

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 3, 2021

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 3, 2021 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and officers were introduced as follows: Chuck Parkinson, President; Carrie Albin, Secretary; Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Trustees, David Leighton and Chris Bouck. No new members introduced.

Township Supervisor Fred Lewis was present and discussed the gypsy moth treatment. The Jose Lake area was treated at the end of May. Additional treatments are determined by the surveyors. A question was asked regarding dump closing notices. Fred said there is no way to do notices. He did get two open top dumpsters that they are using for overflow. Based on the amount of waste being thrown away, the township may need to increase the fee for the waste site. For any questions or concerns you can reach Fred at 989-984-7073 (cell) or by email at supervisor@plainfieldtwpmi.com.

Charlie Finley was not present at the start of meeting.

Fire Dept. Chief Robert View was present. They are currently working on acquiring some minor equipment for different trucks. They have added 800 MHz paging so there will be no dead spots. They also added a second 2000 gallon dump tank. They can now drop 4000 gallons and keep the trucks moving at all times. They need to reach a certain number of points to meet ISO certification. They may be able to share some of the requirements with Plainfield Twp. Insurance rate is a 9 which keeps our insurance costs low. See the enclosed update from the Fire Chief.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2020 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.

Matt Albin presented the Weed report. He stepped in when George moved. Frank Gailbraith is also helping out. Casey is now our representative from PLM. Jose lake is looking great! PLM treated just over three acres of milfoil on June 10 following a survey on June 1. They are continuing to manage the milfoil throughout the lake while promoting native plant growth. The new product "ProcellaCOR" seems to be the most effective treatment for milfoil in Jose Lake. We have had little milfoil bounce back since starting this product in 2019. PLM will be back out for a survey the week of July 12 and will continue monitoring the lake for exotic species with routine surveys and water quality sampling. We will keep you posted with findings and data collected. If you want more information regarding the water quality sampling and trends please contact Frank Galbraith (frankgalbraith6@gmail.com).

Looking ahead the biggest threats to the lake are an invasive species called Starry stonewort . This invasive species has been found in Iosco County and is rated as one of the more detrimental species to infest our waterways growing dense mats in up to 20 feet of water. The best way to stop or delay it coming to Jose Lake is ensuring that any boats coming into the lake are "Clean, Drained and Dry".(https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/its_time_to_clean_drain_dry_and_dispose). Please ask your friends and family members who bring watercraft to the lake to follow this protocol. The second threat is excessive algae leading to "water blooms." As you have seen in the news, algae water blooms are ugly, difficult to manage and severely limit our ability to enjoy the lake. The best way to avoid this is to limit the introduction of excessive nutrients into the lake. This means limiting the use of lawn fertilizers near the water (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/maintaining-waterfront-turf-to-preserve-water-quality>). Whether it's an invasive species or an algae bloom, prevention is far easier and less expensive than restoring lakes already damaged. Please help protect your investment and maintain the lake for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

Someone asked about the treatment areas. There is a map that is posted down at the boat ramp when they do treatment. Someone asked about the muck. Muck pellets can be purchased through PLM. Email Casey at caseys@plmcorp.net if you want to purchase. We will post the recording of the webinar.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (590 perch, 500 walleye). Dave Leighton gave a report. The fish were purchased and delivered from Imlay City Fish Farm and stocked on November 25th. Dave asked for suggestions. He has had requests for small mouth bass. Chuck recommended perch and walleye. Previous DNR report showed that walleye, perch, and blue gill were doing well. We will spend the full amount of the fish fund. This year it is \$2785.00. Someone requested blue gill but many felt there were a lot of blue gill. Each fish costs a different amount. He has to send in his amount of fish to DNR for permit approval before stocking.

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 7 entries. It will start at the Jose Lake Store at 3pm. Frank Galbraith, Matt and Carrie Albin, Rosemary Wlodarczyk, Don Knickerbocker, Joyce and Mickey Taylor, and Debbie Toth volunteered as judges. Boat parade winners will be announced at 5:30pm at the Jose Lake Store. The prizes are cutting boards.

There was a memorial parade of ATVs for Scott Hardy over the Memorial Day weekend. The parade was not organized by the association but by a member on the lake.

Store is putting on a golf cart scavenger hunt. Information can be found at the store.

The dues were discussed. The current dues is \$30 with \$15 going to the general fund and \$15 going to the Fish Fund. A motion was made and passed to keep the dues the same.

Chris Bouck gave a report on Clean Up Day on the first Saturday in May. Chris couldn't attend so Dave Leighton took it over and gave the report. 27 people attended and the area looks very

good. Dave's trailer was used to save on the dump fee. Tony Mills and Keith Sanford assisted Dave. If you see something on the trail contact Chuck Parkinson and he will help get it taken care of. Chris reminded everyone that it is the first Saturday in May.

Gypsy Moth Update – Charlie Finley arrived to the meeting late and requested to speak about the gypsy moths. There was money leftover in the fund from many years ago. The board gave authorization to spend the money on the first study (\$8500) in Plainfield Twp. The majority of the moth program was funded by the State and Federal govt. The commissioners talked about doing a county wide millage but there was no way the east side was going to support the program since they currently do not have gypsy moths. So, they decided to leave it up to the township. There was still a pool of money from the previous program (~\$40,000). They adopted a resolution that any township that had a gypsy moth millage would split it equally. The only one that did that was Grant Twp. Plainfield Twp did a special assessment. It had to be a millage and not a special assessment. Chuck asked if it could have been changed. Charlie said it was wide open to any of the townships but he didn't hear from anyone about changing it to include special assessments. Someone asked why it was written up that it had to be a millage. Charlie wasn't sure why but there was some reason that it had to be written up that way due to the previous grants. Charlie took over the training for the Goodar Fire Dept. He feels the dept is doing a very good job.

NEW BUSINESS

Propose expenditures were discussed. After paying all the expenditures there is no money for the fireworks. Someone mentioned about not paying the Hale Citizens Patrol anymore especially since they did not send a representative. Chuck spoke from them since he was on it before. They hit all the lakes and properties in Plainfield Twp.

Hale Citizens – only one nay, Goodar Fire Dept. – all agreed, Salary – part of the bylaws, Fish fund – part of the bylaws.

Request for nominations to fill George Brown's position. Tom Hermann recommended Bruce Roth. Many agreed. Chuck asked for people to write their names down and the Board would select the person after the meeting per the by-laws.

Election of directors took place. Carrie Albin and Dave Leighton were up. They were re-elected by affirmation. Bruce Roth was elected by the Board after the meeting ended.

Board Member Terms and Roles:

2022 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Chris Bouck, Vice President

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

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

Problem with the geese. Is there any way to control it? You can report it to the DNR or put up a string across your beachfront.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am. There were about 40 people in attendance.

GOODAR TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

Due to the restrictions in place last year, we were unable to give you an update on our status, equipment, and general department overview. First, we would like to thank you for your continued support and want to assure you that we are making great strides within the department. Our personal protective equipment is being maintained to current standards, the equipment is being kept in working order, unless parts are being waited on. Training is being conducted by a certified Firefighters Training Council Instructor and required equipment testing is being maintained as well as effectively documented.

Some of the equipment that has been added in the last 2 years include:

- A second 2,000-gallon portable drop tank

- A jet syphon draft strainer

- 2 additional thermal imagers'

- 800 MHz pagers

This equipment will/has gone a long way in supporting our scene operations and will ultimately be very instrumental in our goal of obtaining a lower ISO rating which we are currently working on. There is a lot of T's to cross and I's to dot before setting an appointment up. Several years of records for maintenance, training, testing, and calls are required as well as a complete inventory of all equipment carried on each truck. We are working on adding any pertinent equipment that will count as well. Our goal is getting as low as we can without purchasing any equipment that does not meet the needs of our area.

We are still in need of volunteer's, there are jobs that any person can do. You do not necessarily need to become certified in firefighting or medical first response. There is always the little task that away from the immediate scene that if we had someone else to do them, it would free up a certified person to perform task that do require certification.

Thank you,

Robert View Goodar Township Fire Chief

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