

PLCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by President Barb Butler. Board members present were: Barb and Ken Butler, Gary and Karen Metzger, Cathy and Ron Kantorak, Ken Hensch, Denny Rorick, Bill Morr, Sue Mertz and John Hensch. Les and Cynthia Rockwell and Mary and Beth Pusti were absent.

A prayer was said by Jim Mertz and the pledge of allegiance was said by all. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Barb quickly went through the agenda.

TREASURERS REPORT Ken Butler passed out copies of the report to everyone. The bank balance 6-30-2017 was \$30,784.39. The balance 6-30-2018 is \$35,905.72. PLCC received \$10,364.75 in LARE grants. \$11,640.50 was spent on lake projects of which PLCC paid a net of \$1,027. \$6,303 was spent on clubhouse repairs.

There was a motion by Jerry Fletcher to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Terry Martin. No opposition.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS/REPAIRS Cathy Kantorak reported the following improvements to the clubhouse: Ceiling fans were repaired; a new porch was put on, replacing the cement steps; the exterior of the building was repaired (woodpecker holes filled) and painted; new flag pole was put in; new fence posts were installed; lines for pickle ball court were painted.

There are 7 rentals this year. Three weddings. Last rental is October 13th.

NEW BUSINESS As nominating committee chairman, Ron Kantorak explained the process of how he, Stan Shopa and Pat Mitchell came up with their list of board nominees. Residents accepting nominations for the PLCC 2018/2019 board of directors were: Michael Perry, Jim Zuber, Nancy Wetli, Dave Grant and Butch Vaughn. Those current board members continuing on next year are: Ken Butler, Ron Kantorak, Bill Morr, Ken Hensch, Les Rockwell, Beth Pusti, Sue Mertz, Denny Rorick, John Hensch and Cathy Kantorak. A motion was made by Nancy Pickett to close the nominations. This was seconded by Jim Mertz. There was no opposition.

JOHN RICHARDSON FROM CARDNO Pretty Lake is in good shape. The average clear reading on Pretty Lake from the secchi disk is 13 feet as compared to other lakes which is 6.9 feet. The newest study was done by Cardno to see which lake projects were completed (as recommended by 2007 study) and which issues still need to be corrected.

Water samples were taken from five areas: at 875, 890/400, before the lake entrance, at the dam and one from the deepest part of the lake. E coli readings are still high in Deal Ditch. The water below 25 feet does not have enough oxygen to support fish and other organisms.

HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE LAKE Put in a rain guard at the school, put in more catch basins, put in stream based stabilization on Deal Ditch, continue control of Eurasian Milfoil, help with sewer hookups

or new septic systems for residents on S. 900 E. and maintain the shoreline with rocks and lake vegetation.

QUESTIONS Gary Erny asked if we could get any help from the county regarding the e coli in Deal Ditch. John Richardson said the county is limited as to what they can do and it is really the residents' responsibilities to maintain their own septic systems. The four areas where testing is done on the ditch are at 875, 890/400, before the lake entrance and at the dam.

Barb Butler said she has been in contact with Indiana Representatives Abbott and Zent, Senator Sue Glick, and Alf Garcia who is head of the Lagrange County Health Department. All have our lake study and are willing to help. Several comments were made regarding Mr. Garcia not willing to help us in the past. Jim Mertz said he met with Mr. Garcia several years ago. Red dye was put in toilets to check for leaks but there were none. At that time the residents said they could not afford to have septic systems cleaned. Ron Kantorak said when he was on LCRUD board, he spoke to Alf Garcia about this issue. Leon Wolf also said he talked to the health department many years ago and he was told there was no staff to check the area. Denny Rorick said we should put pressure on the county council and commissioners and make our voices heard but respectfully.

Paula Erny said Terry Martin is our commissioner and we should attend the meetings which are quarterly.

Diana Hensch asked if water testing could be done in her area, cottage OT-G.

Mr. Richardson said we should be doing water testing 3 or 4 times a year and we should continue to address all issues.

Joyce Plumber said there are more weeds this year than ever in front of her home in cottage 62. She was told to speak to Rod Bergstedt as he is our go to person on weed control.

ALLYSON OLIGER, JAKE CARLISLE AND JAGGER FROM DNR The DNR oversees lake preservation. There are 15 divisions within the DNR. Mr. Carlisle oversees law enforcement for the 15 divisions. Jake refers questions about sea walls and docks to Allyson. Sea walls are allowed but with restrictions. Sea walls can be put in if there are bulk head sea walls within 300 feet on both sides. No sand can be put in the water. Stan Shopa asked how far piers can extend into the lake. Piers can extend a maximum of 150 feet into the water. If the water depth is 6 feet or more the pier should stop at 75 feet. Docks are considered private property. People can fish around them but not on them. There was a question of liability if someone gets hurt or falls from a pier. Judge Craig Bobay said there would have to be something wrong with the pier to have a liability issue. It was noted that children should ask permission to fish on anyone's pier or shoreline. Jake said that was a parental issue not the DNR's and he would not be taking any children to jail for fishing on someone's pier.

625 square feet of weeds may be taken out of the lake and maintained to clear an area for boats. This includes lily pads. Only OWNERS can remove their weeds. If anyone wants to remove more than 625 square feet of weeds, they must apply for a permit. Copies of the permits were available at this meeting. The same 625 square feet must be cleared annually.

According to the DNR, it is not illegal to fish on fish beds. The speed limit on Pretty Lake is 10 mph. Any lake under 300 acres has a 10 mph speed limit and must be in idle within 200 feet of shore.

Reparian Rights were brought up. This is when the land bordering the water is not owned by the home owner.

Jake gave his cell phone number (260-498-0250) to be used to ask questions we may have. Allyson also gave her cell number (317-234-1097) and her email (aoliger@dnr.IN.gov).

Joyce Plumber mentioned that weeds are being cut and not taken out of the lake. Cheryl Clelland asked if the weeds are square stemmed, as cutting them may cause more weeds to grow. Chemicals should be used to kill these weeds. Please contact DNR for approved list.

Barb said the weeds have been clogging the dam this year. Jerry Fletcher said he has never seen anyone other than himself clean out the ditch by the dam. It was recommended that everyone use non phosphorus fertilizers. Barb also requested that everyone remove all debris after cutting weeds.

Gary Erny asked if trees that are cut down at clubhouse could be put in the woods to make wild life habitats. Barb said that was done with the trees cut in the past couple years.

Pete Lapitsky asked if there was a second filtering system for the Deal ditch. Earlier in the meeting it was stated that the study recommended extending the two stage ditch on Deal ditch but there is not a second filtering system.

Barb thanked those leaving the board: Karen and Gary Metzger, Mary Pusti and Cynthia Rockwell. Cathy thanked Barb for a job well done and thanked her for all she had accomplished as president of the board.

Barb announced the pasta dinner tonight at the clubhouse from 5-7.

\$92.19 was the amount collected for the scrap metal collected by Steve Johnson. Thank you Steve.

Paul and Kay Ridenour publicly thanked Barb and Ken Butler for pulling them around the lake during the flotilla when their boat wouldn't start.

Steve Johnson thanked the board for all the work they have done.

Ron Kantorak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kantorak, Acting Secretary