

Bills Lake Association Meeting

June 26, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 AM followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Introduction of New Residents:** Steve and Lori Kadau-Erie Zone
3. **Housekeeping Matters:**
 - Annual association dues remain \$20. Flares \$3/ea.
 - Contact Ed Waits to update email address
4. **Croton Township Update:** none
5. **Camp Trotter Update:** none
6. **Treasurer's Report:** by Lynda Fox: balance at the end of May \$2,537.36
 - Correction: percentage of dues by zone -Dakota 70% - Iroquois 53%
 - Treat bags for children at boat races/games: budgeted for \$150.00
 - Consider offering advertisement space in the directory
7. **Fourth of July:** Bills Lake Fireworks 7/3/21 at 10:30PM. Go to billslakefireworks.com for more information and how to tune in on radio. Accepting donations.
8. **Committee Updates:**
 - (a)**Capital Improvement Committee:**
 - **Bills Lake Pathway:** by Brian Kersey: acquiring more information from Croton Twp., Newaygo County, Fremont Foundation. Need to coordinate with the upgrade of the road (which is not scheduled).
 - (b)**Sustainability Committee:**
 - **MSU Mobile Boat Wash:** by Caryn Kersey: will take place at our boat launch Aug. 8, 9 AM-2 PM. Boat Washing is a state law to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species. Please inform all guests and renters of the law. A Bills Lake Environment Committee newsletter will be sent out 3x/yr. First newsletter will go out with the 4th of July edition.
 - **European Frog-bit:** resembles miniature water lilies. Contact Caryn Kersey or Martha Gabrielse to report possible sighting.
 - **Boat Launch Signs/Restrictions:** Bills Lake public access is owned by the State of Michigan/DNR. The public access on the lake has been designated as a boat launch only with NO SWIMMING or WADING. Lance Haines/DNR Newaygo office (231)856-4452, has signs to be installed. Caryn Kersey will contact to get signs installed before the 4th of July, holiday weekend.
 - (c)**Husbandry Committee: Ken Dood, Jerry Elenbaas, Steve Jurgens, Dan Phillips, Sue Phillips, Bob Stegenga**
 - **Walleye and Pike:** by Dan Phillips: 2023 will net lake for approx. number of walleye and pike population. Addie Dutton-DNR Fisheries Biologist is scheduled to come to the lake week of July 18, 2021 to train 4-5 residents how to snip dorsal

fin of pike. Information will be collected on pike to determine size and age. Outcome will allow the possibility of removing pike possibly 2022.

CLARIFICATION: The Walleye Association is responsible for the planting of the past and possibly future walleye in Bills Lake. The DNR only issues the permit to plant.

- **Perch:** Motion proposed to Bills Lake Association funding for \$700/yr. for 4 yrs. Any additional money raised by the committee will go toward adding more fish. Goal=\$1,000/yr. to plant 700 perch each year for 4 yrs. Perch planting to begin fall, 2021. Motion passed by raising of hands of those in attendance, 15 in favor, 10 opposed.

Addie Dutton-DNR will issue permit if requested. Fish must be purchased through licensed fishery. Committee plans to purchase through Stoney Creek Fisheries, Grant, MI. Dutton suggested planting in fall and in deep water for better survival rate.

Lynda Fox, treasurer and Sue Phillips, committee member will work together to manage funds collected.

Perch Fund will be a Bills Lake Association, Treasury line item handled through Independent Bank. Donations paid by check can be written to Bills Lake Association with Fish Fund in memo.

- 9. Trash Service:** by Sherry Moline: Republic Services offered the best bid to be Bills Lake Association's preferred hauler. The for 96 gallon tote, 1x/week, rate year 1 @ \$15/mo., year 2 @ \$16.20/ mo., year 3 @ \$17.82/mo. with a three year guarantee. One time \$5 delivery fee per tote to set up service for new customers.

Republic Services will send out mailers to non-customers with directions on how to sign up and to current customers to receive BLA preferred hauler pricing.

Motion proposed, seconded and passed to use Republic Services as BLA preferred hauler.

- 10. Spraying for Tent Caterpillars:** by Jim Hribal: in search of a licensed sprayer. Suggestion to visit Michigan.gov search gypsy moth for more information.

- 11. Board Elections:** Labor Day association meeting, board positions to fill the president, secretary and one trustee will be open. Interested individuals are encouraged to consider filling these positions.

12. Adjournment: 11:18 AM

Amendment 7/14/21: The Bills Lake Association is opening a savings account. Brian Kersey, President and Lynda Fox, Treasurer are to be added to the signature cards for the current checking account and the new savings account. Dave Behnke needs to be removed from all Bills Lake Association accounts.

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