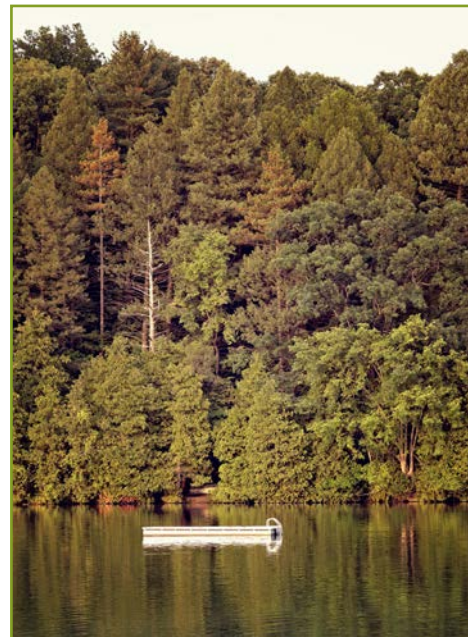
- Georgianna — suggests that a member of the board join Michigan Lakes & Streams Association, Inc. for \$40/year. She is sending information. A publication comes out 4 times a year. Discussion was had to include subscription information in an email to the membership as other neighbors might also be interested.

- Carol Gannon — is concerned about the increase in invasive species in the Greenbelt. Dog strangling Vine, Glossy Buckthorn and Black Swallow wort were all mentioned. Carol has a broken arm, and therefore is unable to do the physical labor, but she is hoping for a volunteer that she can guide and direct. Scott may have someone for her (Josh?). She's also advocating to introduce more native species. She's also concerned that young trees we planted last fall (and will plant more this fall) be protected from the deer. She will get an idea of costs of fencing to protect the seedlings and pass it along to us. Ideas for "muscle" to help with these tasks contributed by various members of the board included area sports teams/NHS Community service hours. Many discussions were had, details are in development.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** November 14, 2022

*Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.*



## MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022**  
Meeting called to order 7:33 pm

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

**Others present:** John Schiltz

**President's Report:**

- Welcome to new board members Chuck and Drew. Fred wants us to consider 2023 committee roles.

**Vice President's Report:**

- Scott will update the list of committees and roles and send it out to help our new members select committee(s).

**Secretary's Report:**

- Motion to accept the minutes made by Jane Debbrecht, seconded by Kristina Oswald.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's Report.

- Scott moves to accept the treasurer's report, Wes seconds.

**Civic Committee:**

- Met a few weeks ago, and next meeting is Dec 5th. Heather is taking over the Governing Documents project.

**Old Business:**

- Ed Cesa reports that West Beach Stair project is commencing this week.

- Jane let us know that Carol Gannon found someone at the end of the season to help with invasives, and we believe she will be available again in the Spring.

**Workbee Update**

- Chuck shared that the West Beach French Drain grate wasn't broken – it was chewed. In the spring he will try to evict the assumed chipmunks and replace the grate.
- Yard Drains at West Beach – Brad plans to replace in the spring as they are broken.
- Fred floated ideas for replacing the memorial plaque from the broken table at West Beach in the Spring.
- Scott asked that we watch the West Beach Raft in terms of sledding this season.
- Ed reports that we will need a couple of new grills in the spring at main park.

**New Business:**

- Only one paddle boat and one paddle board still locked up at main park.
- Wes has called twice about the fence — but they are not responding for the quote. He will call again after Thanksgiving. Tree service did remove the tree that was in the path.
- As discussed in the president's report, Fred asked again for board members to consider committee assignments.
- Many wishes for Happy Holidays were shared prior to adjournment.

**Call to Public:**

- No public comment.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:11 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 9, 2023

*Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.*



## MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



### MONDAY, JAN. 9, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:37 pm

**Members present:** Ed Cesa, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Jenny Vanderlist (for the first few minutes only).

**Others present:** None

#### President's Report:

- Jenny Vanderlist is stepping down after taking on another position. We are all sad to see her go. She has uploaded all her documents into the DLPOA Google Drive. She's also trained Drew to take over most of her communications duties. For this summer, she will continue to manage the Night Lock system.

#### Vice President's Report:

- Scott sent out a list of roles and responsibilities after the last meeting for review.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Scott moved to accept the November minutes as submitted, Ed seconded, all in favor.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Jane's report was submitted via email.
- Jane emailed the board a copy of the 2022 year end expenditures reconciliation. As discussed previously, the main reasons for the large over expenditure are due to the decision to engage a legal firm to review our governance documents and the installation of the steps at west beach. These costs have mostly been covered by our underspend the previous year.
- 2022 Income tax return for Home Owners Associations has been filed.
- 1099 tax documents for relevant non-employee compensation have been completed.
- Kate moves to accept, Drew seconds, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report.

#### Civic Committee:

- Dissolution of the Civic Committee — will be addressed in the bylaw rewrite. Heather Kerr is spearheading this project. Will become a committee under the DLPOA Board, will continue to split the duties surrounding building by county. The other roles of the CC are duplicated on the DLPOA and will roll in easily.

- Next meeting is 1/16/23 — at Terry Cremeans, with a Zoom option to join.

#### Old Business:

- Cinda is sending an email to all board with their current committee assignments, inquiring if anyone wants to move committees, and to invite our new members to join committees.
- West Beach Stair project — Deposit down on railings — won't be installed until Spring. Erosion fence cannot come down until grass is growing. Once project is complete we will examine the base of the stairs right at the beach for solutions to make that a smoother transition.
- Ed is exploring a test that would test for artificial sweetener in the lake which would let us know IF the septic systems in the neighborhood are leaking into the lake. Ed also had a conversation with an Addaleen neighbor who indicates that we won't get full financial support from those neighbors. Ed isn't sure what else we can do, beyond what we have done, in terms of the lake. Ed will find out cost for this test and report back.

#### New Business:

- Park light behind Ed's house just died — Scott and Ed have both left messages to try to change the park lights to LED. They are looking into another company to make this change since they are unable to get a response from the one they have been pursuing.

- North Gate on Briar Hill — Both counties are finished with ditch remediation. Scott would like to explore a similar step project as we did at West Beach. Fred prefers a narrower set of stairs so that we could still get equipment down. It is Scott's opinion that there isn't enough room for a true retention basin. Perhaps we should explore plantings instead, to surround the new set of stairs we are considering. The amount of runoff has been greatly reduced by the county work.
- Discuss DLPOA meeting nights — moving from Mondays. Cinda will put a poll in the email with the committees so that we can pick a new night that most are available.
- Discuss calendar of events and projects for this coming season. Kate would like to get a social planned that doesn't get canceled in 2023! No other events were discussed.

#### Call to Public:

- No public in attendance.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:32 pm

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 8 or 9, 2023 — depending on the results of Cinda's email. Will update this date when she lets us know the results of her email.

*Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.*



## MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### MONDAY, FEB. 13, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

**Members present:** Ed Cesa, Chuck Cole, Jane Debbrecht, Andrew Geda, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Wes Watt

**Others present:** None

#### President's Report:

- No report.

#### Vice President's Report:

- Enjoyed the frozen lake for a brief period, be safe, ice is thin and on its way out.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Secretary: minor comments to Jan notes, (Scott will pass on to Kate) Ed Cesa moved to accept, Andrew Geda seconded, motion carried to approve as amended.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- No report until Jane returns to town. All tax filings completed previously. Will adjust and reconcile upon return. May consider investing in CD due to current rates, after summer security plan is confirmed.

#### Civic Committee:

- Heather in communication with Greg (attorney) for Articles amendments, setting up a ZOOM meeting to discuss comments we sent to Greg. Looking to lock these changes down by April for mailing out with Dues.

#### Old Business:

- Handrail — contract approved, field measure in the spring for west beach steps.
- West Beach Steps — erosion doesn't look bad even with all the precipitation, will continue to evaluate this spring. Will indeed need to address the lower portion of the steps and improve the lower landing too.
- North End Steps, will evaluate again in the spring. May need to level out the side path with stone and grade the washout. May evaluate steps again and get a quote similar to west beach.
- Main Park Grilles — Ed got quotes, \$600 each plus shipping for matching existing, least cost than other options. Motion WW and second CC, approved, to spend up to \$1,500 to replace 2 grilles to replace existing deteriorated at Main Park. Ed to place order. Get delivered and install before or during workbee.
- Lake Study — Dr. Jude still reviewing results of recent studies and concerned there appear to be inconsistencies in the data, perhaps resulting from a lake that did not turn over completely during the spring and fall temperature mixing cycles. May test again to see if mixed this year or not. Ed will also investigate optional tests for bacteria commonly associated with failed septic, see who can perform the test for this locally, possibly Oakland County Health Dept. Dr. Jude to provide parameters for testing. Cost for this type of test seems reasonable, ~ \$35 / test.
- Life buoys, to be mounted to the rafts with Velcro similar to how they are strapped to the

poles at the beaches. Do in spring prior to workbee. Ed to lead this task.

- Oakland County Roads, Engineering study is in process for the estimate by the County. Heather to monitor with County.

#### New Business:

- Entertainment; the band "Firth and Foremost" who played our park in the past is interested in playing again. Wes to coordinate and pick a summer date to have them back.
- Chuck noted a boat with a DLPOA sticker is parked on the north side of the fence, on the adjacent property, tag #0752, may want to discuss with the Owner to make sure the boat is removed next year, not just relocated to the other property.
- Neighbor Request: to mitigate erosion at the Lagoon fishing point, request to replace rocks that have been lost over the years. Will need to contact a landscape company to help move / place the rocks back along the shoreline.
- Beach workers for Summer 2023 — Kristina to send out Email notice to get neighbor kids signed up for their weeks. Paid position, list of responsibilities can be provided.
- Raft cleanup — Scott still wants to find a reflector that can be mounted onto the rafts to keep the ducks off the rafts (and not be a trip hazard or get beat up / destroyed / etc.) but no luck finding one yet. Hoping for a low profile deck mounted device that will "sparkle" and keep the ducks away from the rafts.

#### Call to Public:

- No public in attendance.

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:40 pm

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2023

*Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.*





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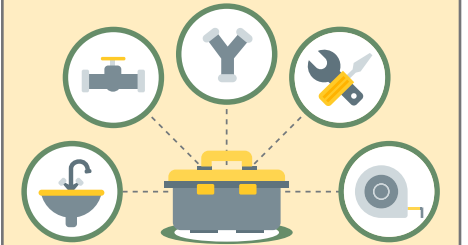
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- 📅 **Spring Workbee**  
May 13, 2023
- 📅 **Neighborhood Picnic**  
August 5, 2023
- 📅 **DLPOA Annual Meeting**  
October 17, 2023
- 📅 **Fall Workbee**  
October 28, 2023
- 📅 **Watercraft OUT!**  
November 1, 2023
- 📅 **Watercraft IN!**  
April 1, 2024



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SPECIAL EVENT NOTIFICATIONS  
FROM OUR BOARD WHEN FUN  
HAPPENINGS ARE ADDED  
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**

### 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 17, 2023.

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

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