

THE BIRCH BARK



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AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE (989) 588-706

IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911



COFFEE TALK

Every Friday

In the
Clubhouse

9am to
11:00am

Donuts \$1.00



HOURS OF OPERATION SUMMER CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Starting 05/25/23

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday
10:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sunday

SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of the month
Closed Sunday

MANAGER HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

SWIMMING POOL HOURS

9:00 AM TO 7:30 PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
9:00 AM to 8:30 PM Friday & Saturday
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM Sunday

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR
ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN
EMERGENCY, THE MAIN
TELEPHONE NUMBER IS, 989-
539-7166



Purchases

It is recommended by the Board to verify the status of Association fees with Lisa or Michelle before purchasing property in WBLRA. You can verify taxes with Lincoln Twp.

Calendar of Events

Bingo	Aug 19	1:00-3:00 Clubhouse
Labor Day Gathering	Sept 2	5-10 pm Campground
Board Meeting	Sept 8	10:00 am Clubhouse
Bingo	Sept 16	1:00-3:00 Clubhouse



Per WBLRA policies, Members must be “In Good Standing” (current on assessments) before using any of the amenities. If a Member is NOT in “good standing,” our employees with direction from the Board will turn them away. If a Clubhouse Attendant turns a Member away, it is based upon a list which is updated Every Friday afternoon before 4pm.

With the Fall coming quickly. Members are cleaning up their property. Please do not blow yard materials into the roads. This is for everyone’s safety as well as keeping our road equipments from being



FIRE DANGER

Please use extreme Caution and follow the Danger rating system, Posted by Smokey at the Entrance/Exit



Campfire and Seasonal Wood

If you see any downed trees or limbs on the side of the roads they can be taken by Members for campfires or seasonal firewood. Please do NOT enter other Members lots for wood Unless you have permission from the Owner.



Trespassing

Please be aware that, by leaving WBLRA by any other means other than the Entrance/Exit, you are trespassing on private property. Please be aware that by opening trail, you are encouraging others who do not own property to come in on these unauthorized trails. The only lawful means of ingress & egress into our Association is the Entrance/Exit gates on White Birch Lane at the front of our Association. We encourage all Members to use the gates exclusively, as intended.



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Recreation

A current copy of the DNR ORV handbook is available in the office. Let’s all have a great time and enjoy ourselves, safely. Slow down at stop signs and watch for others. Remember children 15 and under must have adult supervision. Please refer to Michigan.gov/dnr.



“Slow down you move to fast, you gotta make the moment last.”



Information Station

"Your Destination for Information"

In Honor of August 3rd National Watermelon Day!

No need for a recipe

Cut

Serve

Some people like salt.

Some people like sugar.

Some people like plain.

Whichever way you like it, sit in
the shade or sun. Either!

Just relax!



We NEED you!!

Be on the lookout for virtual meetings

Covenants and Restrictions Info Meeting

Aug 24, 2023, 6:30 – 9:30 PM (America/New_York)

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or
smartphone.**

<https://meet.goto.com/620949997>

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

Saturday September 3rd will be another in person meeting 10-12 at
the Clubhouse.

*The Office is still working on Campground Storage please
be patient.*



DID YOU KNOW?

August is popularly known as harvest month.

HOW TO HELP CONTROL THE SPREAD OF OAK WILT

OAK WILT affects Red Oaks, and Red Oak leaves are pointed and White Oak leaves are rounded at the tips. Oak Wilt can kill a tree in 1 season and is spread by BEETLES, that spread the fungus from tree to tree on the sap that is presented from a cut down or damaged trees. Trees should NOT be cut from APRIL to JULY when the sap is most abundant and the beetles smell it out.

- 1) Beginning signs of Oak Wilt can also be signs of other things that are affecting the Red Oaks such as Oak Decline and Anthracnose and Oak Scotch.
- 2) Crucial to remove the stumps to break up the grafted roots and stop the fungus from spreading underground.
- 3) Stumps can be burnt, chipped or flipped upside down and reburied in it's place.
- 4) Wood needs to be chipped, burned or put under a clear tarp for a year (until next August)
- 5) Small branches should be burned or chipped.
- 6) If you choose to tarp, be sure to dig the pile around the pile and bury the tarp to stop the beetles from getting in.
- 7) Pressure/spore pads can still form on the cut wood.
- 8) Oak Wilt cannot not be confirmed without lab testing or a last year dead tree with a pressure/spore pad under the bark, if there is still bark on the tree.

More Information is available on the Clare County Conservation Department website at www.clarecd.org

NEW COMMITTEES

2023-2024 Committee Sign-Up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Please sign-up ASAP or call Michelle or Lisa to have your name written on the sheets in order for the appointments to be made at the August or September Board Meeting.

WINTER STORAGE RESERVATIONS

Members wishing to renew their previous storage site have until **July 31, 2023** to renew. A completed & signed storage agreement is required. The agreement can be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to you; whatever is most convenient. Storage sites for large camping units are extremely limited, so a reservation ASAP is highly recommended.

If you have not reserved your site by the July 31st deadline, the unreserved sites will be offered to those Members on the waiting list, so please do not delay in getting your site reserved.

Storage fees remain the same: \$40.00 for storage area & \$75.00 for the campground. You are required to be a "Member in good standing" to utilize storage. Payment in full is required at the time the reservation is made.



Lincoln Township Master Plan 2040

Community Visioning Workshop

LOCATION: Lincoln Township Hall

DATE: Tuesday, August 22

TIME: 6pm to 8pm

Please join us for this Community Visioning Workshop, where you will have an opportunity to **share your thoughts about the future of Lincoln Township!** The workshop will begin with a brief presentation of the Township Master Plan and key findings revealed to-date. It will then feature exercises where you will work with others to identify strategies for land use, development, circulation, preservation, and other aspects of community life.

Lincoln Township (in Clare County) is preparing a new Master Plan. The Plan will establish a renewed vision for land use and development, which is consistent with the overall character of the Township. This vision will guide local elected officials, Township staff, and the Planning Commission in making informed land use and development decisions. The Plan has a long-range focus, exploring needs and goals over the next 5 to 20 years.

Questions? Contact Lincoln Township at (989) 588-9841

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
White Birch Lakes
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 A.M.

Board Members Present: President Boos, Steve Brandle, Steve Bryant, Jim Ostrowski, Phil Blaisdell, Jenny Baker, Kevin Dombrowski,

Board members Absent: none

Lisa Trojanowski, Secretary, Treasurer and Michelle Waters, Manager also present for check in.

The Invocation was given By Tim Boos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present

II. Burning of the Ballots:

1) *Steve Brandle, Lot 1360, moves to Burn the Ballots, 2nd by Teresa Stephens, lot 1323, motion carried.*

2) *Steve Bryant, Lot 1, moves to change the Order of the Agenda as needed, 2nd by Jim Ostrowski, motion carried.*

II. Election/Voting Begins:

Chairwoman, Teresa Stephens, calls for nominations from the floor 3 times. No Nominations from the floor were given, voting begins at 10:25 A.M. President Boos announced at this time, anyone who had not voted yet can do so at the Campground Fireside Room. Voting then closed at 11:00 A.M.

10:53 Meeting resumes

III. President's Report:

Welcome and thanks for attending, we have a great place to camp and live.

We appreciate our employee team here at WBLRA. Maintenance maintaining our grounds, roads and special projects, office keeping us organized and financially in sound shape, our pool attendants, safety officer and campground attendant, ALL are doing an excellent job.

Volunteers improved the look of the entrance and campground trails; we thank them for the fresh look.

The 4th of July Parade was said to be the largest ever, and the delicious lunch following fed about 150 people.

Our fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 2023 had revenue of \$ 530,978 and after expenses had a surplus of \$ 63,634.

The repair of the entrance lights and seal coating are on the contractors list just waiting for our turn.

Two directors and a member of WBLRA met with the Clare County Sheriffs to gather factual information. The report and questions asked are posted on WBLRA Facebook for your review.

The committees for next year have been restructured and have added a volunteer committee. The sign-up sheets have a description of the committee's tasks. Please sign up if you are interested. Sheets will be posted at the clubhouse.

At the June meeting I stated "there is a Burn Ban posted White Birch policy prohibits campfires" It was brought to my attention by Jenny Baker and other members that this policy could violate our C&R's. The county allows campfires during a burning ban. I stand corrected and my apology for any confusion that this caused. The Board will need to review this policy and make necessary corrections."

V. Manager's Report: None

VI. Approval of Annual Minutes from July 16, 2022

3) *Jim Ostrowski, lot 246 moves to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Jenny Baker, lot 713, Motion carried.*

VII. Report of the Treasurer:

President Boos reported end of Fiscal year 2022-2023 Association had expenses of

\$530,978. and the annual audit reported that there was a \$63,634.00 surplus.

VIII. Committee Reports:

C & R Committee:

C&R Chairwoman, Marie Sherry reported that the committee reviewed the existing C & R 's several times to come up with ideas for updates to the existing document. She thanked her committee for all their hard work on this project, Director Baker -Board Liaison, Ron Youngblood, Willa Coombe and Nadine Grabowski.

Marie indicated there will be several meetings throughout the review process with the membership and asking for their feedback will be done through zoom meetings, and regular meetings. Marie stated that the 1st rough draft has been submitted to the Association's attorney for review.

Transaction of other business & Comments from the Floor:

IX.

- 4) *Dawn Holzer, lot 1103 moves to have a bid for blacktop to be done in front of the bathhouse while the Asphalt Company is here doing the new parking lot at the Clubhouse. 2nd by Deb McDonald, lot 38. motion carried.*
- 5) *Member Jeff Simons, lot 299 moves to stop the upcoming paving project at the Clubhouse. Funds should be used elsewhere, like road improvements. 2nd by Steve Biechele, lot 737, motion carried with a show of hands.*
- 6) *Kevin Dombrowski, lot 1209 moves to buy 2 new tires for the grill, 2nd by Deb McDonald, lot 38, motion carried.*
- 7) *Janet Schafer, lot 1357, moves to purchase infant changing tables for the bathroom at the Clubhouse and at the Campground, 2nd by Jenny Baker, lot 731, motion carried. Lisa Cooley, lot 419 added to include one for the men's bathroom.*

CATERED LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 PM: PROVIDED BY HOGS FOR DOGS

Meeting Resumed at 12:40

X. Election Committee Report:

Teresa Stephens, Election Committee Chairwoman reported there were 164 Absentee Ballots received with 163 Absentee Ballots mailed out. There was 1 Absentee Ballot request rejected. 148 Absentee Ballots received and zero were rejected. Teresa thanked her committee Sandy Simmons, Lisa Trojanowski, Marney Frank, Judy Whidden, Debbie Gerish, Marlina Slone, and Willa Coombs who was on the committee but stepped down because her husband Bill was running for a seat. This year we gave out 160 ballots at the meeting and 308 votes were cast, which is a really good turnout. So, thank you to everyone that voted.

XI. Election Results:

Vote tally from the Absentee and Meeting Ballots:

Teresa Stephens Election Committee Chairperson, gave the following election results:

Total Absentee Ballot Application Requests Received – 164

Total Absentee Ballots Mailed Out – 163

Total Absentee Ballot Application Requests Rejected –1

Total Absentee Ballots Received – 148

Total Absentee Ballots Rejected – 0

Meeting Ballots given – 160
Meeting Ballots cast – 160
Meeting Ballots rejected - 0

Steve Bryant	60 from Absentee Ballots 46 <u>from Meeting Ballots</u> 106 Total
Bill Coombs	68 from Absentee Ballots 26 <u>from Meeting Ballots</u> 94 Total
Kevin Dombrowski -	117 from Absentee Ballots 135 <u>from Meeting Ballots</u> 252 Total
Dawn Holzer -	99 from Absentee Ballots 105 <u>from Meeting Ballots</u> 204 Total
Marie Sherry -	82 from Absentee Ballots 112 <u>from Meeting Ballots</u> 194 Total

Final Election Results

Kevin Dombrowski – 3-year term
Dawn Holzer – 3-year term
Marie Sherry –1-year term

7) *Director Baker moves to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of the Board at 12:49 pm, 2nd by Director Brandle, motion carried.*

XIII. Organization Meeting of the Board:

All Board Members were present.

(9) *Director Holzer nominated President Boos for President (President Boos accepted nomination)
2nd Director Ostrowski.
All Directors voted yes for Director Boos to be President.*

*President Boos nominated Director Ostrowski for 1st Vice President (Director Ostrowski accepted nomination)
2nd Director Blaisdell
Director Holzer nominated Director Holzer for 1st Vice President (Director Holzer accepted nomination)
2nd Director Baker
Director Ostrowski, Blaisdell and President Boos voted yes to Director Ostrowski. Director Baker, Sherry,
Dombrowski and Holzer voted yes to Director Holzer. Director Holzer is 1st Vice President.*

*Director Baker nominated Director Dombrowski for 2nd Vice President (Director Dombrowski accepted nomination)
All Directors voted yes for Director Dombrowski to be 2nd Vice President.*

Final Organization Results:

Tim Boos - President
Dawn Holzer - 1st Vice President

Kevin Dombrowski - 2nd Vice President
Jenny Baker – Director
Phillip Blaisdell -Director
Jim Ostrowski – Director
Marie Sherry - Director

*(10) Director Sherry moves for an Affidavit to be used in lieu of Meeting Minutes if they cannot be provided to be taken to the banks for signing of checks, 2nd by Director Holzer.
All Ayes, motion carried.*

*(11) Director Baker moves to adjourn the Organization Meeting of the Board at 12:59 pm, 2nd by Director Ostrowski.
All Ayes, motion carried.*

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski, Secretary/Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2023
(Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Board Members Present: President Boos; Directors Sherry, Ostrowski, Holzer, Dombrowski and Baker also, Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Trojanowski and Manager Michelle Waters

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: None

Board Members/Others Absent: Director Blaisdell

Note: There were approximately 4 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 27 Members in Attendance at the Clubhouse.

The Invocation was given by President Boos.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and listening.

*(1) Director Ostrowski moves to accept the newly elected and appointed Members to the Board, 2nd by Director Holzer.
All Ayes, motion carried.*

II. Additions to the Agenda:

- A. Labor Day Activities – Director Dombrowski
- B. Minutes on the Website – Director Holzer
- C. Email Blast- Director Baker

III. Approval of Minutes:

*(2) Director Sherry moves to approve the minutes from the June Board Meeting, 2nd by Director Baker.
All Ayes, motion carried.*

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Lisa Trojanowski reported the following:

There was a mailing of post cards to update members on C&R virtual and in person sessions to be able to share information and get input on the changes before putting it to a member vote. Approximately 879 post cards were sent out. I would like to thank Kim Mitchell, Linda Boos, Rose Boos, Marsha Manchester and Nancy Buchholz for stamping, labeling and sorting the cards. I really appreciated your help.

(3) Director Holzer moves to approve the financial reports for June and July as presented, subject to the Auditor's approval, 2nd by Director Baker: All Ayes, motion carried.

*(4) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the August Payables as presented, 2nd by Director Dombrowski.
All Ayes, motion carried.*

V. President's Report: President Boos reported the following:

I would like to thank all the members that attended the Annual Meeting. The Staff and Volunteers did a great job, it is appreciated.

Georgia Romine has again volunteered to do the bus stop this year taking care of our “precious children”.

There were several motions made at the Annual Meeting, infant changing tables, tires for the grill, blacktop at the bathhouse, all will be addressed after feasibility and cost are determined.

A motion was also made to stop the paving project at the Club House.

In May 2023, the Board approved blacktopping of the parking lot and removal of one tree at the club house. This would provide better accessibility for the handicap and general safety for others during the winter months. After reviewing a legal opinion from 2010 that stated a

motion made by a member at the annual meeting does not supersede the legal authority of the board, and due to the financial and professional commitment we've already made with contractors, the board has decided to proceed with the blacktop project as planned.

The other issue at the annual meeting was road improvements. This is being address under new business.

“White Birch Lakes Needs You!” post cards have been mailed to all members. Try to take advantage of a meeting in regards to the information on the proposed C & R' S.

The committee signup sheets are posted in the hallway. The Activities and EPC committees are in need of volunteers.

VI. Manager's Report: Michelle Waters reported the following:

Dates to remember:

Star link is up and running – Thank you to Mark for getting it set up on the roof for the best connection!

Just a reminder that the school kids will be back to school August 21st. Please be careful when driving in the early mornings, some kids walk to the bus stop.

And a big thank you to Georgia for volunteering at the bus stop!

I am currently contacting members on the waiting list for storage spots that have come available.

Thank you to Deb McDonald and her campground crew for getting the new numbers up in back storage and finding a couple of new spots for additional storage.

PLM lake treatment tentative date: 8/21 for a weed and algae treatment

The next brine is scheduled for 8/24.

We had a technician from Van't Hoff come out to check out the yelp feature on the gate system – we also had a problem a couple of weeks ago with the gate getting stuck open and I had a report that the gate wouldn't open for a motorcycle going out. He replaced on component and turned up the sensitivity, so hopefully this takes care of these issues.

The campground septic system alarm sounded a few weeks ago. County Wide came out and found bad connector. Replaced connector pulled pump found a rag in the pump causing amps to be too high – blown breaker. Suggested having the tank pump because the sediment was too high so we had it pumped. I suggest we have the septic pumped two times per season.

It is time to order an allotment of gravel for road repairs and improvements– this is in the budget – the lowest price for per ton was given by Fischer Transportation at \$16.61. the cost with tax for \$100T will be \$1760.66.

We are looking for a volunteer to take care of the smoky sign at the front gate.

(5) Director Holzer moves to approve purchase of gravel up to \$2,000.00 from Fischer Transportation for road repairs and improvements, 2nd Director Sherry. All Ayes, motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports:

a. Appointment of 23-24 Committee Members:

EPC & Conservation / Grounds Committee: Director Holzer Board Liaison

Election Committee: Teresa Stephens -Chairperson, Director Ostrowski-Board Liaison, Sandy Getz, Willa Coombe, Marney Frank and Cheryl Constantino.

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele-Chairperson, Director Ostrowski -Board Liaison, Bob Pelfery.

C & R and By-Law and Policy and Procedure Committee: Marie Sherry-Chairperson, Director Holzer -Board Liaison, Ron Youngblood, Steve Biechele, and Tim Vajcner.

Finance Committee: Dawn Holzer-Chairperson, Director Marie Sherry -Board Liaison, Dick Hassberger, Michael Manchester and John Pryde.

Campground Committee: Debra McDonald-Chairperson, Director Dombrowski-Board Liaison and Dawn Holzer.

Activities Committee: Director Blaisdell- Board Liaison.

Volunteer Committee: Chair- Sandy Getz, Director Baker- Board Liaison and Rose Boos.

(6) Director Baker moves to accept the Committee appointments as listed. 2nd Director Dombrowski All Ayes, motion carried.

b. Committee Reports:

Activities Committee: Marney Frank reported the following:

Bingo was June 17th. We had a nice turnout (around 25 people) and everyone had a good time.

July 1st was the 4th of July Parade. There was a nice turnout for it. Thank you to Dawn Holzer for being in charge of that.

Also, on July 1st was the July Fest Meal. Hot dogs, chips, & water were provided. We had about 195 people that ate. Unfortunately, not many brought a dish to pass, maybe at the most, 15 people brought something to share. We ran out of food. A special thanks goes to Jan Preston and her daughter Cheryl Constantino for their help as well as Marty Perkins for helping set up, Bob Pelfrey for his assistance so we could get the tables, coolers etc. from the locked closet at the bath house and being there so we could lock them back up afterwards. Thank up to Jim Ostrowski and Bill Coombe for cooking the hot dogs and Debbie McDonald for making the baked beans. Also thank you to Willa Coombe, Laura and Tom Mitchell, Kim Mitchell, John and Bill Frank for all their help setting up, hauling things to the campground and back, serving and every thing they did. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to have it.

Next Saturday, August 19th, will be our next Bingo from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for Bingo and everyone is welcome. Prizes are candy bars and chips. It is an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

There will be a Children's Fishing Contest on Saturday, August 26th from 10 a.m. to Noon. For Ages 7 and under, 8 – 10, 11 -12, 13 – 14. Prizes will be awarded at Noon. Fred Witchell will be handling this activity. Hopefully there will be others to volunteer to help measure fish etc. The children will fish from White Birch Lake Shore.

This past year I was very fortunate to have a wonderful committee that stepped up and helped with all the activities. They did a wonderful job. I can't thank them enough for all their help throughout the year. Thank you to Willa Coombe, Char Lieblich, Chloe and Jim Ostrowski, Kim and Bob Mitchell, Laura and Tom Mitchell as well as Debbie and John McDonald, John and Bill Frank who were there always for me. Thank you to Dick Hassburger and Nancy and Carl Buchholz who made the Hay Ride a success. We were blessed to have so many members to help. I hope this coming year, there are people to volunteer and keep the activities and other committees going.

The more volunteers, each committee gets, makes it easier for everyone to do what needs to be done. Many hands make light work. WE all need to do our share and work together to make White Birch the best it can be.

Campground Committee: Deb McDonald reported the following:

"We got the new signs up, we no longer have alphabetical out there it is all numbers, 1-205. Hopefully, it will not be confusing anymore. Maintenance has gone out and did some mowing. We were hoping that people would do what they were supposed to do and remove their trailers for the first 2 weeks of August but that did not happen. We are working on fixing the fence back there, everything is going well. Hopefully, by the end of September we will go back and put lines in the back and then when we can do the campground area, we will do that." Director Dombrowski expressed that there are a few campers that need to be moved in order to fix the fence. Michelle is working on a solution at this time.

EPC Committee: Bob Mitchell reported the following:

"First off all I would like to thank Bill Frank, Deb McDonald and John Lieblich for all their hard work working on EPC they did a lot. 11 tree permits, 2 driveways, 2 wells, 2 contiguous lots and 1 septic. Everything is current as of 8/11/2023".

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele reported the following:

June 2023 Clare County Sheriff Incident reports, 27- Ambulance & Rescue, 11- Animal Control, 13-General Assistance, 10- Paper Service, 65- Property Check, 11- Traffic Patrol and 24- Traffic Stop.

IX. Comments from the Floor:

1. Debbie Gerish, Lot# 372, "I would like to know how much money does the Board members feel they need to spend in 2023 to keep our Association as a non-profit organization. And I would like to know why the driveway out here was planned to be asphalted and we didn't know about it? I have been here and you say that you talked about it for months and the contract was signed?" It was instructed that these were questions that can be asked after the meeting and this is the time for comments. "Does it say on the website that during 2023 we plan on spending this much money to keep our Association a non-profit organization? How much money do you guys' plan on spending?"
2. Bill Coombe, Lot# 232, "Thank you to the Board members for your willingness to service for 1 or 3 years. I know it is a big

responsibility and a real chore for you and I appreciate it. But I am heartbroken about the condition of the lakes. I know that it is going to be a discussion item later. I park my car out here and look out at White Birch Lake and I see all the growth that is going on on the lake and that growth is eventually going to die and fill the lake up. I have seen this lake before it was a lake and it was just a swamp. I am afraid for our lakes. I feel that the board or someone has to take a long-range view of what we are going to do to maintain our lakes, keep them usable, keep them viable and don't let them get over grown and become a swamp again."

3. Chloe Ostrowski, Lot # 246, "I just want to know when the lights are going to be done at the gate?"
4. John Tanner, Lot# 270, "I haven't been to a meeting for quite a long time. One comment I have is it might be a good idea for each one of you folk to have a microphone, I am having trouble hearing anything that is being said."
5. Theresa Thompson, Lot# 752-753, "I signed up for a couple of committees right before the meeting so I was hoping that you could consider adding me to the finance and C&R." (It was noted and will be approved)

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item "C& R Discussion," Director Sherry began the discussion stating that postcards were sent out and basically using these meetings to share information and develop dialog. She will also develop a survey. She was able to reach out to the attorney and the review we received is nothing stopping us from having any informational meetings. The attorney did address the concern about how many votes were needed to change the C&R's, it was clarified that it is 50% of members in good standing. There was more discussion on voting policy and will be followed up on.

In regards to the Agenda item of "Common Property Taxes Update," Director Sherry stated that she had also spoke to the attorney on the status of this and the reasoning of not refiling every year, there was discussion and again we are waiting for a ruling from the courts and will make decisions after that. There was also discussion on getting those common properties platted if possible and will be followed up at a later date.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item, "Ratify motion to post Questions and Results of Meeting with Clare County Sheriff Dept,"

(7) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the posting of the questions and results with the Clare County Sheriff Dept, 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes motion carried,

In regards to Agenda item, "Ratify Email Motion for Post Card Mailing,"

(8) Director Ostrowski moves to approve the mailing of post cards for C&R information, 2nd Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, "Ratify Motion for funds for Candy purchase for 4th of July,"

(9) Director Holzer moves to approve the purchase of candy up to \$125.00 for the 4th of July, 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, "Plant Exchange," Director Holzer stated that the Plant Exchange will be at the Campground Pavilion on Sept 30, from 1 pm – 3 pm. You don't have to bring plants if you don't want to or you can bring plants, there will be snacks and prizes.

In regards to Agenda item Propane Bids,"

(10) Director Dombrowski moves to accept the Coyne Oil propane bid at \$1.37.9 fixed rate from August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024. 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, New Attorney Discussion," Director Sherry proposed that we look for a new attorney that is more familiar with property owner associations. There was a discussion involving the pros and cons and was determined that a committee of President Boos, Director Holzer and Director Dombrowski would look into different attorneys.

(11) Director Baker moves to have to Executive Committee will look into new attorney and provide feedback and an update by the September Board meeting. 2nd Director Ostrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

In regards to Agenda item, Accountant Audit Discussion,” Director Holzer stated that normally we have an audit done before the annual meeting and it is presented at the annual meeting. The auditor would like to streamline our audit process and the auditor would reduce our costs. The auditor has stated she will still come into the office and help with the process. There was a discussion on forming a new committee that does not include anyone on the board or office on the committee.

(12) Director Dombrowski moves to streamline the audit process per Dorothy Howard, our auditor recommendations while maintaining and keeping accountability regarding checks and balances and keeping transparency of the process for a trial of one year. 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

In the regards to Agenda item “Fall Garage Sale”, it was determined that we would not have a Fall garage sale.

In regards to Agenda item “Holiday Lake/Lake Level,”- This item was postponed until September board meeting due to Director Blaisdell not in attendance today.

In regards to Agenda item “Road Maintenance/Identify Needs and Costs,” President Boos stated that he thinks that the Board should give instruction to our staff to identify the needs and the costs to repair the roads and prioritize according to the most needs and then we do what we can afford to do. Michelle was given instruction to start looking into identifying the problems and move forward.

In regards to added Agenda item “Labor Day Event,” Director Dombrowski turned over the floor to Lisa Cooley. It was presented a Labor Day event. A couple Halloweens ago we had Twin Turbo BBQ Food truck and it was amazing. He happens to have a truck available for Labor Day weekend. A DJ was found for karaoke, he will play from 6pm-10 pm, for \$300. Lisa is asking for \$100 more for snacks and etc. A total of \$400, which is in the budget. Director Dombrowski did get 3 bids for DJ and we went with the lowest bit. The food truck will ready to start serving at 5 and will stay as long as needed. Director Dombrowski added that we are also looking volunteers for security to help Bob patrol, Labor Day weekend, just stop by the office. There are magnetic Safety patrol signs that can go on a side-by-side or vehicle.

In regards to added Agenda item “Minutes on the Website,” Director Holzer would like to see previous years minutes on the website. The staff will get the minutes off the computer and send them to our web controller to add the additional minutes.

In regards to added Agenda item, “Email Blasts,” Director Baker stated that the subscription to Constant Contact is about to expire. It was determined that it would be renewed. Director Baker stated that she would like to do it more than once a month but is becoming quite busy and would like some help.

(13) Director Sherry moves to renew the contract for Constant Contact for approximately \$300, 2nd Director Ostrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

6. Julie Crankshaw, Lot 864, “I have a comment three questions. Is it a possibility or would you consider looking at a fee for boat rentals. I have talked to numerous people when I am at the beach that would love to put their kayak in and leave them down there and I think by looking around, I have lived up here for 26 years, I see a lot of boat slips that are never used. I think that the fact that we only charge them \$10, and I have one so I am not disputing that, I am just saying that the fact that we only charge them \$10 makes it so convenient for them to just pay it and never use it. I think that there are a lot of kayakers and other boaters that would love to have the opportunity to be able to put their kayaks down there, on the racks. The racks are empty and we have a lot of new members and a lot of kayakers out there and no where to put them. But if you look around there are all kinds of empty slots that never get used. What is going on with the burned-out house on Laurel?”

7. Bob Cooley, Lot # 419, “You are talking about streamlining the audit. At the UAW we did that too but we had trustees that was separate from everything else that once a year did the audit. That was an elected position, I don’t know how you go about it with volunteers here but I suggest we look at trustees not anybody from the board or employees. Just to keep the transparency.”

8. Bill Coombe, Lot 232, “Speaking about security. At the Annual meeting that we had there was a suggestion made that we consider having a hired security guard at the gate for these special holidays. I guess that idea has fallen on the floor. Is there any consideration for that It is something to be considered on special holidays of the year to have someone at the gate. I think that that would be a way to control our traffic situation. As far as evaluating the roads, I think that I would like to suggest that the consideration be the high traffic areas first. And that would be the main gate, White Birch Lane and Elm. Those corners are turning to sand, there is no gravel on some of those corners.”

9. Marney Frank, Lot 227, “On the White Birch actually website, we should have the activities and other things posted, which a lot of times I do not see. I know a lot of people do not go to the Facebook page anymore.”

10. Bob Pelfrey, Lot# 527, "I think that the 4th of July weekend with Dawn and those guys sitting out there and passed out that piece of paper, it did help. But we are going to have the same ones that are going to do the same things. Most of the time I find in here is the guests on holiday weekends. So, I commend her. As far as posting someone at the gate they are gonna get mad at you, they are gonna run over you. The guard house is on the wrong side of the gate anyways. The flyers did work, that is my opinion."

11. Deb McDonald, Lot #38, Way back, probably a few months ago someone suggested putting a rail along this ramp so that anybody when it is slippery can grab the rail. I like that idea, because I have personally seen 3 people fall. They are great at putting the salt out, but it does not get everywhere.

12. Mike Manchester, Lot # 101, "I must have missed something here but one thing on the agenda was Holiday Lake Level? Is there anything being done about it?"

(17) Director Ostrowski moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:50, 2nd by Director Baker. All Ayes, motion carried.

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