

Paulinskill Lake Association
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Board Meeting Minutes
Stillwater Community Center
Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023
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	a b	Watson Perigo Roads & Trustee 1	a b	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 Tormey Beaches/Rec & Trustee 6

Also present: Ron Volk, Jeff LoCascio, Vin Troiano, Mike Grablutz, Hal Cohen, Christine Dunbar

Approval of Minutes – Linda motion. Scott second. Minutes approved

Member Comments

- Ron Volk
 - Returned documents related rehabilitation of Paulins Kill Lake Dam plans
 - Returned photos of dam rehabilitation work
 - Returned fixture for the dam crank
- Christine Dunbar - The Paulins Kill Watershed Coordinator
 - The Paulins Kill Watershed are “Area focused” on local enterprises

- Environmental health of the lake.
- Works with foodshed alliance
 - Food gleaning to cut back on food waste
 - Teach about farming sustainably
 - Road salt monitoring study - funded by NJ Environment Protection
 - Hoping to find members to engage in gathering data for the experiment
 - Testing at a location for the Chloride ion both 24 hours prior to storm and 72 hours after and submit the data
 - njwatershedwatch.org
 - Answer a few questions about the weather
 - Ask about parts per million
 - End game to establish baseline on salts.
 - They are not heading on any type of regulations, but hoping to seek best practices for communities.
 - Towns can share their Best Management Practices. Talk to the chief for DPW and the town council. We want to protect our well and drinking water. Decrease salt by 50%. See lists of best practices from other towns.
 - Christine read a list of best practices
 - To get testing strips goto paulinskillwatershed.org
 - To do the test sample:
 - Complete the strip test (5 min)
 - Read the test
 - Submit the data
 - Take a photo of the test and submit
 - Social media
 - Flier to post onto our website
 - HAB monitoring
- **Pati** - We can post digital flyers to raise awareness within our community
- Ron Volk
 - **Watson** - Deer Run, From Boyces to Jackman, there are piles of brush that are a fire hazard waiting to happen. Been there since the fall.

Reports of Officers, Committees, and Board of Trustees

VP

- Holiday decorations have been taken down and stored
- Dave shared that Trivia night is coming March 3 at Firehouse with a cash bar. Teams of 2-6
- Dave is waiting to hear back from JCPL for the installation of the power pole in the ballfield parking area.

Treasurer

- Account balances shared
- Account Balances:
 - Operating Account
 - \$133,261.77
 - Dam Account
 - \$10,112.40
 - Capital Account
 - \$138,457.29
 - Shared Reserve
 - \$163,863.71
- Q - Cindy asked about the \$2000 for water testing. Which lab is this for?
 - Scott will investigate
- Motion to approve by Rob. Second by Scott. No discussion. Motion approved

Fin Sec

- Deposits were shared
- Dues payments are at 22% of 2023 paid
- Will talk to attorney to write letters to those who are overdue on account
- Lien work to keep accounts current also in progress
- **Board** - Please let Linda know what kind of badges you need and she will bring them to the next meeting.
- Linda made a motion to increase the Initial Membership Fee (IMF) to \$660.00.
- Scott second motion. No discussion. Motion approved

Corresponding Sec

- Revised bylaws are now on website
- Dave and Kimberly shared event dates will added to website
- November, 2022 minutes are posted on website

Recording Sec

- **MaryAnne** - Oct minutes to be resent and voted on via email

Membership

- No report

Grounds

- Tomorrow the day to try and work on graffiti
- ATV tracks again on ballfield parking lot
- Rob wants to take rest of privacy posts down
- Due to quotes only lasting no more than 30 to 60 days, will start getting quotes for tennis, volleyball sand, and beach sand
- Checked on cellular security cameras that are solar for approximately \$300.00 each.
Cellular plans start at \$20 a month
 - 90 foot motion detection
 - In the yearly membership meeting Rob asked for 3000.00. Purchase 3 at \$300.00 or 400 a piece

Roads

Enviro

- Nothing to report

Beaches

- Nothing to report

Entertainment

- Trivia night is March 3 at Stillwater Firehouse on March 3rd from 7 to 10 pm. Cash bar. Teams of 2-6

President

- More evidence of ATV riding on PLA property. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Need an incident on video. We do not have video, and if anyone sees a violation, please do their best to capture on video
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Lake lowering committee is present
 - Members here today (Cindy, Tom, Mike, and Vinnie)

- They are measuring level of lake every day
- They are finding that 1 inch of rain equals 30 inch increase in lake level
- Based on the data collected, maybe a 6 foot drawdown would be permitted by the State
- The committee modified a wheel to be used to open and close the Dam Gate instead of a crank. The wheel will be stored in the Beach 1 Lower shed.

Old business

New business

- Feasibility study update
 - Kimberly was reaching out to our attorney. Tom will hear from Kimberly
 - Painting no parking
 - Rules committee
 - Cindy
 - Courtney
 - Scott
 - Steve Shore
- Chairs of committee
 - Scott appointed the Committee Chairs for the 2023 year:
 - Entertainment: Dave Williams
 - Environment: Cindy Tracey
 - Road: Watson Perigo
 - Buildings and Grounds: Rob Herbison
 - Beaches: Courtney Tormey
 - Membership: Suzanne Troiano
- **Board** - Winter newsletter submissions to Pati
 - The Board liked the email form of newsletter
- Scott scheduled the date/time of all monthly meetings for 7pm on the second Wednesday at the Stillwater Community Center.
- Scott motioned to continue to renew the contract with Blair Academy for use of the lake for crew activities. Proposal to include the following:
 - Increase fee from \$1200.00 to \$1320.00 annually. The increase is 10%, which is the same percentage of dues increase membership has incurred.
 - Second - Linda
 - Discussion -
 - Linda shared concern that people don't like noise. Would tech help them communicate?

- Perhaps rate for “finals” is different
 - Taking care of our grounds
 - Q - what is the increase of participating students
 - Mind lakefront property
 - IDEA - have them come in prior to season for a meeting
 - Season is coming soon.
 - Scott Amend motion to say increase to be determined
 - Vote - unanimous
- Google Drive
 - Bring devices to follow along in Feb meeting
 - **Board** - Complete this *survey* to support efforts with supporting the Board’s needs for learning
- Tom suggested that we hold a Boaters meeting to review the rules prior to granting stickers
 - Board agreed - Cindy and Tom to follow up
 - Boat doctor idea to change lock before April
 - Fish drop - get kids down
- Fencing available to install at catwalk - Wants to install next week. Tom to help
- Initiate Towing of vehicles from all parking lots after hours
 - Scott explained that we need the towing company to contract with us and that company must be listed on the sign with the phone number.
 - Scott does not want to jump on this until the membership is well informed of new practice
 - Q - What if we leave a note on the windshield instead of posting signage.
- Open Floor to Membership
 - Jeff LoCascio
 - Should we let the membership comment on allowing Blair to continue to use the lake?
 - Ron Volk
 - Suggest to follow the Bylaws and have a petition signed by at least 20 members to call a special meeting for further discussion and potential vote.
- Scott - Motion to go into private session

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Motion to Adjourn:

Next meeting date, time, location: