

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA July Board Meeting Minutes Terry and Sara Lee Home June 4, 2018

Attended in Person: Mike Needham, Don Riach, Doug VanMeter, Julie Stutesman, Sharon Snyder, Allison Kirsch, Edgar Reihl, Debbie Doe, Julie Lavidge

Absent: Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Andy Rieth, Warren English

Guests Present: Beach Reps and spouses

Mike Needham sitting in for president Barbara Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

President-Welcome and President's Remarks

Mike Needham welcomed KLA Board Members and Beach Reps and all guests. He thanked Board Members and Beach Reps for their time and dedication to KLA. Mike also extended a big thank you to the Lees for hosting the Annual Beach Rep Picnic.

Beach Rep Coordinator

Sharon Snyder extended her appreciation to the Beach Reps and also distributed appreciation gifts to them. She provided them with the new KLA Directories and Newsletters for them to distribute to KLA Members living on their respective beaches.

Discussion Regarding CAFO

Mike Needham briefed the attendees on the progression of the CAFO, and its location and basics of its operation. He explained how the Board first became aware of the CAFO over the winter, and that there currently is inadequate public notice for such operations. He assured members that he monitors the DEQ website daily for any new permit activity. Mike recapped the events of the May 14 meeting, where Ed Schlabaugh, Dave Sturgis, Joe and Heather Myers, (Sturgis Farm LLC owners), members from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, as well as State Representative Aaron Miller, were in attendance. He reiterated that the Sturgis Farms LLC group consists of local farmers, who love the land and are committed to the good of the Sturgis area.

Mike highlighted that watershed protection is one of main concerns about the CAFO, and this is being addressed by the KLA. Base line water testing is in place for the homes around the lake, as well as three points of collection for water flowing into and through Klinger. In 2018, samples testing for conductivity, pH, ammonia, phosphorus, nitrates, and suspended solids will be taken at three locations:

Thompson Lake outlet, the Tamarack Lake outlet, and in the middle of Klinger Lake. These samples will be collected once in 2018, and used as a baseline for water quality of the lake.

Treasurer's report

Don Riach presented the report. He noted there are 337 current KLA members, and that fireworks donations are beginning to stream in. After brief discussion, **Doug VanMeter moved for approval of report; Julie Lavidge seconded it, all members approved, and the report was accepted.**

Fireworks

The fireworks will be held Tuesday, July 3, 2018, flare lighting at 9:45, followed by the fireworks display- the rain date is July 4, 2018. The boat parade will be held on July 4, 2018. Debbie Doe has secured the permits, and the flares are on order. Beach reps will distribute the flares to paid fireworks' donors 1-3 days prior to the fireworks.

Water Quality

Mike Needham and Julie Stutesman were in charge of ordering and distributing water testing kits for homeowners. There were 107 water sample kits ordered and of the 107, 89 samples were returned. Mike Needham drove the samples to the lab in Lansing. Results will be emailed to residents. Mike reported that the water transparency is currently 16 feet, and that he will be conducting a new, bi-weekly Dissolved O2 Sensor test.

Board Member Positions

Julie Lavidge and Edgar Reihl have elected to step down from the Board this year, and Ashley Vercler and Chris Bowers were introduced as candidates for their positions. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting, Saturday, July 14, 2018, 10 a.m. at the Klinger Lake Country Club.

Miscellaneous

Kirby Baker brought up the topic of wind turbines and renewable energy farms, and informed the Board that Branch County has approved a contract with Renewable Energy Systems to allow the installation of wind turbines in Branch County. He brought up the question of "Does White Pigeon Township or St. Joseph County have any zoning regulations in place in regards to wind turbines?" After a brief discussion about the possibility of this happening in our area, it was decided that a committee will be appointed at the next KLA meeting to research this topic further. Until then, Mike Needham urged all present to be vigilant on this topic and report to Board members any information or updates they may come across in regards to them.

At 9:10 pm, Don Riach moved we adjourn; Doug Van Meter seconded the motion; all members approved and the meeting was adjourned..

The next Board meeting will be held Monday July 9th, 2018 at the Klinger Lake Country Club at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Doe, Secretary KLA

