

# Bills Lake Association Meeting

**May 26, 2018**

1. With extra time allowed for dues to be paid, President Brian Kersey called the meeting of the Bills Lake Association to order at 10:09 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of 2018 Officers:** President-Brian Kersey, Jim Innis-Vice President, Sherry Moline-Secretary, Lynda Fox-Treasurer

**Introduction and welcome new residents,** Denny and Debra Huisma.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Lynda Fox reported a 4/30/18 checking balance of \$2,865.17. Bills Lake Association's main source of income is the \$15 yearly dues/residence. It is important that ALL residents are paying their dues each year. Dues can be paid to Lynda at the association meetings or to Zone Reps. during the flare sales. Secondary sources of income are the flare sales and the Lake Fest.

#### 4. **Schedule of 2018 Meetings/Events:**

- Memorial Day Slow Cruise Sat. May 26, 7:30 PM
- Bills Lake Garage Sales Fri/Sat. June 8 - 9 time TBD by sellers
- Association Meeting Sat. June 30, 10:00 AM
- Fourth of July Festivities Sat. July 7 - - Rain date, Sun. July 8
- Lake Fest Sat. August 11
- Association Meeting Sat. September 1, 10:00 AM

Meeting/Event dates will also be posted on the Bills Lake Website and Facebook page.

5. **Updating E-Mail Distribution List:** Some residents reported they were not getting emails (possibly due to spam filters). When purchasing flares and paying dues with your Zone Reps., please check that your contact information is correct. Residents can also email Ed Waits [edwaits@charter.net](mailto:edwaits@charter.net) for changes in contact information.

Ed Waits informed the association that the Bills Lake website has been operating from a free server for the past 12 years. The association has only had to pay for the domain name (\$9/year). It is now necessary to obtain another server, as the current source is retiring. Please contact Ed Waits if you know of someone who may be able to fill the void as a server for the lake's website for free or a nominal fee.

6. **Formation of Subcommittees:** Brian Kersey proposed that subcommittees be formed in the areas of:
  - a. Environmental (sustainability, best practices, invasive species, water quality)
  - b. Capital Improvements (pathway, signage, road paving)

If interested in either committee, please contact Brian Kersey: [bek@msblaw.com](mailto:bek@msblaw.com).

7. **Update on Water Testing:** Ed Waits shared there is legislation proposing to cut programming of lake testing at the end of October. Without the state testing of our lake's water, continued water testing may need to be privately funded. Ed sent a detailed email to lake residents regarding this matter.

Testing results are posted on the Bills Lake Website.

8. **Update of Winter Meeting RE: Wake Enhanced Boating:** An email was sent to lake residents in February with an invitation to attend a meeting on March 27, 2018. Approximately 25 individuals were in attendance either in person or call-in. Through this meeting a consensus was agreed upon that Bills Lake is a community of neighbors that show respect to one another and work together to provide solutions. The challenge is the size of Bills Lake and the configuration of the lake. Mike LaPenna proposed similar meetings to be held to continue further discussion and solutions. Brian Kersey would facilitate additional meetings. Please email Brian if interested.

9. **New Business:**

- a. Croton Township Trustee, Ralph Green is leaving the township board. Croton Township Trustee, Bill Nottelmann will be the liaison for Bills Lake. Bill encourages attendance of Croton Township Meetings. Monthly emails are sent prior to board meetings that include a reminder and agenda. To be placed on the contact list, email Bill: [bnottelmann@crotontownship.org](mailto:bnottelmann@crotontownship.org).

Croton Township News:

- Medical Marijuana-Croton Township is taking a wait and see approach ie: if the township does nothing, there can be no further action.
  - Dollar General was voted against locating on M 82 near Hilltop General Store due to zoning.
  - The Bills Lake pathway has township funds set aside to provide some support. Volunteers are needed to seek grant funding for further support. (Please email Brian Kersey if interested.)
- b. Ken Huizen is selling BILLS LAKE t-shirts and sweatshirts. Please contact either Ken or Jackie Huizen.
- c. Herb Saia gave an update on the boat launch which is scheduled to be replaced July 9, 2018 with concrete. A dock will NOT be put in at the Public Access.

Walleye will be planted this coming September.

**Future Meeting Agenda Items:** If you would like an item added to the agenda for future meetings, please email Sherry Moline: [moline819@charter.net](mailto:moline819@charter.net).

10. **Meeting adjourned:** 11:14 AM.

Recorded and Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherry Moline, Bills Lake Association Secretary