

Lake Manuka Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
July 22, 2007
Sugar Bowl Restaurant
Gaylord, MI

In Attendance: Chuck Winger, Larry Nowak, Ernie Bourdage, Marge Kaufman, Larry Patritto, Bob Gurchiek and Jeff Drukker.

Unable to Attend: Wayne Jaycox, Terry Jans, Delores Studier and Kay Winger

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Association President, Chuck Winger, at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as read by Secretary, Jeff Drukker.

Treasurer's Report: A Treasurers Report was not reviewed for this meeting.

President's Remarks: The President indicated that the purpose of this board meeting was to discuss carry forward steps from the 2006 Lake Study, primarily focused on alternatives for weed management.

New Business:

Weed Management:

Larry Patritto reported from the Lake Preservation Committee recommending not to pursue commercial weed cutting for this year due to consulting cost and seasonal timing. As an option, Larry recommends offering to the association the purchase of residential and commercial weed cutters. Alternatives include hand cutters as well which offer a lower cost alternative. It is not recommended that the board purchase powered cutters due to considerations of use, maintenance and repair, liability, harvesting responsibility, etc. Commercial harvesters were also discussed as an alternative. This alternative is also recommended against due to cost, transportation, use, maintenance, operation, etc.

Planning for cutting for next year can be pursued. Alternatives discussed include grass roots neighborhood efforts, commercial harvesting, commercial chemical treatment, association purchase of harvesting equipment. Pro's and con's around commercial contracting vs. grass roots efforts were discussed at length including liability, coverage, and participation.

Larry Patritto indicated that the association owes a response to the membership on the issue of weed cutting and should be planning for the '08 calendar year.

It was agreed to present alternatives and information to the association via a letter from Chuck Winger. Information on individual ("grass roots") cutting alternatives will also be provided with the letter.

Kolke Creek/Merit Energy:

Larry Patritto recommended that the association address the Kolke Creek/Merit Energy issue. A note will be circulated indicating that the Association is not presenting a point of view on the Kolke Creek/Merit Energy issue and contacts made to the DEQ or other bodies are done so on an individual basis. A note is also being proposed to the association to inform and educate on the summary reports related to Kolke Creek, as well as to inform them that association members are contacting authorities on an individual basis.

Nomination of New Board Member:

Chuck Winger nominated Larry Nowak for membership on the association Board of Directors (nowakld@comcast.net).

Next meeting: The time, date, and location will be determined later.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Drukker, Recording Secretary