

**SCHOOL SECTION LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2009 / MORTON TOWNSHIP HALL**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – PRESIDENT at 9:08 AM**

Secretary – States 20% of total membership is required for election of directors. We have 47 members in attendance and we needed 20% of 131 (26) present to hold this meeting.

Roll Call made by Jerry King, President

**Board Officers**

Jerry King-2009 **P**  
John Rowland **P**  
Ellie Thering-2010 **P**  
Marlene Schalm-2010 **P**

**Park Manager**

Laura Odette **A**

**Area Reps**

Bunker, Darlene-2009 **P**  
Lefler, Ed-2009 **A**  
Miller, Margo-2010 **P**  
Olsen, Gene-2009 **A**  
Pratt, Jim-2009 **P**  
Seif, Ronald-2009 **A**  
Rowland, Judy-2010 **P**  
Schuberg, Jon-200 **A**  
Sheppard, John-2010 **P**  
Thomas, Bill-2010 **A**  
Miller, George-2010 **P**

Finance Committee – Maxine Murdoch  
**A** Fish Planting Project – Jerry King **P**  
Newsletter Coordinator–Maxine  
Murdoch  
Park Liaison – Jerry King **P**  
Lake Water Levels – John Rowland **P**  
Water Quality Management–Tom  
Thering **P**  
Road’s Committee – Larry Bunker **A**  
Web Site Master – John Rowland

**MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING AS READ – SECRETARY: Marlene Schalm**

Motion to approve made by MaryJane Holmes

- Second by Joann Miller
- Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ – TREASURER: Ellie Thering**

- Motion to approve made by Betty Pratt
- Second by Delores S. Clair
- Approved

**TREASURER PRESENTED PROPOSED 2009/2010 BUDGET**

- Motion to approve made by Ardith Smith
- Second by Rosemary White
- Approved

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Lake Access Locked Gate:** Jerry King

The gate was donated by Margo Miller in honor of her husband. A lock was put on it with all property owners receiving the combination. Many people forgot the combination but were able to resolve their problem quickly by calling George Miller. The lock disappeared the first weekend in June. It will be replaced with the same combination but this time it will be chained to the gate so that it will remain where it should be. A request went out to watch for people abusing the gate. It is not to be used as a swing by children. If you see someone abusing the gate or lock, please correct their action immediately. The new launch will be installed around the last week of Sept. A dock will be donated by Lakeside Motor Sports. When installation starts, the area will not be available for use for approximately 3 days

**Newsletter distribution:** Marlene Schalm for Maxine Murdoch

The newsletter went out in April by USPS and we have Maxine Murdoch to thank for the timely publication. It was decided to send everyone a hardcopy as we had money in the treasury and so many people had requested this. In August we will be sending out the fall newsletter by USPS also. Alan Metcalf suggested we send the letter out by Email to those whom we have addresses for and the rest to be sent parcel post. This will be reviewed by the Governing Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Presentation of proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.**

- Motion to Approve made by Mike Holmes
- Second by Bob Mussen
- Discussion

Executive Board had approved the changes made by the By-Laws committee at the April Board meet. A question was raised by a property owner, in regards to the word change from "legal" to "deeded" pertaining to access to lake of back lot property owners. It was explained that the 2 words meant the same but "deeded" was a little more descriptive and it was just saying your access is on your deed. Alan Metcalf also pointed out an incomplete sentence which would be completed prior to printing.

- Approved

**2 Election of Representatives by membership:** (need 6 new members & 2 members to be reelected under new by-laws/ + 1 member = park representative)

**Resignations over the past year:** *MaryJane Holmes, Mike Holmes, Ed Leifer, Ron Pride, Gene Olsen, Bill Thomas, Jon Schuburg*

Representatives/members willing to serve

- Jerry King; Ronald Seif
- New: Larry Bunker, Tom Thering, John Rowland

NOTE: Term of service is 2 years - per Article II, Section 2.2 of the bylaws.

Motion to elect: Delores St. Clair

Second: Jo Miller

Approved

Under the new By-laws, we will need to appoint 2 representatives for 1 year.

- **Morton Township to put up Street lighting:** Ardith Smith for Morton Township  
The Morton Township is proceeding with the installation of possibly 20 street lights. The cost of installation is \$100.00 per light and \$10.00 monthly for electricity. The locations which will affect us will be Buchanan & 90<sup>th</sup>. Buchanan & W. School Section Lake Dr., 90<sup>th</sup>. & E. School Section Lake Dr., Buchanan & Wood St., and the entrance of the Park on 90<sup>th</sup>. These are the areas that most affect us.
- **Report from Committee Chairpersons**
- *Finance Committee = Maxine Murdoch, Chairman:* The proposed Fiscal 2010, Weed Control Assessment Fund, and the Fish Planting Fund budgets were reviewed by Ms. Murdoch and found to be realistic when comparing it with the income/expense line items from previous years. She will audit the books for 2009-2009 after July 15<sup>th</sup>. statement is in.
- *Fish Planting Project = Jerry King, Chairman:* This was the fourth year of fish planting. Walleye up to 27"-28" have been caught in our lake. This past year over 700 walleye were planted. The committee will continue to sell T-shirts and hats to fund this project. 90% of monies received from Website advertisement goes toward purchase of the fish each year. Another fund raiser is the Fish Tournament held in the fall. Tri-Lakes is partnering with us in the fall which will increase the number of fish we can get for the same amount of money.
- *Newsletter Coordinator = Maxine Murdoch, Chairman:* This past Spring's newsletter was a joint effort of Marlene Schalm and Maxine Murdoch as she learned the ropes. It was decided to send the paper out by USPS as we had the money in the treasury for this year and then review it next year. We do not have email addresses for approximately 2/3s of the property owners at this time. Dorothy Metcalf has graciously volunteered to work with Maxine on the fall Newsletter.
- *Park Liaison = Jerry King:* Gary Brown, Mecosta County Parks Supervisor and Jerry King work closely to assure that information flows both ways. A request that the Park Manager or designated person be assigned to attend the Lake Association meetings for information sharing. They are

involved in financing the weed spraying and fish planting programs. The Mecosta Historical Society is in the process of putting a Museum in the old school house and eventually they want to reconstruct the old log cabin in the original spot.

- *Meet Your Neighbor = Margo Miller, Chairman:* The gathering is scheduled for August 29, 2009 and will be held in the same place and time for this year. Marshall's Tenting is furnishing a large tent, Lakeside Motor Sports and Ace Hardware will attend again. Local merchants will be approached for donations which can be used for door prizes. Margo will contact committee members and set up meetings for the next few weeks. This function has been well received and attendance has increased each year.
- *Road's Committee = Larry Bunker, Chairman:* Larry has been working with Morton Township in regards to the road condition around the Lake and throughout the township. Many of the roads are in bad repair but the County has no funds to fix them. They have been filling in the potholes which do help. The township has also contracted Consumers Energy for the placement of 20 street lights around the township which will include E. and W. School Section Lake Drive at Buchanan, Park Entrance at 9 mile, Buchanan and 9 Mile, and Buchanan and Wood St. along with 90<sup>th</sup>. Ave. & 10 Mile and 90<sup>th</sup>. Ave at M-20.
- *Lake Water Levels = John Rowland, Chairman:* the water level is down more than 10 ins. From last year's spring water level. The creek has been dug out by someone causing an excessive amount of water to flow out. This will lead to trouble later in the summer when the drought season hits. At the present time our weed count is low but if the weeds come to the surface, the boats will chop up the weeds, causing them to become more widespread. Also, the water will become warmer causing another set of problems. The committee has been working towards establishing a historical water level and then will approach the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner for a resolution. The property owners will be keep informed on everything that is being done and open meetings will be held, giving everyone a chance to voice their concerns.
- *Water Quality Management = Tom Thering, Chairman:* All of the water testing is being done and taken in as specified. Last Year's water Quality report is on the website for everyone to view. The water quality is regressing.
- *Website = John Rowland, Master:* We have had over 5000 hits on the website over the past year. A lot of information is available on these web pages for the property owners, along with pictures of activities and property owners having fun on the Lake. The websites are [www.schoolsection.com](http://www.schoolsection.com) or [www.schoolsectionlake.com](http://www.schoolsectionlake.com) . \$900.00 has been raised from local businesses sponsoring the website with 90% going into the fish fund.

**Open Meeting for Comments from Members - PLEASE state your name for the secretary to record.**

Gypsy Moth Spraying: It was thought that an area on E. School Section Lake Dr. had a gypsy moth problem but when the description was given, it was tent worms, not Gypsy Moths. There are no planning's in the future for assessment of taxes for Gypsy Moth Spraying. The problem is being monitored closely by the county on a regular basis.

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 11 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Morton Twp Hall**

**ADJOURN – PRESIDENT - MEETING CLOSED AT: 11:15 AM**