

Finch Lake Association Annual Meeting June 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Joan Robb.

The minutes were read by Danella Ciastko-Hester. Name and spelling were corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Report:

Kathy Hayes reported that we started the year with \$1980.88 and after dues collection and disbursements; the current total is \$2127.05. See attached detailed copy.

Guest Speaker:

Makenzie Kreiner from the Sheriff's Department talked about the Neighborhood Watch Program. Our designated representatives are Ray Hayes, Dudley Thompson, Jerry Bracken and Bob Copp. Anyone can report suspicious activity or crime by calling (269)445-1560. If you see a crime in action, call 911. She distributed handbooks of what to look for and what to do if you see a crime or suspicious activities. She also passed out Neighborhood Watch Stickers. To prevent excessive speeds on our road, she will have more officer patrol hours. She will check the possibility of a flashing speed catcher. Joan will check laws concerning dog leashes.

Weed Committee:

Chris Brooks reported that treatment started on May 29th in front of all houses and went out 30 feet. A re-assessment of the weeds will be done in mid-July. The second treatment will be done at the beginning of August. Another re-assessment will be done next year. December taxes reflect year 2 of our \$250 assessment. After that the taxes can come down for Volinia Township but will never go above \$250. This is a five year project.

Election of Officers:

The slate of Officers was presented:

- President – Chris Brooks
- Vice President – Dan Hagan
- Secretary – Donna Copp
- Treasurer – Kathy Hayes

Board Members:

- 5 year – Joan Robb
- 4 year – Ray Hayes
- 3 year – Beth Brooks

- 2 year – Mary Kay Bogan
- 1 year – Dudley Thompson

No nominations were reported from the floor. Officers were elected as presented.

Noise Ordinance Committee:

Judy Van Eck moved and Char McKnight seconded that the association form a committee to look into a noise ordinance on the lake. The motion passed. Donna Copp will chair that committee.

Lawrence Road:

Joan Robb reported that the Cass County Road Commission plans to revert Lawrence County Road back to gravel. She stated that the State gasoline tax has been 19 cents a gallon for the last 20 years. There is a road commission meeting on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at the road commission building. All were encouraged to attend.

Web Site:

Chris Brooks encouraged people to get information onto the Web Site. Information can be sent to Dan Hagan at danhagan27@yahoo.com

Suggestions for lake improvement:

Chris Brooks looking into sign “Welcome to Finch Lake”

Beth Brooks looking into quotes on trash collection for possible cheaper rates and less truck traffic

Concern about fill in channels – DNR will be contacted

Directory Committee:

Chris Brooks will donate the cost of printing but suggested donations for the Finch Lake Association

Dudley Thompson moved that the Association thank Ray Hayes for his work on removing the beaver dam. It was seconded by Donna Copp. Resounding approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by Danella Ciastko-Hester

Typed by Donna Copp