

Bills Lake Association Meeting

September 1, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of New Residents:** none present
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Lynda Fox reported an August 2018 checking balance of \$3,591.43. Savings account balance as of July 2018 of \$426.89. 2018 revenues are down from 2017.
 - Former Bills Lake President, Dave Behnke is to be removed from the association bank account. Adding current Bills Lake President, Brian Kersey to the account.
 - Motion passed to donate \$750 to Camp Trotter and \$250 to Lake Street Library.
 - Motion passed to increase price of flares for 2019 to \$1.00 above cost due to an increase in cost per case.
 - Suggestion made to possibility of electronic payment of future dues.
4. **Michigan Inland Lakes Convention:** October 4 & 5, 2018 - Cost \$195. A private donation is being made to allow for an interested individual to attend. Please contact Brian Kersey: bek@msblaw.com if you would like to attend. Ed Waits plans to attend.
5. **Boat Launch Update:** Lack of DNR manpower stopped installation of cement planks on 7/9/18. DNR district manager will inspect the boat launch 9/6/18 to determine future date of installation.
6. **Water Quality Testing:**
 - The latest report shows transparency has improved with 14.2 feet of clarity. 2018 results will be published on billslake.net website in March.
 - Legislation will fund another year of water quality testing but will need renewal again in 2019.
 - Baseline data was done Fall 2017 of invasive plant species in the lake.
7. **Website:** Ed Waits reported billslake.net will continue to be of service to the Bills Lake Association without a fee.
8. **Geronimo 2:** There have been no residents of Geronimo 2 Zone to volunteer as the zone representative. Dave Behnke will continue to act as Geronimo 2 Zone Rep.
9. **Subcommittees: More Members Welcome**
 - a. Environmental/Sustainability:
 - Opportunity for an association member to attend Michigan Inland Lakes Convention via private donation
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b. Capital Improvements:

- Roof to the building at the association grounds has storm damage. Repairs to be made by volunteers.
- Suggestion to paint the exterior surfaces of the pavilion.

10. Croton Township Update: Croton Township Trustee, Bill Nottleman reporting:

- John Sheppard is new trustee
- *The Jetty Restaurant*, owned and operated by Bills Lake residents, Scott and Angie Findley, held ribbon cutting 6/30/18.
- Croton Township is working with Muskegon River residents in developing plans for weed control.
- Next Croton Township Meeting: 9/10/18 at 7:00 PM
- 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.

Planning Commission Update: Board Member, Doug Moline reporting:

- The Planning Commission will be meeting 9/12/18 to review a Special Land Use permit that is being requested for a proposed distillery at 5822 E. 92nd Street, Bills Lake. The area is currently zoned as residential. The proposed distillery is looking to produce, bottle and sell alcohol on site.
- The date for a public hearing is yet to be scheduled but will be forwarded to Bills Lake Association members via email and Facebook. Association members are encouraged to attend to ask questions and voice opinions.

11. New Business:

- Walleye planting will be done Fall, 2018
- Please consider donating to: BillsLakeFireworks.com GoFundMe page to help defer the cost of the fireworks show for 2019.

12. Election of Officers 2019: Vice President: Jim Innis declined to serve another term. (If interested in filling the VP position, please contact Brian Kersey: bek@msblaw.com)
Treasurer: Lynda Fox, Trustee: Dave Gabrielse

13. Meeting adjourned: 11:03 AM.

Future Meeting Agenda Items: If you would like an item added to the agenda of future meetings, please email Sherry Moline: moline819@charter.net.

Recorded and Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherry Moline, Bills Lake Association Secretary