

Paulinskill Lake Association
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Board Meeting Minutes
Stillwater Community Center
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
7:00 PM

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Roll Call :

x	Scott Douglas President	x	Tom Williver Vice President	x	Pati Grablutz Corr Sec	x	Linda McSweeney Financial Secretary
ab	Donna Tappan Treasurer	x	MaryAnne Choma Recording Secretary	x	Watson Perigo Roads & Trustee 1	x	Dave Williams Entertainment & Trustee 2
x	Rob Herbison Buildings/Grounds & Trustee 3	ab	Suzanne Troiano Membership & Trustee 4	x	Cindy Tracey Environment & Trustee 5	x	Courtney Torney Beaches/Rec & Trustee 6

Also present: Russ Ruffino, Jesse Teeters, Linda Schmidt, Kimberly Williams, Doug Modrow, Joe Staugaard, Robert Goldberg, Vinnie Grasso, Mike Grablutz, Jeff LoCascio

Approval of Minutes – Watson, Cindy, Abstain by Linda

Public Comments - The Board was pleased to have representation of the membership at this meeting to provide access to last month’s minutes. Minutes and conversation offered clarity on rumors and assured best practices. Members asked questions and offered concerns and insights.

- Joe Staugaard

- Why did the bank by beach 1 get mowed down?
- What will be done to reinforce it?
- A- better vision and return to original design
- A - ground cover / wire mesh $\frac{3}{4}$ way up
- A - looking to do other side also
- Point shared to the Board - Joe opposes this work. Vegetation slows down water into the stream. It is important to consider the value of vegetation.
- Doug Modrow
 - Want to hear more information about the rumor to increase the size of boats on the lake. Q - what are the details
 - A - up to 22 feet in length as long as an electric trolling motor is used.
 - Community member encouraged to put details together in form of proposal
 - Q - what is the purpose of increasing length? Why bigger?
 - A - It would allow more members to use their boats
 - A proposal was sent to the board
- Jesse Teeters
 - Q - Cleaning of boat is another concern
 - A - all boats have this concern
- Robert Goldberg
 - Opposed - buy the boat to meet the rules
 - Matter of trust - the larger the boat breaking the trust, the larger the issue.
- Mike Grablutz
 - Sees boating violations every weekend that nobody follows up on
 - Q - do you report these violations to the Board?
 - A - No
 - IDEA - life guades good binoculars and log
 - Q - what are repercussions for repeat offenders?
 - A - notified by trustee
 - IDEA - ramifications identified
- Vinny Grasso
 - Stellar safety record due to limits
 - Good Neighbor agreement at campsite - concern for larger boats
 - New rule will complicate the situation
 - Buy a smaller boat
- Request from Board to the Membership- Board needs an email and photo if possible to build documentation of boating concerns and issues
- Robert Goldberg
 - IDEA: Fines - (1)warning (2)assessment, (3)second assessment (4)lien against the house
 - Request by the Board for Mr. Goldberg to mail literature

- Jeff LoCascio
 - Matter of categories to allow all types of boats
 - Genie out of the bottle
 - Rules should go into the bylaws
- Linda Schmidt
 - Genie out of the bottle
 - Small lake, narrow
 - It is difficult to think of an appropriate reason to increase the size
- Joe Staugaard
 - Repairing waters
 - Q - What rights do we have to govern water anyway?
 - A - Waterways rights act - PLA owns the lake bed. As long as the water is navigable, what are our rights?
 - Discussion followed
- Cindy Tracey
 - Does not say who reported boating violations to her. Cindy takes this communication on herself as the Board representative.
- Doug Modrow
 - Navigable river is one that boats can navigate and include all of the lake
 - People cannot cross private property to navigate
- Dave Williams
 - Q - Why 22 feet?
 - A - no idea
- Jesse Teeters
 - In townships, a variance is needed when you do not follow code - hardship is required
 - This proposition of the larger boat is similar but no hardship is noted
- Russ Ruffino
 - IDEA (to help the Board keep record of boating practices)- Cameras need wifi to operate
 - Members to share their wifi to empower cameras
 - Scott Douglass shared that 250 Planet Network contracts will bring PLA free wifi at both beaches
 - Russ willing to participate in his wifi and location for lake camera idea
 - Insight - Police involvement - may create need to shut down ski privilege (our lake is too narrow for water skiing. We have a variance.
- Scott Douglas
 - IDEA - boaters meeting to share privilege to kick off the season
 - Perhaps virtual to make it more accessible to all
- Doug Modrow

- Public hearings are needed when you change a state law- a big deal to change what we have
- Much easier to maintain the status quo
- Robert Goldberg
 - Q - Welcome packet?
 - A - Trustee Suzanne Trioano does a wonderful job going door to door greeting new members, sharing a gift, presenting the welcome packet, etc.
 - Q - Is the welcome packet available on the website?
 - A - yes! Members can click onto the link and request access. Suzanne provides access to the welcome packet upon recognition of the member.
- Dave Williams
 - If we change the boating rull to 22', when do we stop?
- Linda Schmidt
 - Q - Milfoil treatment?
 - A - no, drawdown
 - Spring? A - yes if needed
- Kimberly Williams
 - It is not personal. It is about the future and where the request ends
 - There are no new members here. It is about our future.
- Scott Douglas
 - It is very nice to hear you say that these concerns are not personal.
 - Scott shared with the community members that the Board received many aggressive emails.
 - We take no issue with communications that share questions or concerns.
 - We DO take issue with aggressive and accusatory emails.
 - We appreciate all who communicated appropriately via email and phone calls and the practice of emailing the Board as a whole. We encourage and want productive dialogue.
 - It is wonderful to have membership at the monthly meeting tonight. Thank you.
- Joe Staugaard
 - Meetings on zoom. Access is valuable for participation
 - Access is a possibility perhaps in new year
- Linda McSweeney
 - The Board needs help
- Jeff LoCascio
 - Text messaging works well. Ask members to help you through this venue
- Rob Herbison
 - More than no trespassing signs are being taken
 - Ripped off past the bolt
 - Vinny will put up signs so that they do not come down

- Motion by Scott:
 - Executive session for budget review with Joe S to aid in review
 - Second by Linda McSweeney

Reports of Officers, Committees, and Board of Trustees

VP

- Beach 1 clearing details overviewed
- Pavillion: Rich Valenti - gave guidance for what to do Rich will do real estate law
- What are our residential zones (R30)
- Wade Wonder - environmentalist, we have concerns.
- IDEA: Because we continue to throw money at tennis courts, what if we move tennis courts to the ball field / add Two pickleball courts & bocci ball there as well.
- Floodplain. Permit by rule / disurbed
- PLA member Howard Bach - pro bono engineer
- PLA member Kevin Hanna - survey
- Pavilion where tennis courts are
 - Tom - Find out what have we spent on tennis over last 20 years
 - New tennis courts are more than \$100,000.00
 - Q - what if we put tennis courts where the playground is or at least put the parking lot behind the pavilion instead of in front of it? We value views of the lake for the pavilion!

Treasurer

- Budget discussed in closed session. Member and former Treasurer, Joe Staugaard, invited to stay and offer his insights on the BOT Budget as an expert

Fin Sec

- Quiet time of year
- Payments still coming in

Corresponding Sec

- Website and Facebook keeping up to date
- Pati - Working on Newsletter. Must go out in hardcopy on time before the annual meeting.
- Send email of intent to run for a position to NOMS - Nominations Corresponding Secretary, VP, Environment, Financial Sec & 2 Trustee seats

Recording Sec

- **MaryAnne - Reach out to Linda:**
 - How to use AV equipment to project
 - Request change of date for Annual meeting with

Membership

Grounds

- Dam report
- Cages under bridge w county
- Asking for help to get wood behind the shed send
 - email to Suzanne to put on text
- Signs and paint (EM Sign in Sparta)

Roads

- Still doing asphalt. No oil and chip this year
- Serious brush cutting is needed
- We will cut if they do not and then bill you **(IDEA** - put this fine in our penalties)
- ██████████ drainage complaint. Perk tested created issue.

Enviro

- Carp contest - cash prize
- Draw down - anticipating approval for target dates of 10/22 through 2/15/2023

Beaches

- All is going well, especially compared to last month

Entertainment

- Music on Beach Aug 19

President

- Thank you to the Board. All work is appreciated. Glad comments were made to Board
- Donna and Linda and Scott not available to attend annual meeting
- **Scott** - Motion by Linda to change the bylaws to add language that the annual meeting will take place on the third Sat of Sept (or a date approved by the board). Second by Rob. Motion moved

Old business

New business

- Proposal not voted to move forward
- **Scott & Pati** - Motion to change this year's meeting to Friday Sept 23. Second by Rob. Motion approved. **Inform membership on all platforms**
- Q - Sept meeting for the Board on Sept 14? A - yes

Action Items:

1. **MaryAnne** - Change meeting with Linda & get directions to use Audio Visual for annual meeting
2. **Scott** - Motion by Linda to change the bylaws to add language that the annual meeting will take place on the third Sat of Sept (or a date approved by the board). Second by Rob. Motion moved
3. **Scott & Pati** - Motion to change this year's meeting to Friday Sept 16. Second by Rob. Motion approved. **Inform membership on all platforms**
4. **Pati** - Newsletter out in hardcopy form

Motion to Adjourn:

Next meeting date, time, location: