

HLPOA Riparian Committee

2017 Annual Meeting Report

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Board Members

- Jim Vondale Chair
- Chuck Brick
- Bob Hoffman
- Ken Dennings

At-large HLPOA Members

Marge Kik

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Steve Ricketts

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Greg Douglas

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Mission Statement

Under the direction of the HLPOA Board, act as a study group and resource making recommendations to the board on the wide range of riparian issues affecting Higgins Lake.

Objectives

- 1) Act as a resource for the HLPOA board by gathering and assembling information on the broad range of riparian issues affecting Higgins Lake, including marinas, road ends, funneling, illegal mooring, zoning ordinances, liability, enforcement, etc.
- 2) Help the HLPOA board to educate members and the broader Higgins Lake community through dissemination of important, usable riparian information, including through the HLPOA website.
- 3) Provide a resource for the HLPOA board for riparian issues raised by HLPOA members and other interested parties.
- 4) Help the HLPOA board to formulate appropriate actions and policies with regard riparian concerns.

Objectives (cont.)

5. Act as a resource for the HLPOA board and the HLPAC on riparian issues being considered by local and state governments and encourage them to develop and protect riparian rights on the lake.

Current Activities

- 1) Meet and work with DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson regarding West Launch proposed repairs and expansion 8/18/17. Work now scheduled for October 2017.
- 2) Take necessary and appropriate action with regard to AMVETS marina permit and proposed marina construction.
- 3) Continue actions to prevent illegal road end activities, including boat mooring. Help clarify and then educate riparians and non riparians about rules, reporting of violations and obtaining enforcement. Work with Lyon and Gerrish Townships to enact strong road end ordinances.
- 4) Act as a resource and information sharing for riparians on lakefront ownership issues.
- 5) Obtain HLPOA member ratification of the Marina Policy and work to enforce it.