

Bills Lake Association Meeting

June 27, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 AM followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of New Residents:** Ken Dood/Hiawatha Zone, Rich and Rhonda Foupht/Blackhawk Zone, Dan and Laura Kulak/Iroquois Zone, Pam Vandekerkoff/Geronimo 1 Zone
3. **Introduction of 2020 Officers:** Brian Kersey/Pres., Tanis Rhodea/VP, Sherry Moline/Sec., Lynda Fox/Treas., Dave Gabrielse/Trustee, Jim Hribal/Trustee. The association is in need of a third trustee. If interested, please contact Brian Kersey.
4. **Introduction of Community Guests:** Bob Mendham/Newaygo County Sheriff, Morgan Heinzman/Croton Twp. Supervisor, Bill Nottleman/Croton Twp. Trustee
5. **Camp Trotter:** Bob Benderman/State Director for Camp Trotter stated the camp will be closed to children this season due to COVID-19. Other events will be taking place at the camp during the month of August, 2020:
 - Aug. 15 Family Day
 - Aug. 21 Golf Outing (a flyer will be going out with information)
 - Aug. 22 Veterans Service Day
 - Aug 29-30 Jamboree

The grounds and director's cabin are available for rental. For more information contact Bob Bender (231)773-2076 if interested.

The Bills Lake Association thanks Camp Trotter for the mowing of the association grounds each summer.

6. **Bills Lake Pathway:** Morgan Heinzman stated there is an upcoming renewal of the road millage in November. The projected pathway project is still several years out. The association will need to: form a petition, establish the district for assessment and go through the process of a special assessment and grants written for funding of project.
7. **Public Access Issues:**
 - Parking, loitering, littering, parties, campfires, destruction of grounds, ATVs, excessive noise. Sheriff Bob Mendham suggests calling non-emergency number: (231)689-5288 to report activity and raise awareness of issue. The problem will be addressed by closest law enforcement (NC Sheriff, MSP, DNR). Sheriff Mendham suggests taking photos, videos, documenting MC #s and plate #s.
 - Per DNR, the public access area is closed between 11 PM – 4 AM.
 - Concrete pad: A precast concrete launch has been promised since 2016 and is still planned for install this year. If no action taken, Association may contact Michigan State Senator as a collective to voice concern.
 - The Sustainability Committee will provide concerns/solutions (additional signage, possible gate, recreational pass, concrete pad) and present to DNR.

- 8. Noise Ordinance/Excessive Music:** Morgan Heinzman stated Croton Twp. does have a noise ordinance that governs noise (posted on billslake.net). As boaters and neighbors, be respectful of others as music and noise does travel across water.
- 9. Boat Exhaust Noise:** Two tests of decibel readings: 1) at idle not >90 dB with tester 3' behind boat 2) in operation not >75 dB with tester 20-25'.
- Chad Fox stated his boat was tested at idle and was within limits of not >90dB.
 - DNR officer, Jeff Ginn will perform the second noise test with a court certified decibel meter in near future to determine if in operation the noise of the Fox boat is not >75dB.
- 10. Michigan House Bill No. 4362-Proposed Changes to NO WAKE Hours:** Caryn Kersey reported bill did not advance to committee due to COVID-19. The house is currently meeting and bill has yet to be on the agenda. If bill is not voted on by end of 2020, bill will be null.
- 11. Replacement of Zone Signage:** Remaining signs with Native American graphics will be changed/replaced. Cost of needed sign updates will be funded by zone residents.
- 12. Fourth of July Event Changes:**
- Sailboat races - cancelled for 2020.
 - Canoe, kayak, paddleboat and SUP races will be held at the Bultema cottage.

13. Adjournment: 11:10 AM

Future Meeting Agenda Items: If you would like an item added to the agenda of future meetings, please email Brian Kersey: bkersey@bodmanlaw.com.

Recorded and Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherry Moline, Bills Lake Association Secretary