

# Bills Lake Association Meeting

Aug 31, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of New Residents:** none present
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Pending August 2019 checking balance: \$4,953.07
  - Flares net: \$1,073.84
  - Dues collected: \$3,119.00
4. **Michigan House Bill No. 4362:** Sponsored by Rep. Jason Sheppard to eliminate the special rule ordinances set by DNR re: slow/no wake times on public access lakes. Sheppard's plan is to change the law so ALL public access lakes are either no wake at all times or high speed boating down to dusk. Original bill was introduced March, 2019, but pulled from committee due to inaccurate language. Sheppard has rewritten bill and will be reintroducing it to committee in "coming weeks" (-per J. Sheppard). Sheppard does not have to include proposed bill on the agenda, as the bill is an old item with the same number. He does have 18 hrs. to post notice to call a Government Operations Committee meeting.

Association members are highly encouraged to call (preferred) or email the members of the Government Operations Committee:

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\*Please be clear when contacting the representatives that your opposition is for the UPDATED REWRITTEN bill.

5. **2020 Fourth of July Dates:** Races, boat parade, Ring of Fire and fireworks will take place on Sat. July 4 with a rain date of Sun. July 5, 2020.

## 6. Committees:

### Capital Improvements Committee

Mike LaPenna (Chair)

Doug Moline

Sherry Moline

Steve Bultema

Tanis Rhodea

### Sustainability Committee

Martha Gabrielse (Co-Chair)

Caryn Kersey (Co-Chair)

Roger Poel

**7. Township Update:** Bill Nottelmann reported the campground has had a full season and is self-sustaining. Road improvements will begin on Division. Several special assessments have been provided for private road improvements. Mon. Sept. 9, 2019 is next board meeting: Andy Fias from the Michigan State Police will update on recent marijuana laws and impact on Newaygo County. Board will be proposing a resolution to regulate and prohibit certain marijuana establishments.

**8. Removal of Trees:** Anthony Longoria, certified arborist discussed the issue of Oak Wilt. Oak Wilt is a lethal disease of oak trees causing them to wilt and ultimately die. Oak wilt moves from tree to tree by insects carrying spores from infected trees to freshly pruned trees and by fungus moving from infected trees through root systems. **To prevent oak wilt, prune oaks in late fall and winter.** For more info: MichiganOakWilt.org

**9. Perch Planting:** Lynda Fox inquired about the possibility of Bills Lake Association providing funding for planting of perch: 4-5" perch \$1.20/ea. 5-7" perch \$1.75/ea. Further investigation into perch planting is needed.

**10. Emergency preparedness:** Zone reps., please discuss with your zones a shelter for neighbors to meet in the event of emergencies.

## 11. Association Board Elections for 2020:

- Officer Positions: President-Brian Kersey, Vice President-Tanis Rhodea, Secretary-Sherry Moline, Treasurer-Lynda Fox
- Trustee(s): Debbie Schuiteman
- Geronimo 2 Zone Rep: Alyssa VanAusdall

**12. New Business:** Bills Lake Association will donate \$250 to the Lake Street Library and \$500 to VFW Camp Trotter.

**13. Adjournment:** 11:11 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](mailto:moline819@charter.net).

Recorded and Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherry Moline, Bills Lake Association Secretary