

PRETTY LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB

Minutes- Meeting: April 2, 2019

**Ron Kantorak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
Prayer led by Butch Vaughn followed by the
Pledge of Allegiance**

Attending Board Members: Ron Kantorak, Cathy Kantorak, John Hensch, Ken Hensch, Les Rockwell, Jim Zuber, Michael Perry, Butch Vaughn, Dave Grant, Pat Mitchell, Sue Mertz, Denny Rorick, Beth Pusti.

Absent Board Members: Ken Butler, Nancy Wetli

Attending guests for special presentations: Tom & Peggy Tassler, Rod Bergstedt

NEW BUSINESS:

Peggy Tassler spoke to the board about the map/art project. Last Fall we voted to commission Peggy to replace the aging Pretty Lake map that had been on the clubhouse wall. Peggy pointed out the former map was very large with the map key too low to comfortably read. Peggy proposed changing the layout to two pieces. One art piece being the map with the other the map key. The map key to be sized to fit the door to the left of where the larger piece will hang to better fit the space. Ron Kantorak made a motion to allow Peggy to change the original layout to better fit the space as requested. Beth Pusti 2nd the motion followed by a unanimous vote in favor of Peggy's presentation.

October 2018 Minutes: Motion to approve made by Les Rockwell. Sue Mertz 2nd the motion. October minutes are posted on the clubhouse display board. They will be on the PLCC web site.

Treasurers Report: Ken Butler was not present however in his place Ron Kantorak presented the Board with Treasurers Reports from October 2018 thru February 2019. Main expenses being clubhouse insurance \$1,587.00. Croy Drilling for new well at clubhouse \$ 4,790.34, and Aquatic weed control \$1,500.00. October 2018 began with a balance of \$ 38,527.73. February 2019 ended with a balance of \$ 31,353.16. Les Rockwell reported \$ 5,300.75 will soon be deposited as dues collected so far for 2019.

Ron Kantorak confirmed the 2018 Federal and State taxes have been filed. The Business Entity Report is complete and the 2018 Audit of the Books is complete. The audit took place on March 5, 2019, and was completed by Maureen VanWinkle, Pat Mitchell, and Ken Butler.

2019 Preliminary Budget: Looking forward to try to budget for projects, Ron Kantorak foresees the most significant costs to be the three Cardno projects. Grants for these projects have been applied for. Best estimate costs to our club is \$13,305.00. Stump removal which

has already been completed \$ 700.00. Additional cost estimates include the Conservation Fair \$500.00, Directory printing \$1,200.00, Arborvitae trees \$3,000.00.

The Board voted unanimously to approve up to \$500.00 for initial gravel to clubhouse drive. Ken Butler and Ron Kantorak will continue to work on 2019 budget.

Clubhouse Report: Cathy Kantorak reported the new well is up and running. A new kitchen faucet/sprayer was purchased due to winter damage. Michael Perry said he had a friend that would paint the lines on the tennis court. The boy scouts have an upcoming weekend event scheduled at the club.

Membership Report: Les Rockwell reported 62 out of 232 cottages have paid dues, which is 29.74%.

Currently paid dues by Zone are as follows:

Zone 1	24%	Zone 2	20%	Zone 3	20%	Zone 4	36%	Zone 5	52%
Zone 6	24%	Zone 7	28%	Zone 8	44%				

Les commented that there are about 15 cottages/trailers that are empty. In the past they have not counted empty lots/cottages.

OLD BUSINESS:

The dam is currently closed

Review of Board of Director emails/votes that have taken place since October meeting:

- A) Tree removal at clubhouse: After a tree fell, nearly costing damage to the clubhouse, we had to clean up and remove the downed tree. A tree expert was consulted who advised the removal of several more Sassafras trees that presented an immediate threat to the clubhouse and the removal of the rest as soon as possible. As a result the board unanimously voted to remove any and all Sassafras trees that presented a hazard.
- B) Directory Advertising price increase: Prices for advertising have not increased for 3 years. The Board voted unanimously to raise prices as follows:
½ page B&W from \$45 to \$50./ full page B&W from \$80 to \$85.
½ page color from \$57 to \$60./full page color from \$104 to \$110
Cover page from \$ 125 to \$130.
- C) Lare Grant Submittals: Three Cardno projects were submitted for Lare Grants. If granted, work will not begin until late 2019 at the earliest. We will not know if they are approved until late July or August. Once approval is confirmed, bid specifications need to be prepared. The bids then will need to be evaluated & awarded. We expect this to be quite a process. They may not get started on projects until 2020. Construction projects will be awarded based on available funds. The 3 Cardno projects the board settled on as making the biggest impact for the betterment of the lake are as follows: 1.) Milford raingarden 2.) Lake discharge shore protection 3.) Public access field drain improvement.

The Board vote for these 3 projects was unanimous. Ron has confirmed approval from all affected landowners.

- D) Stump removal contract for \$700.00 was unanimously voted on. Stumps have already been removed. Clean up to be done by volunteers at the April 27, Spring PLCC clean up day.

Secchi Disk Readings 2018: Secchi disk readings measure the depth of visibility for Indiana Lakes from 2009-2018. The program is volunteer data entry & information. Ron Kantorak did our 2018 readings in the same locations. It is not known where previous reading locations were taken. Pretty Lake clarity went from 15 feet in 2009 to an average of 13 feet in 2018. Pretty Lake is currently ranked 10th in the State for clarity. The #1 lake in Indiana was Airline Lake in Greene County with 30 feet clarity. Airline lake is a Quarry whereas Pretty Lake is a Glacier Lake.

Lare Grant Submittal Status for weed control: Rod Bergstedt attended the meeting providing update information. Rod put in a request for a Lare grant for continued weed control. Rod said the weed control program was started in 2013 on 75 acres, spraying twice the first year in early and then late season. The last 3 years we treated 3 acres. Rod announced we were given the grant to spray for Eurasian Watermilfoil again for this coming season. The grant awards \$6,100.00 up to 30 acres. The Grant came with a 12 page contract, noting that the Grant/contract process is becoming much more involved. Rod filed a control permit and sent out 4- RFBs for this year. He also noted we need to file form E-1, 5-1114 an annual financial report. Spraying will probably be done in July. Ron Kantorak added that he wanted to make sure someone from Aquatic Weed Control is at the general meeting to answer weed control questions.

Goose Round Up: Ron Kantorak is taking care of the permit by mid- to late May. Ron also mentioned the DNR permits are becoming more extensive than they used to be.

Flare Order: Ron will order flares by the end of April. He said last year 20 cases were ordered and we had 3 cases left. Ron will order about 16 cases.

Trees, stump removal status & clean up: Trees and stumps have been removed. We will clean up April 27. We will replace trees with 5 foot Arborvitae in 6 foot spacing behind PLCC shed area. Ken Hensch talked about a quote he received from Angola of \$150.00 each for Thuja Green Giant 5 foot specimens, which are deer resistant. Ken is expecting another quote soon to compare. Ken advised the 5 foot specimens will not grow much the first year, after which they will grow a couple of feet a year. The arborvitae will need to be watered often the first year until established. The quotes are expected to include delivery and planting.

E-coli update: Butch Vaughn has been successful over the winter in assembling what we are confident is the right team of people to see this extensive problem through to possible solutions. Included in this team of experts who will be collecting, journaling and taking water

sample counts until they are confident the source of e-coli is found and a plan is in place are: Martin Franke, and Rosemary Marcon from LaGrange County Soil & Water, Alfredo Garcia & Jerrod Nisley from LaGrange County Health Department. Butch Vaughn representing PLCC, and Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor.

Testing must be completed within a 6 hour process from time of collection therefore scheduling will depend on availability of the team and ability to complete testing within the time frame. Butch will be documenting/ journaling each sample count. The first water collection was made March 27th at 7 sites with a total of 12 samples taken. Temperatures when started was 36 degrees- 45 degrees when finished. 7 Site results:

Location	Site #	e-coli reading
75'N. on spur	1	23.8
That parallels 875 E.		21.4
On East side		
West side of 875E	2	176.2
		119.5
East end of spur that	3	0.0
Parallels 400S		0.0
60 ft. N of 400S where	4	245.0
Ditch turns E. before		
Crossing 400S		273.8
75 yds S of 400S	5	0.0
25 yds N of 430S	6	183.0
Culvert where Deal Ditch	7	195.0
Comes into Pretty Lake		

Butch advised the Board of Directors that it is important to remember this first reading was done in cold weather coming off winter when the numbers will be at the lowest. He told us the numbers could be unreadably high when the temperatures rise. The team of experts acknowledge we have a problem since the numbers are high in cold weather at certain sites. Over time this will help them pin point the sources. It will take time and regular testing but all seem to agree that we need to find a way to control this issue. We are so grateful to Butch Vaughn, not only for his time and commitment to solving this problem but for getting this key group working together to find the source of e-coli and help solve the problem

Items sold online: Les Rockwell oversaw donated rummage sale items that he sold online for an additional \$540.00 to the club. Thank you Les.

PLCC Golf Outing: Ron Kantorak passed out flyers for this new 2019 event. The Pretty Lake Conservation Clubs 1st annual golf outing will take place Saturday, September 7, 2019 It will be a 4 person scramble at Cobblestone Golf Club. For more information phone 216-570-0449

Cruise-In: Another new 2019 event. Ken Hensch and Steve Yahn are preparing for June 8, 2019 Cruise-In. Hot dogs & drinks will be available

**** Flyers for the Golf Outing and the Cruise-In will be posted to the PLCC website.**

Conservation/Fun Fair: June 22, 10 am-1pm. Cathy Kantorak reported she has several people lined up to attend our informational and fun event that is returning to the events line up. LaGrange Book Mobile, Representatives from Sourcing Hawks Rehabilitation Center, Alzheimers Association, DNR, and Council on Aging are a few of the agencies that will be attending as well as kids projects and pony rides. Hopefully, we will have puppies and kittens as well. Anything left over from the car show we could utilize at the Conservation/Fun Fair. Bill Morr is manning the PLCC facebook page for more information.

General Meeting: Scheduled for July 20. Ron would like Aquatic weed control and DNR representation available for Q & A. He wants to make sure we can adequately answer residents potential questions or concerns. It is important to be able to address potential issues. Ron will address any concerns people have with the removal of the Sassafras trees or that effect PLCC.

Round Table Discussion:

Les Rockwell suggested we might want to look into purchasing a new bingo machine. The one we have now is dated and has some problems.

Pat Mitchell brought up the deep ruts and weather related damage to the clubhouse drive. It is in poor condition especially after heavy rains and after the spring thaw. Michael Perry thinks he knows someone who will grade and level the drive. Pat Mitchell recommended slag as a less expensive and better alternative to gravel. Pat made a motion to be able to obtain a quote. Sue moved to approve up to \$500.00 for initial driveway slag/gravel. Beth Pusti 2nd the motion. The Board realizes this is just a start but will see how far the \$500.00 goes in settling the drive and making it navigable. The Board voted unanimously to approve the \$500.00 for driveway to clubhouse.

Spring Clean-Up- April 27. We will need as many people as possible. Neighbors & friends to rake wood chips and remove branches into the woods. There is a lot to do in and around the clubhouse to be ready for the season.

Les Rockwell will contact Carl Moser about the Pretty Lake art work he offered to sell giving a percentage of sales to PLCC.

Special Thank You: Rod Bergstedt for submitting the Lare Grant paperwork for 2019 weed control. Peggy & Tom Tassler for attending our April meeting and updating the board on the art/map project. Doug Neusbaum for invaluable help preparing the Lare Grants for the Cardno projects.

All Pretty Lake neighbors who volunteer their time, talent and expertise to keep Pretty Lake a beautiful place to create memories with our families and friendships with our neighbors.

Move to Adjourn: Butch Vaughn made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Ron Kantorak.