

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 2, 2022

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 2, 2022 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and officers were introduced as follows: Chuck Parkinson, President; Chris Bouck, Vice President; Carrie Albin, Secretary; Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Trustees, David Leighton and Bruce Roth. Several new members were introduced.

Fire Department representative, Steve Estes, was introduced. He has been in fire service for 19 years, most of his service was in forest fires. Been at Goodar for 2 years and took over in December as chief. Charlie (Asst Chief) and Barb Finley were also introduced. They are doing a lot of work for the department. They have come a long way since December. From February to now they have gotten \$90,000 in donations for equipment which has allowed them to buy much needed equipment. The equipment will help them get a better ISO rating which will help bring our insurance rates down. Fire Fighter 1 class starting in October, will also help with the ISO rating. Goal is to get us down to an 8a or 8b ISO rating which can be savings of 15-25% in insurance costs. Putting in three more bays (trying to get a loan or grant from USDA) since all trucks must be housed. Waiting for blueprints to get approved. Hoping to get the paperwork submitted immediately and get the funds approved by September. The fireman volunteers have volunteered their time to paint and clean up the playground. The moral has been much higher with the team. Biggest thing right now is that the firemen are using their own vehicles. They do not have any side by sides or quads to go down the trails in the woods. They hope to purchase one soon or get one donated. Prefer to get two if possible.

Charlie Finely was introduced. He is both the Iosco County Commissioner and Assistant Chief of the fire department. Broke away from Ogemaw County so that EMS can now respond anywhere and not be tied to county lines. Approved new AEDs for all patrol cars in Iosco County. He passed out his business card and encourages you to contact him.

Barb Finely was introduced. She started her career in the fire department over 30 years ago. They have organized several community events such as a Pancake Breakfast and taking Santa to the kids. Just started a cadet program – 14-18 for kids from the surrounding area not just South Branch. Once they are 18, they can join the fire department. 3 are currently attending.

A question was asked about what kind of money they need for the side by side. A quad would be good, a side by side is better. The member asked how they can donate. You can send it in to the Goodar Fire Department. A group of members announced they are donating a \$1000 to the cause. Chuck presented the \$1000 donation that the association also donates each year.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2021 were not read aloud and were approved. They are available online at the Jose Lake Association website and are mailed or emailed to all members. Motion made to accept and passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Joyce Taylor and motion made to accept and passed. A member had questions about the bank fees. It is due to the changeover of banks – Chemical Bank became Huntington Bank. The bank should be reimbursing some of the fees.

Weed report was read by Matt Albin. We have been managing the milfoil for almost 10 years. We used to treat 25 acres now we are down to 5 acres. We average about \$5600/year in treatments now. If we keep on top of it the number should stay the same and keep our special assessment low. Ongoing threats are Curly-Leaf Pondweed which has been found in Loon Lake and Starry Stonewort which has been found in Loon Lake, Sage Lake, and West Londo Lake. Neither of these have been found in Jose Lake yet. Matt and Frank will post some pictures on Facebook and the website. To keep the nutrient levels down in the lake, it is important to manage your fertilization. Try to at least leave a buffer of 10-15 feet by the lake. Try to minimize fertilizing with nitrogen and phosphorus. Pamphlets were provided and can be passed out to families and friends that are coming up, so they clean, drain, and dry their boats, especially if bringing a boat from another lake. If you think you see an invasive species, get a GPS coordinate if possible or take a picture of where you are on the lake and contact Casey from PLM at caseys@plmcorp.net. A member asked when does the special assessment end? It ends in 2024*. (*At the meeting another member said 2023 but it actually ends in 2024.) At that time there will be a meeting for the Jose Lake Weed Board (not the association board) to re-approve it and decide on the amount of the assessment. There was an online webinar with Casey from PLM. We hope to do that every May. Casey will be out for a survey and water quality test on July 11 and the treatment will be July 18.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (670 perch 5-7 inches long). Dave Leighton gave a report. He requested black croppies and small mouth bass. Three days before delivery date he said Imlay City said they could only get perch. Dave called two other hatcheries and they also couldn't get fish. The fish were purchased and delivered from Imlay City Fish Farm and stocked on November 24th. Dave asked for questions. A member suggested that we don't stock this year and save up some money to stock walleye next fall. He said we don't need more perch or blue gill but need more walleye. A motion was made for Dave to use up to 100% of the fish fund for walleye. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The boat parade was discussed. We also want to thank Cheryl at the store for promoting the parade. At the time of the meeting, we had 5 entries. It will start at the Jose Lake Store at 3pm. Chris still needs judges. Boat parade winners will be announced at 5:30pm at the Jose Lake Store. The prizes are cutting boards.

The dues were discussed. The current dues is \$30 with \$15 going to the general fund and \$15 going to the Fish Fund. The amount coming into the general fund will no longer be enough to cover the general fund expenses. A motion was made to raise the dues next year. A motion was made to take the money that goes towards the fish fund and put it towards the general fund instead this year. Chuck did not recognize the motion. He said it needs to go on the agenda for

next year. Individual members can designate which fund they would like any excess money over the \$30 to go to.

Chris Bouck gave a report on Clean Up Day on the first Saturday in May. Less trash to pick up. Chris reminded everyone that it is the first Saturday in May.

Spongy moths (a.k.a. Gypsy moths) are much better. A question was asked if it will be continued. Chuck said you need to call Fred Lewis to find out if they will be continuing it again next year. The assessment is \$40 per year for 3 years. Next year is the last year for the assessment. You can read more about the program at <https://plainfieldtwpmi.com/gypsy-moth-program/>.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Leighton made a motion to do an in-the-lake clean up. The motion was seconded. A member mentioned buying a claw on Amazon and was able to pull up a bunch of trash in the lake. It may be best to just do it as you see it. If you plan a clean-up day it may be too windy or too busy where you can't see it. The vote was to table the motion and just do it ourselves.

Election of directors took place. Joyce Taylor and Chris Bouck were up. They were re-elected by affirmation.

Board Member Terms and Roles:

2023 – Bruce Roth, Trustee; and Chuck Parkinson, President

2024 – Carrie Albin, Secretary; and David Leighton, Trustee

2025 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Chris Bouck, Vice President

OPEN DISCUSSION

A member thanked the board for all the support and research the board has done.

A member asked about mailing everyone an invoice and not just members. Can also make a flyer or pass out pamphlets and membership forms and go door to door.

A member has asked a question about the island. It is for sale and he was wondering if the association could purchase it to keep it as is. The association is not able to buy property. A member was asking more about the island and the history of it. It was recommended that you do research on the title. Another member has asked about the clean-up of the island. It was suggested to call the township. Many people have complained about it but nothing has been done.

A motion was made to pay out the donations.

A motion on the floor to leave Hale Citizens Patrol at - \$200. Passed

A motion on the floor to leave the Goodar Fire Department - \$1000 Passed

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am. There were about 40 people in attendance.