

# JOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 6, 2024

10:00 AM

## OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 6, 2024 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. Kevin Issacson introduced himself as a new member.

Fire Dept Rep – Charlie Finley thanked the association for their generous donation to upgrade the JAWS of life. They were able to get two. They also received an extra set as a donation that went on a backup unit that is stationed in Curtis. There are two people in the dept that are CPR instructors and if anyone needs CPR or First Aid training you can call him and get it for free. The Fire Department signed up for a free program through the State of Michigan for free CO2 detectors and smoke detectors so there is no cost to have them installed by the Fire Department. They received a grant for \$10,000 to purchase new turnout gear. It costs \$4000 for gear for one person. We now have a deputy during the summer months in Plainfield Twp. Their approach is presence and prevention. Chuck presented the Fire Dept with the association's yearly donation. Charlie's phone number is on the board outside of the Goodar Twp Hall.

A member asked who would show up if we call the police for a medical issue. Right now it is the Plainfield Twp. Only for fire rescue related events would the Good Fire Dept be called in. There is no reciprocity for medical issues yet.

Scott Frank, Sheriff from Iosco County, spoke. He introduced himself and explained the different resources that the county has like a school resource officer. He also explained the jail and equipment. They now have 5 deputies up from 1. They are currently hiring and will put someone through their academy.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2023 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.

Weed report was read by Matt Albin:

Matt posts a lot of information regarding the weed program on the group Facebook page. There was a small patch of milfoil found and it was treated. It was the only one found and is significantly down over past years. Purple loosestrife is also an invasive species and has been found in the lake. We renewed our contract with PLM in 2024. They offered us a two-year contract at the same pricing. They did a survey in June and didn't find anything to treat so did no treatment. They will be here on Monday July 8th for the next assessment.

A member asked about the lily pads thinning out. Matt wasn't sure why this would be. PLM does an assessment every fall that counts the native and non-native species so they can keep track. Another person asked if the purple loosestrife has been treated. Matt mentioned that it is up to the homeowners if they will allow it to be treated. Some have given approval to have it treated. A member asked about algae blooms. PLM has said they are not harmful algae blooms. They are not dangerous for swimming, pets, or the fish. (See newsletter for more information.) Some current threats are starry stonewort and hydrila (aggressive and no treatments for it yet). With the lower water levels and warmer season, it could cause more invasive weeds.

Some tips to consider. Do not use fertilizer at least 20 ft near the lake. Burning leaves by the water is also an issue. Avoid adding any new nutrients into the lake. Make sure any family and friends clean, drain, and dry their boats before putting them into our lake.

Special Assessment is up in 2024. They typically do it for 5 years. This will be discussed at the Plainfield Twp board meeting. You can put your comments in at the township. It is a very cheap investment to protect your much larger one. If you let any of the weeds get out of control it could be much more costly than doing yearly maintenance. (See the newsletter for more information.)

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (345 Walleye 5-7 inches long and 400 Hybrid Blue Gills 4-6 inches long). Dave Leighton gave a report. Everything went smoothly. He puts them in late in the year because the migration is over. We will use the \$2895 in the Fish Fund to stock again this year. Contact Dave Leighton if you would like to request a certain species be stocked.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The boat parade was discussed. Three boats were signed up at the start of the meeting. (Seven boats ended up participating). The association would like to thank the store for promoting the parade and hosting the start and award ceremony. Thank you also to the 6 judges who helped to pick the winners.

The dues were discussed. The current dues is \$30 with \$15 going to the general fund and \$15 going to the Fish Fund. All members are encouraged to talk with their neighbors about joining.

Chris Bouck gave a summary of the Clean Up Day. There were 35 people at the clean-up. Hot dogs were served afterwards. Members are asked to pick up trash on the water or around the lake if they see it. It is always the first Saturday in May at 9am.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chuck brought up the permanent marker/plaque that was put up at the boat launch in honor of Joe Moran (Pontoon Joe). Dave Leighton got permission to put the sign up on private property. Dave Nagy created the plaque and only charged \$50. Joe was integral in getting the boat ramp put in along with several other long-time members.

Election of directors took place. Carrie Albin and Dave Leighton were up for re-election. Both of their terms were extended.

#### **Board Member Terms and Roles:**

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

2026 – Bruce Roth, Trustee; and Chuck Parkinson, President

2027 – Carrie Albin, Secretary; and David Leighton, Trustee

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

A member asked if they have seen a muskrat problem. Other members have also had issues with them. They can also chew up the wiring in boats. You can call the DNR to have them trapped. Another member asked about controlling the geese. There isn't anything that can be done. Most deterrents don't seem to work. A member asked about the checks for next year. Everything would be the same except for maybe the Hale Citizens Patrol. They may no longer be in existence.

#### **CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am. There were about 48 people in attendance.