Camp Lake Association Spring Meeting Notes

Meeting April 26, 2015 at Moose Lodge-Sparta

CLA meeting was called to order by President, Barb Orlikowski at 5:06pm. In attendance were 36 residents/friends of the lake members, 8 board members, Kent County Sheriff, Mike Allen and Tony Groves from Progressive Engineering.

1st Order of business

President Orlikowski started the meeting by doing a roll call of all the current CLA board members. Present were: President-Barb Orlikowski, Vice-President-Gary Jenema, Secretary-Jenny Vallone, Treasurer-Paulette Donnelly, Trustees-Brandi Vallone, Laurie Smith, Pat Farkas and Honorary Trustee, Sue Smigiel. Trustee, Shayne Eisenga was absent.

2nd order of business

President Orlikowski introduced Algoma Township Deputy Sheriff, Mike Allen. Deputy Allen reported that he has been an officer for eighteen years and of those eighteen he has been with Algoma for the last two. Deputy Allen indicated that he will not send out a lot of emails to Camp Lake residents. He would rather spend his time patrolling the roads especially at night. If he has information that he wants to get out he will email it to President Orlikowski and she can in turn send it on to the Camp Lake residents. Deputy Allen gave his contact number as 616-866-1583 and also brought business cards to pass out with is contact information. Deputy Allen reported that there have been 12 investigations in Algoma Township this year. He also requested that if residents see anything suspicious going on even minimal to report it because it could be a lead to another larger investigation. Deputy Allen also stated that he has 3 girls and 3 boys bikes that he can give out to children in need or who have done something to deserve a reward. Residents can contact him if they know of a child that could use a new bike.

3nd order of business

President Orlikowski introduced Tony Groves from Progressive Engineering (PE). Mr. Groves handed out copies of the bio base depth mapping that was done of the bottom of Camp Lake in 2014. He discussed that the DEQ controls what can be done in regards to the weed maintenance/treatment. The treatment of the lake with spraying and harvesting of the weeds, is contracted by a firm called PLM. A yearly permit is issued by the DEQ to do so. The DEQ allows them to treat Eurasian Milfoil which has been the focus. After a sample testing was done by Grand Valley State University in 2013 the samples were positive for Hybrid Milfoil in Camp Lake. Mr. Groves indicated that they harvest the weeds after the first herbicide treatment has been done to reduce spreading. Last year they used crystals instead of harvesting the weeds. They have scheduled the harvesting this year to be done in May. The harvester can get into 2 to 3 foot of water. Mr. Groves discussed the assessment that is set up for Camp Lake weed/lake maintenance through Algoma Township. In 2010 there was a surplus of funds that were collect for the assessment. The assessment is for a 5 year period. 2015 is the 4th year of the current assessment. In 2016 Algoma Township will hold a meeting to make decisions on the next assessment which will begin in 2017. It was reported by members of the board and attendees at the meeting that Camp Lake residents need to attend the Algoma Township meeting to be a voice in regards to the lake maintenance assessment.

4th order of business

President Orlikowski did a year in review of all the activities/events that the Camp Lake Association sponsored.

May-spring news letter was sent out

June-CLA golf outing fundraiser at the Moose

July-4th of July boat parade with thirty participating boats. CLA also handed out hot dogs, chips and candy

August-Grand City Ski Show-cost the CLA $1600.00.

The CLA also purchased a movable shed which is currently located at the Orlikowski/Smith home to store CLA materials in such as the CLA tent and event supplies. Discussion was held on the possibility of the CLA purchasing weed rakes, waders and a corn hole game for residents to sign out and use that would be stored in the shed.

President Orlikowski reported that there is a Camp Lake website: camplakesparta.com. She also indicated that there are 72 homes( 55%) on the lake that are CLA members of the association. Presidnet Orlikowski stated that the goal is to get that number to 75% of the homes on the lake to become members. Membership is free and can be done on the Camp Lake website.

5th order of business

New Ideas for 2015 were discussed by board members and CLA members that included discussion on:

2015 4th of July parade being held at 2pm on the 4th, Fall ideas, Winterfest date (Molly Breen offered to host in front of her home), stocking fish, the purchasing of weed rakes and waders.

Treasurer, Paulette Donnelly, gave an overview and handouts of the current Camp Lake Association bank account. The bank account has $2,499.87 and CD maturing has $2,904.09 both totaling $5,403.96.

Brian VanVliet discussed his love for fishing and desire to stock Camp Lake with fish. He offered to head up a committee for this purpose. It was presented and a second notion was granted that the CLA will donate $1000.00 to the fish stocking fund. Mr. VanVliet offered to personally put in $500.00. The CLA will set up a separate fund to collect any monies donated for the purpose of fish stocking Camp Lake.

6th order of business

Gary Helmer, Camp Lake resident and firework specialist discussed the 2015 fireworks show and that the goal is to be better not bigger this year. Mr. Helmer reported that they will be collecting donations again to support the show and also host the Poker Run on the lake again this year.

7th order of business

2015 was a voting year for all board member positions. The positions run from 2015-2017. A ballot election took place at the meeting to elect the Camp Lake board members. The elected members of the CLA board are:

President – Barb Orlikowski

Vice President – Brian VanVliet

Treasure – Paulette Donnelly

Secretary – Jenny Vallone

Trustee – Brandi Vallone

Trustee – Laurie Smith

Trustee - Pat Farkas

Trustee – Sue Smigiel

Trustee – Alison Flegel

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm