



Higgins Lake Property Owners AssociationSM

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Higgins Lake Property Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes June 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Charlene Cornell at 9:01 A.M.

Board Members Present: Charlene Cornell, Greg Semack, Bruce Carleton, Herb Weatherly, Wayne Brooks, Bob McKellar, Curt DeVoe, John Ogren, Fred Swinehart, Becky Gibson, and Jack Cornell.

Agenda: Charlene asked to add the Landing Blitz to the environmental committee section.

President's Comments: None.

May Minutes: The May 16, 2022, Minutes were accepted as written.

Committee Reports:

Secretary/Office: None.

Treasurer's Report: The financials through May 31, 2022, were presented. Bruce stated that with the June Minutes next month, the 2nd quarter financials will then be posted on our website.

Bruce also shared that he is making progress with the credit/debit card payment option, as he has completed a lengthy questionnaire. Bruce will then review recently received attachments and will see what this payment option will look like externally and how this will integrate internally with our current system.

Membership & Communication: Wayne reported we have 494 members and asked Board members to contact neighbors that have not yet renewed. Wayne then stated that the monies received from this year's directory advertisers nearly matched last year.

Becky shared that she recently posted many environmental entries on our website. With Fred's help, the lake level section has been updated. Last, Becky reported that the Healthy Higgins Lake native plant sale on June 11th, was a successful community event.

Riparian Committee: John reported that the Riparian Committee is providing input to a response to the letter from Ron Olson, Chief of Parks and Recreation, about improved management practices at the three Higgins Lake boat access points. The longer-term objective remains to have the access points staffed like the current best practice at Glen Lake. Shorter term the response will focus on the need to clean up the lagoon and approaches to the access points to eliminate weed cuttings from spreading in the lake. John plans to organize a team to

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monitor the three launches and develop a weekly report of weed cuttings on the water and on boat trailers. Meanwhile, the DNR plans to chemically treat this week for EWM and to start harvesting SSW with the MTT DASH boat in mid-July.

Work is also proceeding on installing PA 56 signs at eight road end locations in Lyon Township that were identified by the Roscommon Sheriff Department based on complaint history. New posts will be required at some of the locations and likely will delay installations in the near term

John added that the June 16th Houghton Lake Resorter stated that Markey Township is moving forward with a plan to regulate short term rentals. The proposed ordinance will be made available to the republic after review by the township lawyer.

Environmental Committee: Fred reported the following:

Recent Floating Algae Bloom (FLAB) Observations: The spring algae blooms were the worst this year that I have ever personally witnessed. Others have noted a similar experience and have reported this to us. Some samples of typical floating or suspended algal blobs were collected and sent to Restorative Lakes Sciences (RLS) for identification and evaluation. Fortunately, no toxic blue-green algae were detected, but the large amounts of brown algae indicate ample nutrient availability in near shore waters throughout the winter.

Full Lake Survey by Restorative Lakes Sciences; The contract for this service has been signed and will be completed in late July or early August. Emphasis will be on the area of AIS infestation and changes observed from their prior survey of 2018. Also, of major importance will be testing for dissolved oxygen levels in the deepest places, particularly in the South Basin of the lake where serious problems have been previously reported. The final report will be posted on our website when completed later in the year. Thanks to the support of the Higgins Lake Land Conservancy for funding the majority of the expenses for this survey.

Big Creek Brook Trout Habitat Improvement Project: HLPOA and the Big Creek Lane Association have received an EGLE Permit to proceed with a project focused on narrowing and deepening the creek to improve the habitat for larger brook trout. The approved plan involves placing a number of single log vane current diverters in the creek at strategically chosen locations. An initial model construction will soon be completed and will be evaluated for replication. A new section on the website has been initiated to follow this project in the future.

Trash Bash Weekend: The “Trash Bash” vent sponsored by the MRWA is scheduled to take place on or around August 22, 2022. Our committee has not yet decided on the program and which areas are to be covered this year.

Other Possible Project Activity: Some additional programs are being considered:

1. A PFAS evaluation for near shore waters of the lake.
2. A Baseline Study of Algal Presence in the Lake.
3. A Micro-plastics Pollution Study by RAPHs students and HLPOA members.
4. A Macro Invertebrate survey in Big Creek and the Cut following MRWA protocols.

Charlene added that the RLS study will take place July 18 – 20, 2022.

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Charlene asked for volunteers for the Landing Blitz on July 1st, from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. The landing blitz will be at both the West Launch and North State Park. Fred, John, Curt, and Charlene volunteered to participate. Thank you!

PAC: Greg reported the following:

In upcoming elections there will be 2 candidates for the open county commissioner seat currently held by Ken Melvin. Those would be Tim O'Rourke and Eric Ostergren. Also on the ballot will be David Hansen who has since indicated that he does not want the position. He will however be on the primary ballot in August. The HLPAC will be interviewing the county commissioner candidates on 6-20-22 and reporting our findings later to our membership.

Questions will be sent to the candidates for their written response and some additional questions will be answered during the interview. The PAC also plans to interview candidates for the Lyon Township supervisor as that race approaches.

Recall petitions in Lyon township were deemed valid and will be circulated. Similar petitions were appealed for validity in Gerrish Township and the judge has yet to rule. The sewer lobbying continues and should be in a better situation once both boards have passed their township resolutions. The process continues and is likely to be an open issue in the near future as the state budget is put together.

HLSIO:

Greg reported that that an email update to the HLSIO donors will be issued soon with information about the cancellation by the DNR of trap and relocate of both merganser ducks and Canada geese as a result of an avian flu outbreak in Michigan. The letter will also be forwarded to HLPOA members. Greg also reported that the Crystal Lake organization decided to continue their research on snail infection rates which may provide useful data to support the continued relocation of mergansers in future years. John reported that Chris Compton of Goose Busters successfully destroyed nests and 43 eggs. This will reduce the population of geese on the lake but broods of as many as 26 have been reported by two sources. Next year trap and relocation will be resumed if permitted by the DNR. The HLSIO will be conducting a research project journaling SI cases this summer, to try and determine how many and where cases take place.

Ongoing Business: Regarding the sewer project, Curt reported that the application for the state revolving fund has been completed and that a funding determination will be decided by mid-September. Curt also stated that there are 2 new petitions that need to be signed, even if people have signed petitions earlier. Petitions from both townships were revised last week. It was suggested that we send an email blast to our members explaining this, along with attachments of the new petitions. Last, Curt stated there is a July 25th public hearing deadline for opposition petitions.

For the annual meeting, a sub-committee was formed, consisting of Herb, Greg, and Charlene. The sub-committee will provide specifics on necessary information for our upcoming annual meeting, July 16, 2022.

Adjournment: Curt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

The next meeting will be July 18, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.

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**HIGGINS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 105,582
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Current Assets	105,582
Other Assets	
Rent Security Deposit	400
Prepaid Expense	-
Restricted Cash	<u>15,728</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>16,128</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 121,710</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Accrued Payroll and Withholdings Payable	580
Accrued Expenses	-
Unearned Revenue	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>580</u>
Total Liabilities	580

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted :	
Unrestricted	105,402
Temporarily Restricted	15,728
Permanently Restricted	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>121,130</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 121,710</u></u>

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**Higgins Lake Property Owners Association
June 30, 2022
Statement of Income**

INCOME:	Members @	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)
Members' Dues	499 \$	100 \$ 49,900	\$ 53,500	\$ (3,600)
Directory Advertisements		\$ 7,425	\$ 7,500	\$ (75)
Map/Stationery Sales		\$ 200	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,800)
Legal Fund Contrib's (Restricted)		\$ 1,855	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,145)
Environmental Fund Contrib's - (Restricted)		\$ 9,435	\$ 34,000	\$ (24,565)
General/Lobbyist Fund Contrib's (Non-Restricted)		\$ 3,525	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,475)
Interest/Miscellaneous Income		\$ 14	\$ -	\$ 14
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 72,354	\$ 108,000	\$ (35,646)
 EXPENSES:				
Contract Services				
Accounting Fees		\$ 5,095	\$ 5,200	\$ 105
Legal Expenses		\$ 1,029	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,471
Lobbyist		\$ 15,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 6,000
		<u>\$ 21,124</u>	<u>\$ 30,700</u>	<u>\$ 9,576</u>
Facilities and Equipment				
Property Insurance		\$ -		\$ -
Office Rent		\$ 1,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,400
		<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,400</u>	<u>\$ 1,400</u>
Memberships				
Huron Pines		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
Chamber of Commerce		\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 100
Mi Lakes and Streams		\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Michigan Riparian		\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 84
Muskegon Watershed		\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -
Mi Waterfront Alliance		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
		<u>\$ 280</u>	<u>\$ 964</u>	<u>\$ 684</u>
Misc Expense				
Marine Patrol Support & Rosc Foundation		\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Operating Expenses				
Bank Service Charges		\$ 10	\$ -	\$ (10)
Subscriptions, Books, Advertising		\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
Insurance		\$ 435	\$ 1,200	\$ 765
Postage, Mailing Service		\$ 767	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,533
Printing and Copying		\$ 1,054	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,746
Supplies		\$ 732	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,168
Telephone and Internet		\$ 1,131	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,169
Web Site Maintenance		\$ 348	\$ 500	\$ 152
		<u>\$ 4,477</u>	<u>\$ 13,100</u>	<u>\$ 8,623</u>
Payroll Expenses				
Salaries and Wages		\$ 5,875	\$ 13,000	\$ 7,125
Payroll Taxes		\$ 495	\$ 975	\$ 480
Workers Comp		\$ 14	\$ 35	\$ 21
		<u>\$ 6,384</u>	<u>\$ 14,010</u>	<u>\$ 7,626</u>
Travel and Meetings				
Conferernces, Conventions, Meetings		\$ 536	\$ 700	\$ 164
				\$ -
Other				
Environmental Expenses		\$ 6,109	\$ 43,000	\$ 36,891
990 Taxes		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Michigan Sales & Use Tax		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<u>\$ 6,109</u>	<u>\$ 43,000</u>	<u>\$ 36,891</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 39,910	\$ 105,874	\$ 65,964
NET INCOME		\$ 32,444	\$ 2,126	\$ (30,318)

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