

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



READY FOR A COLOR SHOW?



BY SCOTT OSWALD

Loving the change that the fall season brings to Dunham

Crisp mornings with the fog on the lake, the aroma and the brilliance of the leaves as you walk the trails, and the neighborhood gatherings like the Haunted Trail and friends gathered 'round a campfire after a football game. This is a great time of year!

As always, we have had an action packed summer, though it seems to get busier and busier every year. You have an excellent neighborhood Association Board of dedicated volunteers, these are great people and I'm honored to be part of their many accomplishments. About 2 years ago, we started down the path to evaluate our governing documents and we have made great strides in accomplishing this task. Earlier this spring you voted on, and approved, the updated DLPOA Articles of Incorporation. These will be filed with the State of Michigan, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and define who we are as an organization. Thank you! Next step, is to review and update the Bylaws, last amended in 2003—nearly 20 years ago. Many things have changed in 20 years, like non-profit organization laws, insurance requirements, email and Zoom meetings. Now the proposed Bylaws take into account these changes, and are consistent with the updated Articles, as well as incorporating the role of the Civic Committee as defined by the Declarations into the purpose of the Board of Directors. This is a big step and goes a long way to streamlining how we operate as a neighborhood. THANK YOU to the Board and Civic Committee for their efforts this year, and for getting so much accomplished!



Important Numbers:

Oakland County 248-858-4911

Livingston County 517-546-9111

For Emergencies Dial

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)

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED











Thank you to all those who have helped take care of all the tasks behind the scenes, keeping the books, updating the calender, planning the events, managing the e-group and website, keeping the parks and beaches maintained, receiving the park party requests, keeping garbage bags in the cans and the dumpster emptied. Countless hours spent and all so very worth it. Thank you!

That said, we are always in need of willing volunteers, interested in giving back to the neighborhood and being part of this association leadership. Our Board tenure is aging and we will likely need to transition some key positions in the coming terms. WE NEED YOU!

THE BOARD REPORT





Dr. Jude took some additional water samples this spring to continue the documentation of the lake quality and nutrient concerns we've been tracking. He has presented a hypothesis that our lake has not been "turning over" seasonally as we would normally expect a lake of our type and characteristics to do. This changeover of the water has dramatic effect on the water chemistry and nutrients in the lower depths, and will continue to be

monitored. The State of MI EGLE also visited the lake this August to take their own samples. They have taken an interest in our case and we trust they will support the quality of Dunham Lake that we so treasure. Remember, less fertilizer applied to our lawns is less fertilizer introduced into the ecosystem that drains into our lake. Mulch in those leaves and use them as compost for your yard to restore those nutrients instead. Please be mindful.

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The walkway steps and railing improvements at the West Beach are now complete and the grass is growing in nicely. Residents generally respected the Lifesaving Buoys stationed at the parks and on the rafts. Thank you for watching over the youngsters and keeping these in place. The aluminum swim rafts have held up well, but may need replacement surfacing next summer. Fencing repairs have been completed at the Main Park. DTE has replaced the park lighting with LED fixtures for longer life and less energy use. Next years projects may include north path improvements, and an updated message center/bulletin board at the Main Park.

COMMON AREA MANAGEMENT

Volunteers made great strides in garlic mustard control earlier this summer however we will continue to need this invaluable volunteer army next spring to help keep the invasives in control. Other workers tackled dog strangle vine and other invasive plants this summer. Much work yet to do. We continue to monitor for Oak Wilt although nothing was observed this summer. Norway Maple removal plans and controlled burns are tabled until the impact of this plan on the lake water quality can be further examined.



SECURITY

We are looking for a good candidate for Park Patrol next summer season. If you know of someone, please contact the Board with your referral.

We will be issuing new 2024-2025 parking lot hang tags next year. Be sure to look for these to be included with your dues notice.

THE BOARD REPORT





ACTIVITIES

Firth & Foremost provided musical entertainment at the Main Park this summer. We had a great crowd of at least 155 people who attended this concert and the rain held off! Don't miss the concerts next year!

The Annual Pig Roast was a little different this summer since Dave and Carl and the team were enjoying their first year of retirement after 26 years of roasting a pig. Heather stepped up with the help of a few dedicated volunteers and provided some smoked pork shoulder, hot dogs, burgers, slaw and a lot of great fix-in's. Nice job to pull it together for us—Thank You! We look forward to the John and Nick era beginning next summer, they're signing up volunteers now!!



BOATS

Reminder that two boats per household can be stored at the lake per the current watercraft regulations. Please be courteous of your neighbor and store your easy to transport vessels at home if you have more than two. ALWAYS keep your boats tipped if they hold water. Every vessel stowed at the lake shore needs a DLPOA sticker.



SUMMER POSITIONS FOR 2024

Reminder, we need youth workers for beach cleanup, raft cleaning, night gate locking, and invasive plant control. Sign-up for these positions will be announced in the spring. Come and help—we need YOU!



ROAD IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Neighborhood volunteers led by Heather Kerr on the Oakland County side are making great strides toward the road pavement improvement for the Oakland County roads. The engineering assessment and initial informational meeting with the Road Commission for Oakland County was completed in April. Currently the Petition seeking signatures for approval to proceed based on the engineering estimate are circulating. The County has committed some funding support from Federal ARRA Infrastructure Improvement Act that will help offset the overall project cost if signed petitions are returned for these Special Assessment District paving projects by November 1st. There are still numerous steps to complete for this 2024 project to be successful.

Heather and Tom are still working out how to repair Murray Hill and the Livingston County roads with Hartland Township and Livingston Road Commission officials.

SERVICES FOR HIRE

BABYSITTING

Norah Alberta 810-986-6395 Ella Gardner 248-981-4820 Abby Gardner 248-981-4820 248-890-0760 Cora Mason **Emily Zinter** 248-977-8476

PET SITTING

Norah Alberta 810-986-6395 Nick Haley 248-904-9833

YARD WORK

Ella Gardner 248-981-4820 Abby Gardner 248-981-4820

SEASONAL MOVING WATERCRAFT IN AND OUT

Ben Vanderlist & 248-535-2218 Charlie Johnson

• HELLO!!!!

ARE YOU FOR HIRE?

I would be glad to add your name to this list in the areas you would like to offer help. Great opportunities!!!!

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.

Please email Pam Moran at: beachmoran@comcast.net

NIGHT CREATURES OF DUNHAM LAKE

Picture yourself walking the Dunham Lake trails at night and encountering big glowing eyes looking back at you.... SCARY!

WITH PAT HERREL

Many nocturnal critters are lurking in the shadows looking for a meal or a friend.....foxes, owls, bats and more! One critter that hardly anyone knows about but is very numerous is the Southern Flying Squirrel.

They are one of the most common squirrels in Michigan but are rarely seen because we are asleep when they are active. Their doe-eyed charisma makes them valuable mascots for the ancient woodlands where they live. They love hickory nuts and acorns and frequently raid bird feeders for those prized peanuts in a shell!

Southern flying squirrels have grey-brown fur on top with darker flanks and are a cream color underneath. They have large dark eyes and flattened tails. A furry membrane called a patagium extends between the front and rear legs and is used to glide through the air. Their thick paws help them land on trees when gliding. They inhabit mature hickory, beech, oak forests and parklands and use tree cavities for nesting and denning. Total length, including the tail, is 8.3 - 10.2 inches.

Having colonies of Southern flying squirrels around Dunham Lake means we have a healthy ecosystem. Let's keep it that way and enjoy the cuteness and novelty of them.

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW!

WELCOME TO OUR **NEW NEIGHBORS...**

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

Matthew & Shana Rall **Chris and Tanis Shelters** Marsha Williams

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 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.



Did you notice the Cormorant at the lake this summer?

I have never photographed one before and was excited to capture this while he was sitting with the ducks. Interesting fact, Cormorants aren't ducks. They are expert divers that can speed along underwater with their webbed feet, using their wings as rudders. After a dive, they will bask in the sun with wings spread wide. They don't have nearly as much preening oil as ducks, so the cormorants air-dry their feathers out.

WE LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR TURTLES AT **DUNHAM LAKE!**

This summer we have two protected roped off areas with signs where turtles have come to the west beach and laid their eggs. Pictured below is one of the spiny softshell turtles laying her eggs.

A softshell turtle usually lays between 4 to 38 eggs. Incubation typically lasts 82-84 days with hatchlings emerging from late August into October. Unlike some other turtle species, spiny softshell turtle hatchlings cannot survive tissue freezing and must emerge from their natal nests in autumn to hibernate





CONCERTS/DANCING • PICNICS • PADDLEBOARDING • FISHING = SUMMER FUN!

Fall/Winter 2023



You may know our neighbors Bob and Diane Blakeney from their past work as board members and their ongoing volunteer work at the lake. Diane continues to be the contact for park reservations, and Bob continues to volunteer on various projects throughout the park. But did you know that they owned and operated their own restaurant. Bob opened Blakeney's Ranch House in 1968 and Diane joined him in 1994.

It was a very popular restaurant in Farmington Hills, across from Botsford. They shared: It was a great experience. We still miss our wonderful customers and the great food.

What drew you to live in the Dunham Lake Community?

Bob: For four years, I rented the little farmhouse at the end of Briar Hill at Tipsico Lake Road. At that time the subdivision north of the farmhouse did not exist; it was just fields and trees. From the farmhouse it was wide open down to the lake. I could ride my small motorcycle down the hill with tubes and go swimming or



Seeing the lake from the farmhouse on the north end that was an open field down to the water.

sailing on my small Hobie. It was at this time I met Diane and we both wanted to live here. We had no idea about the wonderful community we would become a part of.

Diane: When we got married, we tried to buy a house on Dunham Lake, but at the time nothing was available. So, we moved to my house in Novi and we watched and waited. We made offers on two lots but neither one perked. We finally moved back to Dunham Lake in December of '96. The house we purchased needed to be totally revamped and it took us eight years to complete the project.

We enjoy the water, the beaches, and walking the trails where we meet up with great friends along the way



What do you love most about living here?

Bob: The biggest draw is the water, but we love the people and the trails as well. I remember early on, jogging by a man who was filling low spots on the path around the lagoon. We found out later after we bought our house, he would end up being our next door neighbor, Herb Cole. He is a terrific neighbor.

We didn't discover the upper trail until we moved into the house we now live in, as the path backs up to our property. We often look out and see glimpses of friends walking their dogs or kids riding their bikes.

Diane: We love the people and this lake. During Covid, we needed to get out more, so we took advantage of the court in front of our house, we set up our chairs on what we called the "island" with spacing between

families. Every Saturday when the weather was good, Herb started a campfire. The tradition continues to this day. It brought people out around the court and from down the street some who had never met before but got to know each other. It was and still is always fun.

When we first came to the lake no one owned paddle boards or kayaks

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

Diane: I remember the first 4th of July we lived here. We were one of two boats out on the lake that day. Now there are way more people enjoying the lake and younger families living in the neighborhood. We love watching the kids grow up here.

Bob: I see a more well-rounded neighborhood with a mix of young families and seniors like ourselves. I really believe that upgrading the main park playground equipment 11 years ago, sent a message that we are a family-friendly place to live. The new equipment is so much safer for small children too. I love watching kids learning to fish, catch frogs and turtles and letting them go. And they can learn to safely swim at a young age in this wonderful lake. When we first moved here, the only watercraft were paddle boats, aluminum canoes and rowboats. Now it's mostly paddle boards and kayaks.

How has your background affected your view of the lake?

Bob: At a very young age, I loved the water—whether a creek, river, pond or lake. I guess I was lucky to live in Michigan. Dunham Lake is the best of the best, especially in this part of the State. Diane and I always made sure our grandchildren got to experience it with us. Hopefully it will impact them in their future too.



The fun Dunham Lake dog walkers group—out walking on a chilly fall day. Always fun for us to get out and so much joy in watching all the dogs playing together!

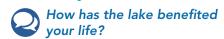
Diane: My family always vacationed on different lakes when I was a kid. It was so cool to be in water all day. I remember that my dad would be yelling that it was time to come in, but we never heard him. To be on the water is such joy, and this lake is a gem!



Diane: When we had our dog, I walked with her everyday no matter what the weather. I started walking with a group of eight or nine neighborhood dog walkers. It was a joy to watch the dogs play together. I made life-long friends as result of the dog walking group. We also like the concerts and the people that come down to watch. Plus the many pig roasts and all the families enjoying getting together.

Bob: We have a spot in our backyard where I really enjoy feeding the birds and watching them from inside our house all season long. There are currently eight bluebirds at our feeder. We also see lots finches, hawks, a falcon, eagles, fox running down the path, and once, two barred owls on a branch in our yard. What a treat. Lately, bluebirds are nesting in our bluebird houses.

We cherish the wonderful moments spent here with our family and friends



Diane: Just to be on water is so peaceful. Every 4th of July we have family and close friends here. Even family members as far as Philly come. They all look forward to it. I just enjoy that they are here with us and also enjoy the lake.

Bob: Sharing the lake, beaches and park with friends, family and especially our grandchildren. They love the water and all the good times together. A few years ago I made fun memory books for our grandkids of our time at the lake.

We enjoy all the activities the board and volunteers put together—the pig roast, the concerts, the nature center program and of course the spring and fall work bees to keep the common areas up.

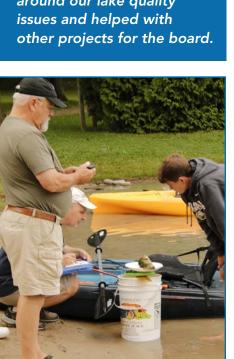


Celebrating Dunham Lake with Neighbors

A CHAT WITH NEIGHBORS ED AND MARY CESA - INTERVIEW BY PAM DEAR

Ed and Mary Cesa have lived at Dunham Lake since the spring of 1986. They raised two boys here as well a number of Siamese cats. The current cat, cat number 4, is Mr. Jules.

You'll likely recognize Ed and Mary from their time spent in the community. They've helped with the annual kids fishing derby. Ed's a good hand at this as he's been a competitive bass fisherman for more than 40 years. He's also a DLPOA board member and has spearheaded much of the ongoing work, study, and potential solutions around our lake quality issues and helped with



Ed busy weighing all the anglers catches at the annual fishing derby.

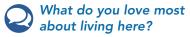


What drew you to live in the **Dunham Lake Community?**

Ed: I grew up in Milford. As a kid, I knew all the swimming areas, like so many other young kids in Milford. So, I was already familiar with Dunham Lake. Later in life, I worked at the GM proving ground. We lived in Fenton for 15 or 16 years, but Mary and I wanted to build a home. We had a friend in real estate, and they found the lot for us at Dunham Lake. The lot was totally wooded, so we had to clear the lot some before we could build.

Mary: I grew up in Dearborn. Several people in the Dunham Lake area are from Dearborn. It's likely many from Dearborn became familiar with Dunham Lake while attending Camp Dearborn outside of Milford.

So much tranquility



Ed: We love the lake and the relaxing atmosphere. It's nice to come to a lake with so much tranquility—in contrast to a lake busy with power motors moving across it. We were also into swimming and fishing. However, the fishing is not the best here; the lake lacks the structure that fish need, such as weeds, logs, and fallen trees.

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Mary: The neighbors all wave at one another. We're not just a subdivision—we're a neighborhood! And, all the houses are different; none are humongous.

When we moved here, we had one child in middle school and one in elementary. The park was right behind us, and the kids loved it! In addition to swimming and fishing, they had a lot of fun ice skating in the winter. Our one son even lost his front tooth in lake. When our grandkids visited to skate the lake this year, we told them to look for their uncle's tooth if the ice was clear.

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

Ed: It's good to see that the park now is more used than it ever was. There are more rules now than when we first moved here.

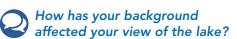
Both: We've seen the natural evolution of families over the time we've been here. There were so many kids in the neighborhood when we first moved in. A fair number of children grow up and come back here to live. Some families have multiple children moving back to this neighborhood. You don't see that occur in many subdivisions!



In 2020, due to COVID restrictions, the annual board meeting was held at the main park where Ed shared his board committee findings.



The color of the lake is INCREDIBLE!



Mary: We're a product of the sixties. The lake is just a gem to us. The color is incredible; you can't really describe it well to anyone. Unless they see it, they can't know.

Ed: I grew up around water and still love it. I spent my childhood days in Milford by the water. In the summer we could go down to the arch over the river to jump in and swim, or we iumped off the railroad trestle into the Huron River. In the winter, we skated on Mill pond.

What are your most What are your means?

Ed: After eight months of building our house, we got to move in! It was a lot of work. The kids were so happy.

Mary: We would have a family picnic every year. The kids were down at the park all the time.

Both: The wildlife is wonderful to see. We've had upwards to 20 deer in our back yard. When we first moved in, we didn't see any deer. Our hostas look like celery to them! We've seen about every critter: raccoons, pileated woodpeckers, and we've even had flying squirrels in our house! We've watched the eagle down by the lake. And, the woodpeckers like to peck on the cedar siding of our house.

How has the lake benefited your life?

Ed: What lake can you live on that you don't see houses around it from the lake? It's relaxing, esthetically. And, the views are different throughout the changing seasons. I'm looking out my window at the lake right now and it's the middle of winter. In the summer, we can't see the lake due to all the foliage.

Mary: We have seven grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 21. Three of them play hockey. They came to play on ice during the recent freeze that was perfect for skating. They were in awe of the expanse of it.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:33 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Chuck Cole, Fred Everhart, Cinda Everhart, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald,

Others present: John Schiltz

President's Report:

• Fred stepping down – too much with the physical therapy, etc. He will be sending an email to the community group, not only announcing his stepping back, but calling for more volunteers.

Vice President's Report:

• No Report.

Secretary's Report:

• Made a few minor amendments. Chuck moved to accept as amended - Ed/Kristina seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- No Report.
- Cinda reports that we have 10 property owners that have not yet paid their dues. Lien notices

Civic Committee:

- Met with the attorney last week. In process of updating the Articles of Incorporation per our comments and discussion. Expect to have a final copy before March 31st to share. Will formulate the ballots from that by April board meeting to send out with the dues notices at the end of April/beginning of May. Heather and Jane pulling together the ballot and cover letter for inclusion with the dues notice. Target is to get that out May 1st.
- As soon as Articles are revised, we need to get the Bylaws updated. Question arose - do we have the latest draft from Greg, could we start before 3/31?
- Cinda emailed Greg all the info he requested.

Old Business

- No action on West Beach stairs or North End path until spring.
- Ed has ordered the double grills delivery should be tomorrow, per an email Ed received. Wes and John are helping with unload. Will replace the one that needs replacing, and then install the other in a new location - and when the next one goes, we won't replace. Ed replaced the bottoms and it's extending the life of the existing grills for a bit. Current plan is to install during Spring Workbee.
- No lake update since last meeting.
- Wes checking on July 15, 2023 for the band. Also checking with Northville Folk for a second date. Kate and Ed might do Wine/Cheese/Car thing again this summer. Kristina may pick up the Art Show mantle.
- Reach out to Jeff & Jen Burnes will they be picking up the Pig Roast mantle on August 5?
- Skendi Boat still on greenbelt near border with our Northern neighbors.
- Load of stones/point rebuild at the Spring Workbee. Candy has small to big rocks she's offered to the association. Kate will walk the bridge path to check gravel levels. Chuck has a UTV that can haul gravel/rocks around the greenbelt. Ed also has a trailer that can get them as well.
- Beach Workers Kristina has more than half the summer filled already.
- Security Kristina already got a response from a neighbor to reach out to the security officer at the high school to see if that person is interested in a summer gig. Kristina has a call in to find out.
- Main Park fencing Wes tried to get a quote last fall, but no call returned. Ed has a fencing company (Brighton Fence) coming out for the hand rails - Ed and Wes will ask them quote it when they are here.



New Business:

- Laker dates by March 24.
- May 13, 2023 Workbee date.
- Spring Invasives first one out of the gate will be Garlic Mustard. Drew and Scott drawing up a plan of attack. Scott wants to look at Phragmites again this year.
- Google Groups Drew is approving the new requests. Cinda is still deploying Mary to hand deliver the Welcome Packets.
- Carol VanSpybrook sent a couple of greenbelt issues. One tree, one path issue. Wes will check the tree issue and put our tree people on it next time they are out.
- Not a lot of tree damage with the recent storms. One large tree that Chuck and Herb have already removed. Wes and Ed are tackling a smaller tree on the lagoon trail. Kristina mentioned a hanging cedar branch by East Beach - Ed & Wes will try to take care of it
- Fred will speak to TPC regarding the mowing for this summer.
- Encourage your neighbors to get involved in
- Scott will fill in gaps of any trees that didn't survive this spring from the remaining pots

Meeting Adjournment: 8:33 pm Next Meeting: April 10, 2023 Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.



MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:33 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Cinda Everhart, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks

Others present: None

President's Report:

- Discussion of Invoices/Voting/Updated Articles. Invoices usually go out May 1 due date May 31 - working to have the Articles info ready for that date, but Jane floated that financially we would be OK if that needed to be delayed.
- At the May Meeting DLPOA Board needs to fill the vacant officer position. We can either move Scott from interim to full president and appoint a new VP, OR Appoint a new president and Scott remains VP.

Vice President's Report:

• No report.

Secretary's Report:

• Ed moves to accept the minutes as presented, Brad seconds – all approve.

Treasurer's Report:

- As usual spending YTD is low. Will increase as summer season starts.
- Sent an updated 2022 Reconciliation to include a \$239 rebate for Workers Comp for 2022.
- Kate moves to accept Treasurers Report at presented, seconded by Kristina. All approve.
- Jane is analyzing the Laker ad revenue vs. expenses as to make a recommendation as to whether we should continue to accept ads, and if we continue to accept, revised ad fees. (She wants to determine, do they cost more than they bring in?)



Civic Committee:

- Jane would like a short civic committee meeting to outline the steps to get all the mailings out.
- · Need to schedule an April Meeting for Bylaws review, so that we can have a final draft by July.

Old Business

INFRASTRUCTURE

• Ed has 2 new grills ready to install at the park. He's replacing the support posts as the included ones are too short. Ed, Wes and Scott are coordinating installation.

— Fencing

- Wes hasn't been able to reach fence guy yet. Ed is calling the company that did the West Beach railings for an estimate.
- Ed has a valid concern that people may walk around the fence through his yard.

- West Beach Stairs

- Railings look great.
- Ed is getting a quote for a couple more steps at the bottom and removing the telephone pole.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Invasives

- Scott and Andrew have not been able to connect as vet.
- Jane is sending Scott a name of someone we might hire to help with invasives.

— Workbee tasks

- Brad will pick up coffee and donuts. Cinda will order
- Scott asking Wes to contact Fire Dept. Divers.
- Scott ordering some gravel to fill in some low spots on the trails.
- May also order a small order of mulch for the flower beds.
- Ed suggested we add some gravel to the North Beach path. Ditches are doing their job, so hopefully replacement won't wash out as in the past.
- Joe & Bridget Convery are the new owners of the house on Briar Hill Rd. just at the North Gate (formerly the Nists).
- Also having some washout just north of the pipe/bioswale
- Lake Report Ed forwarded last week. Lake doesn't turn over as frequently as other lakes. The organic matter of the leaves is part of what is creating the issues in the lake. Ed will be sending the report to Barney to EGLE.

ACTIVITIES

• Kate will pick a date for social and get it on the calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS

• No update.

SECURITY

• Offensive symbols painted on a pine tree near East Beach. A police report was filed.

- Ed tried to remove the symbol, without success. An unknown resident attempted to cover it with more paint, but it's still visible. Ed will attempt to cover it better.
- Kristina still trying to secure someone for this summer. Last summer's person is not available this year. She placed a call to a company who hasn't returned her call. Kate reaching out to the Hartland Chamber. Kristina reaching out to a couple other local police departments. Jane suggested checking with the fire department as well.

BOATS

• Create a tag for boats to remove. Chuck volunteered to help with this at a previous meeting.

LED IN LIGHTS

• Ed still trying to get those switched.

- Meetings will remain 2nd Monday of the month. We will meet in person - May, June, July, August, September? depending on weather. Zoom other dates. Kate will add all meetings to the Google Calendar.
- Perimeter Walk Scott will select a date and invite residents to join him.
- Tree Service coming this Wednesday to help with some of the blow overs and some clean up.
- Ed will attach safety floats to rafts prior to launch
- Brad will get dumpster emptied before work bee.
- Diane Blakeney taking reservations again this summer (already has some)
- Wedding at Main Park on May 20 off peak double checking guest count. Must be 100 or less (peak we wouldn't allow that many).
- · Beach Cleanup all but 3 weekends are full. Kristina will share the list with Jane.
- Jenny agreed to still line up gate locking for summer - Kristina following up to make sure it's all set.
- Ed is working on vehicle gate at East Beach for damage. Someone ran into them over the winter
- · Scott will ask Wes to rehang the East Beach security camera.
- Kristina ordering garbage bags/drum liners for the season
- Fred arranged TPC for mowing etc. this summer. Jane mentioned we need updated Workers Comp forms.
- Ed would like the board to think about a small shed in a park for all the DLPOA belongings to get those items out of various garages. Jane will research insurance implications.

Call to Public:

• No public in attendance.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:18 pm

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:35 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Chuck Cole, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks, Wes Watt

Others present: John Schiltz

President's Report:

- Seeing more neighbors out and about as the weather shapes up!
- Carol Schemansky/Candi Good are once again coordinating summer swim classes at the lake.

Vice President's Report:

• Not filled yet.

Secretary's Report:

• Ed Cesa moves to accept the April Minutes as amended, Seconded by Chuck Cole. All in favor

Treasurer's Report:

• Jane submitted prior to the meeting. Kate Griswold moves to accept the submitted report, Brad Parks seconds. All in favor.

Civic Committee:

- Update on Articles changes for Voting, mail with Dues & Bylaws changes, Mtg. Schedule.
- Have not been updated since 1981.
- Board reviewed the Articles for approval to go out to the membership.
- Will send articles out in an informational mailing as soon as they are printed, and will follow a week later with the dues notices and ballots. Target is that ballots will be due mid to late June.
- Wes moves that we accept the updated articles, Ed seconds. All in favor. Approval of Updated Articles for distribution to and vote by Residents.
- Drew will load old Articles onto the website. Scott will get a DRAFT watermarked version of the new articles to Drew shortly for the website as well.



• Next steps are the bylaws update and the Civic Committee merge into Board to follow at later date per legal counsel.

Old Business:

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Grilles (2) new, one is installed at Main Parkwill seed the area underneath at work day. Discussed where to place 2nd grill - consensus is to place at Main Park. Can be installed at Work Bee.
- Fencing Fayroians lot Ed got a very rough estimate – figures it will go up if we fence through the trees. Scott spoke to Pete, and he is amenable to creating a gate at the road. Ed also suggests that we make a community wide announcement reminding residents not to cross through private property to reach the greenbelt. Thought is to block the driveway and see how that works before adding a fence.
- Dumpster WMI, Regular service, Cost savings? Dumpster is empty for WorkBee. Brad switched our contract from will call pickup to regular service. Every other Wednesday beginning next week. Will cut our summer waste removal costs almost in half.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Sent the latest report to Barney at EGLE. Playing phone tag with him now.
- Ed would like to implement a plan to plant shrubs to keep the large amount of leaf litter from blowing into the West side of the lake. Scott would like to put a plan together to remove the Norway Maples in a systematic fashion to reduce the leaf drop. The board agrees that a combination of these would help the biodiversity of the west side, and it will also help the lake.
- Invasives Garlic Mustard pulling is happening. Scott is working on others.
- Reviewed Workbee tasks, and Scott will print for Saturday.
- Scott sent an email regarding the last boat in boat jail. Will be destroyed at WorkBee if he gets no response.
- Perimeter Walk Wed 5/10 6:45 pm start? Drew and Scott, possibly Brad & Chuck will go. Begins at the far North end at post 1.

- Beach cleanup Crew assignments Schedule is complete and being sent out to the families and to Jane. All set for Summer 2023.
- Wes still working on the 2nd concert date.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Drew is getting the current articles uploaded. Will post the updated draft.
- Laker is posted.
- Minutes are current.
- Continuing to approve egroup members.

SECURITY

- Brad will call schools on Kristina's behalf to try to find a school security person who is looking for work when school is not in session



- West Beach Stair project update, lower steps \$3,000.
- No update from Golden's on the last 2 steps and walkway - Ed is calling to get an update on that part of the project.

BOATS

- Boat tags/boat pulling. Chuck will put notices. John will help.
- Oakland Side Road RCOC update meeting was very informative. Once the petition is drafted, the committee has 90 days to get sign on from more than 51% of the frontage on each street in the project. Heather continues to walk the road thing forward.

New Business:

- TPC is already up and mowing this season.
- Scott is getting the Port A John service restarted.
- CPR Class was just CPR/AED. No First Aid at this time. Looks like another session will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.
- Scott has heard from a couple of concerned residents regarding the Offensive Symbols and the Pride Flag - wondering if they are connected. The police have been made aware of those incidents. We need to continue to report any incidents we notice.
- Couple of Party Requests have been sent to Diane
- Beaver on the West side of the Lake. Scott is concerned about the trees and the beaches. He would like to encourage it to move on. Ed is of the opinion that it has already moved through this Spring, as there has not been no further evidence.
- Wes has Precision Tree scheduled soon next to Briar Hill Park.

Call to Public:

None in attendance.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:22 pm

Next Meeting: June 12, 2023 Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:35 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Chuck Cole, Jane Debbrecht, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald, Brad Parks, Wes Watt

Others present: John Schiltz, Mary Jeffrey

President's Report:

• Hot start to the summer – beaches and parks have been busy, parties have been busy.

Vice President's Report:

- We don't have an official VP Scott asked the group for a volunteer – Chuck Cole has volunteered
- Scott nominates Chuck to VP, Jane seconds. All in favor.

Secretary's Report:

• Andrew moves to accept minutes as amended, Ed seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Now that Jane knows what security costs will be this summer, she's planning to put \$35-40,000 into a CD. Several suggestions of places to look.
- Newsletter Ads Jane does not want to accept new ads, as she's spending more time chasing payments. Board agrees. We will no longer accept outside ads in the Laker. We will only grandfather in past, current, paid up ads.
- Kate moves to approve the treasurer's report, Kristina seconds. All in favor.

Civic Committee:

- Update on Articles changes for Voting, mail with Dues & Bylaws changes, Mtg Schedule
- Ballots and Dues notices were sent June 3. We've received about 60 ballots to date, all in favor. Need 191 to pass.

CC merge into Board update to come in Bylaws. CC to revise those before October meeting.

Old Business:

• INFRASTRUCTURE

- West beach lower stairs & handrail Ed negotiated a little bit off the initial quote, and Jane has sent a deposit check.
- Main Park "old Fence" Same people that are doing the railing are also repairing the fence.
- Main park "private property" entry The property owner put up a chain and sign, plus Wes and tree guys moved a large log to also help deter entry outside of the gate.
- Rocks installed at Briar Hill erosion area.
- Porta John prices did not increase for summer 2023.
- Dumpsters are emptied every other Wednesday. (This Wednesday is next pickup).

- Invasive plan Scott asked Drew to bug him to get this in place. Carol Gannon is excited to help prioritize.
- Perimeter Walk ½ complete hoping to complete this week/next.
- Tree service update Cleaned up several trees that were problematic all around the greenbelt. Wes is trying to get some other pricing. Jane asked for a price check after they raised it by 40% - but based on what Wes has found, it is still a better price.

WATER QUALITY REPORTING UPDATE - Observations

- Ed exploring other tests specific to septic. Looking for evidence of septic issues.
- We really need a long cold freeze to turn the lake over.

ACTIVITIES

- Beach cleanup crew Had a scheduling issue Kristina is sorting out the schedule.
- Concert dates -
 - Mary went to a concert on a lake with a barge. She thought it was cool with the lake background!
 - Wes will email Kate confirmation of Firth & Foremost date for the Google Calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Will load Articles Draft to website
- Will load updated Bylaws once we figure out how to update.

SECURITY

- Patro Hired Liam has polos. Kristina will do a "Meet Liam" email out to the Google Groups.
- Brad had a question from a resident communicated through Liam – a golf cart user was worried about having their parking tag stolen. Advice is packing tape to windshield so it's more difficult to take.
- Night Locking, walk-in gate locks We are short one – Ed will get a new one.
- Cameras for Summer 2023.

BOATS

- Most boats have tags. Chuck continues to check.
- OAKLAND SIDE ROAD
- RCOC update, Heather?
- No update Heather not here.
- WATER SAFETY bouys, CPR, etc...
- The community has been very respectful of them!

NEW RESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

- Watercraft Policy needs a small update to move the date down to a revision date, and Scott has a couple bullets that need a little clarification before reprint
- New Member Guides Pam and Kristina exploring updating.
- Mary Jeffrey still has enough supplies for new residents for now. She enjoys meeting the new neighbors!

New Business:

- Annual Picnic volunteers/organizers First Saturday in August – get it on the calendar. Still need to follow up with Jeff/Jen Burns to see if they are still planning to spearhead.
- One property with a mowing issue, another property with an excessive number of broken down vehicles

Call to Public:

• Parties - how to know if large groups are permitted. Kate will reach out to Diane to see if she can send me the party schedule so I can post anonymous listings for parties on the Google Calendar.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:58 pm

Next Meeting: July 10, 2023





Check out this interesting bug. I looked it up and it's a ladybug larve eating aphids. Never would have guessed!

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:34 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Chuck Cole, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Scott Oswald, Wes Watt

Others present: Fred Everhart, John Schiltz, Herb Cole, Cinda Everhart

President's Report:

- Cinda updated us on dues.
- Cinda and Scott had a spreadsheet to track ballots, and it worked well. We did get enough YES votes that the Amended Articles passed. Needed 191 for 51% - 223 by 6pm 6/30. 9 late yeses.
- Scott has some signatures and submit to the attorney for submission to the state.
- Greg's law firm has changed. ZDF was purchased by Hirzel – both firms were specialists in HOA type work. Hirzel agreed to honor the remainder of our contract with ZDF.
- Bylaws must be published by 8/17 for a vote at this year's annual meeting. Greg is already taking a stab at reducing the 36 page draft. Main focus is combining the Civic Committee and Board.
- · Annual Meeting deadlines coming up. (Agenda, Budget, Mailings) Kate will send 2022 Draft Minutes to Jane, Cinda, Scott for the mailing.

Vice President's Report:

- Chuck is still figuring out what his VP role is, and asked Scott if he can take over some of his stuff.
- VP will work with Jane on insurance issues.
- Jane needs to get Chuck as a signer on the bank account.

Secretary's Report:

Ed moves to accept the minutes, Andrew seconds. All in favor. June minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane hasn't moved money to a money market yet - she's been shopping around rates. She has requested a meeting with PNC to go over the negotiated rates with the manager she has spoken with.
- Cinda reported that PNC no longer accepts cash deposits, and that many of their branches have closed. Cinda is writing a check and keeping cash when she receives cash dues.
- Kate moves to accept treasurer's report, Chuck seconds. All in favor. June treasurer report approved.

Civic Committee:

- Ballot Count Update Approved the Proposed Articles of Incorporation. Sign and file.
- Bylaws changes, Mtg Schedule with Hirzel Law.
- · CC merge into Board.

Old Business:

- INFRASTRUCTURE
- West beach lower stairs & handrail, lawn growth, County inspection? Projected end of next week for bottom hand railing.
- Ed removed as much of the mesh as he could from West Beach - will call the county as soon as the hand railing is installed.

- Main Park "old Fence" they will also work on this projected end of next week
- All locks are in use no spares. Ed has taken locks in for repair. \$15 per key to rekey the whole system. Not planning to rekey this summer – but needs to be on our radar.
- Ed was finally able to reach the right people to get the lights turned to LED. We do have to sign a 5 year contract with DTE for them to replace at no charge. Ed will have something for Scott to sign soon.
- Main park "private property" entry. Still have walk arounds. People parking on the vacant lot. It has improved, but it hasn't stopped it completely.
- Have had some issues with dirt bikes on green belt. Chuck has checked for damage, and hasn't found anything.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Invasive plan, Sam Buchanan, Hire Help Scott planning to get with Drew.
- Perimeter Walk ½ complete Scott hoping to complete this week. Drew will join him on Thursday night. 6:30 pm.
- Tree service no current plans in July. Wes would like to pull a tree/partial tree near the biggest boat section after boats out this year. Lots of it is dead. Scott pointed out a broken Oak tree from a storm at main park. Will need to grind up next time we have tree guys out.
- Water Quality reporting update observations, State of MI EGLE. August 24th, the State is coming to do water sampling. They appear to be repeating similar tests that Dr. Jude has done.

ACTIVITIES

- Beach cleanup Crew, Raft Cleaning Swans are a problem. Wes cleaned Friday prior to the fourth weekend. Gustafson has cleaned the rafts 3 days in a row since. The carpet is not holding up well at all. The duck/swan poop is degrading the surface. Ed will check about the surface. The idea of some sort of "scarecrow" on the raft was bounced around. (plastic snake?)
- Concert dates August 15 7 pm-9 pm. Kate will do an egroup announcement. Cinda will ask Gary to put out the sign.
- Annual Picnic Lead? Ideas? 2 suggestions themed potluck, everyone bring their own food. Tim & Wendy own the Nonni's food truck. Another suggestion was a concert/food truck event. Need to reach out to Jeff and Jen Burns this week about pig roast.
- Park reservations Diane may be looking for a replacement for park reservations.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Web Posting Articles & Bylaws All is up to date.
- SECURITY
- Patrol Liam going well. Manning gates on non-raining days. Working Th-Sun. Wes is looking for a bike for him to cover more ground. The Fourth was busy – but no major issues reported.
- Night Locking Scott getting Ed a night lock key for locksmith.



- Walk-in gate locks, Ed.
- Boats Tags, Tipping needed? Upsurge of boats over the fourth. Chuck is checking tags. Will post photos of untagged boats in the egroup.
- Oakland Side Road RCOC update, Heather? no update, Heather not at meeting.
- Water safety one raft (East beach) needs a new strap on the emergency float. Check lettering when replacing strap.

New Business:

- E-Bikes on the trails?
- Speeding issue on Tipsico Lake/Murray Hill. No speed limit signs until Murray Hill, and the turn at Hyde. Gary is looking into electronic speed detector signs.

Call to Public:

- Herb Cole 4x4 green belt boundary posts. Sending a proposal for working on the posts
- Herb Cole Briar Hill Park 4x4 supporting a railing that are rotted out on the steps to the lake. Herb would like to put pipes to shore up those railings
- Herb Cole Blue Heron Park Monuments. Karol Rove – surveyor – has found a small discrepancy. Herb would like to update posts over there (posts are missing). Scott will look during perimeter walk. We do not have a current issue with the border homeowner.
- Herb Cole would like to put in water deflector (on the trails). Wes will look that over with Herb.
- Herb Cole Wentzel property woodpile on green belt. Has been noted on the perimeter walk.
- Herb Cole Casabasic property on green belt - steel clothesline post - noted on the perimeter walk. Herb would like it removed at Fall Workbee.
- Herb Cole only has 4 posts left. Wants to know what to purchase when those run out. Proposing double wood 2x4's for the rest that he needs.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:49 pm

Next Meeting: August 14 at the Main Park 7:30 pm Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold.

MINUTES OF THE DLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 Meeting called to order 7:36 pm

Members present: Ed Cesa, Jane Debbrecht, Andrew Geda, Kate Griswold, Heather Kerr, Scott Oswald, Kristina Oswald and Wes Watt

Others present: Cinda Everhart, John Schiltz, Terry Cremeans, Fred Everhart, Herb Cole

President's Report:

• Annual Picnic "pig roast lite" – Thanks to Heather for jumping in and pulling it together. Neighbors were happy. John Branstetter is taking the reins for 2024.

Vice President's Report:

• Encroachment issue on west shore – Chuck sent us all photos. Kasabasic was the member clearing greenbelt for his boat. Scott will send a letter and ask for it to be returned to original state in 2 weeks.

Secretary's Report:

Ed moves to accept minutes as amended, Wes 2nds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chuck has been added as a signatory on the bank accounts.
- We purchased \$35,000 CD 8 mos.. 4.75 interest rate.
- 2023 Treasurer's report attached Kate moves to accept the report as submitted, Ed seconds. All in favor.
- 2024 Budget discussion about remaining expenditures for 2023, and possible projects for 2024. Shed, steps at North Gate, point erosion. Perhaps one of those projects push to 2025. For the future - possible new lock/gate system.

Civic Committee:

- Bylaws changes, meeting schedule with Hirzel Law
- Merge CC into Board update Responsibilities, Architectural Committee – Members

Old Business:

INFRASTRUCTURE

trim this for \$425.

tree used to be.

post in that area

property on greenbelt.

— West beach steps – project 100% complete.

— Main park beach – add sand in the spring.

- Trim back brush at gate drive/road edges,

— Ed taking care of some recent lock issues.

— DTE is finally coming to replace the lights

- At Fall Work Bee - will move a Main park

picnic table to West Beach up where the

with LFD's within the next month.

— Hole on parkland – 6 feet deep –

manhole, behind Gannon/Kasabasic

— Herb will reestablish property marker

east beach? Fred is working on having TPC

— Deep rake beaches, vegetation edges?

Fred will check pricing with TPC.

Will add grass seed in the fall on the bare areas.

- Final Draft, Notice/Mailing and Ballots for Annual Meeting
- Herb requested the surveyor's certificate for Adaleen drive property (Carol Grove). There are concrete monuments, Herb wants to be sure for placement of the wood posts. Civic Committee does not have a record. Herb has a text out to Carol, but no response yet.





NATURAL RESOURCES

- Invasive plan, hired help. Sam is still working, unsure if anyone else.
- Perimeter Walk need to finalize report Drew/Chuck/Scott
- Tree service no new tree damage with latest storms.
- Water Quality reporting update observations, State of MI EGLE - August 24th EGLE is coming to sample.

ACTIVITIES

- Beach cleanup crew, raft cleaning.
- Concert dates?
- Annual Picnic report/comments suggestions
- Park reservations

COMMUNICATIONS

- Web Posting Articles & Bylaws
- Laker layout and schedule for fall
- Continuing to approve new egroup requests.

SECURITY

- Patrol Liam's term is complete. When he was here, he was effective. It was difficult having a college kid in this job. Kristina would prefer someone more mature in the future.
- Night Lock Jenny has kept this going.

- Board positions to fill Scott reminds us to think if there are any interested residents.
- Glass in lake. Lots more awareness because of the egroups conversations. If you see something, say something - NO glass at beaches.

Call to Public:

No comments

Meeting Adjournment: 9:42 pm

Next Meeting: September 11, 2023

Minutes recorded by Kate Griswold

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- Fall Workbee
 October 28, 2023
- **Watercraft OUT!**November 1, 2023
- Watercraft IN!
 April 1, 2024
- Spring Workbee May 11, 2024
- **Neighborhood Picnic**August 3, 2024



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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 was held at the Dunham Hills Golf Course conference room on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

If you missed coming this year—there is always next year!

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