

Long Lake Preservation Association

September 16, 2024

ZOOM Board Meeting

Attending: Eric Anderson, Jennifer Brigham, Sandy Campbell, Randy Champeau, Peter Donlan, Sage Dunham, Brian Halloran, Randy Krautkramer, Jeff Linkenheld, Randy Poznansky, Jim Schlesinger, Megan Sorensen, Joe Thrasher, Guest Nikki Janisin

Call to order at 4:00 pm.

Special Guest Nikki Janisin, Executive Director—Hunt Hill Nature Center, summarized the history and evolution of Cakes at the Lake, which LLPA has co-sponsored with and at Hunt Hill. She spoke of the many benefits of this long-time partnership—an opportunity for us to connect and engage with 80-300 people at each event, educate, perhaps sell merchandise and promote membership to those on and near Long Lake’s entire watershed (Hunt Hill is part of this watershed). She felt, and the Board concurred, that there is an opportunity for the LLPA to have a stronger presence and message, mingle more, build community beyond the friendly parking volunteers on our Board. We discussed a budget and will review at the Executive Committee level and get back to Hunt Hill. In 2025 there will be three Cakes at the Lake events—June, July and August. Dates and speakers, as well as costs, to be determined.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Accepted as submitted.

FINANCIAL –Randy K

Financials are on our shared Google Drive. Four checks were presented for payment (Jeff moved and Eric seconded). Unanimous approval.

LAKE CONSULTANT UPDATES – Megan Sorensen

- Enhanced Wake Survey - Reviewed 40+ comments received during the public comment period. They were sent to us, and are on the Google Drive. Megan recommended an Ad Hoc committee to review and recommend signage and communication. Sage, Jeff and Brian will work with Megan on this committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jeff and Sandy reported that the Executive Committee has been meeting monthly.

Communication and Education

- Print: Joe Thrasher discussed Fall Newsletter, articles underway and requests for additional content. We are looking for something from Washburn County Zoning. Jeff is writing up a fundraising article. The calendar deadline is coming up.
- Digital/Social Media: No report

Sustainability & Capacity Building Committee (SCBC)

- Contract review, mid year, with Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Sandy, Jeff and Megan will meet regarding this.

Lake Monitoring

Randy P. discussed the report as distributed on Google docs. Trends discussed and some readings (phosphorus) actually worsening.

Aquatic Invasive Species - AIS

New committee, initial meeting will be September 20. Discussed and recruited Board volunteers for boat landings for upcoming fishing tournament weekend.

Finance

No report

Fundraising

New committee with additional volunteers will work with SCBC. Board Members DJ and Jennifer along with Martha Seversen, Linda Flynn and Mary Johnson (Mary is also on Finance Committee). We will meet in October or November (Giving Tuesday end of November is a target event).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeff and Randy C did a tour of Long Lake on Friday September 6 with Jay Michels with EOR (on Google Drive).
- Jeff and Randy P have been communicating with Long Lake township, highway department, regarding the new wall and road relocation on M, near Holy Island Bay. Jeff and Randy C. will meet with Highway Department. Concern is safety, water, salt and debris runoff and silt filling in the bay.
- Consider attending September 29 What is Happening at Your Watershed, at Perlick Distillery, 3:30-6, RSVP needed, Bison dinner provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20, next ZOOM meeting will be October 21, ZOOM 4 p.m.