

## Lake Lenape Association Minutes for July 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 (General Meeting)

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### **LLA Board Members in Attendance** (7)

A. Keegan, C. Baksa, R. Wexler, S. Minnick, S. Hagaman, E. Karr, S. Mercer

*Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was determined that a quorum was present. A Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops and Service People.*

### **Public in Attendance**

Rick Cianciulli, Brenda Izzo, Jim Passafaro, Peggy Widgren

### **For the Good of the Order**

A member inquired about the camera in the window of the clubhouse and expressed concerns. Steve and Chris explained that it is there for the sole purpose of providing a static image over time that is used as the background for the lake web page. It is not a security camera and does not record a video stream. The camera is secure electronically and physically and is not accessible by anyone. The camera view cannot be changed remotely (panned or zoomed). The image angle is extremely wide which does not allow for identification of people. We will remove the time stamp from the image for security. The camera itself was not purchased by the association it was a donation.

A member wanted to bring to our attention a person that was working the BBQ grill at the last function and was extremely rude.

A member made a recommendation to canvas the neighborhood and hand out applications and flyers to the lake in an effort to get them to join.

**Minutes** – Minutes from the June 2015 board meeting were presented by the secretary for acceptance. Motions were made to accept as follows:

(1) A. Keegan (2) R. Wexler - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

Minutes for June will be posted to the Lake website.

The May 2015 Minutes were approved via E-Mail as follows:

(1) S. Minnick (2) K. Roberts - All in favor: J. Brennan, S. Mercer, D. Kerr, A. Keegan (Yes) - Opposed: (None) - Quorum satisfied.

May 2015 Minutes were amended as per the motion at the previous meeting and the amended minutes were posted to the public web site.

**President(s) Report** – A. Keegan

Please call 911 in case of an emergency before calling a board member.

## Secretary Report – C. Baksa

An individual sent a letter to the Board and requested that it be read aloud and printed in the minutes. It was read aloud as requested. The contents of the message were as follows:

"I am sending you an e-mail commenting on a reply you e-mailed to a friend of ours, forwarded to us by that friend, regarding fireworks at the Lake Lenape beach. My wife and I live at 156 Andover Sparta Road, just across from the clubhouse, front row center to the fireworks displays.

The board of directors for the Lake Lenape Association may not supply the fireworks that are set off from the jetty on the Lake Lenape beach property at Association sponsored events, but the Association is culpable, under law, as the board give tacit approval by "allowing" the fireworks. I am sure you know fireworks are illegal in NJ unless you have a pyrotechnics licensee on site. If there is any injury as a result of these fireworks displays that go on for 10 to 30 minutes at these Association sponsored events, insurance will not cover the cost of injuries caused by these "illegal" activities. Any attorney, for the injured party, with 2 brain cells to rub together will sue everyone they can - the Association, all members of the Association and any potential members living in the Association boundaries. I joined the Association when I first moved into this beautiful area in 1971. We have been members over the 43 years we have lived here. You probably do not know us because we have not been to the beach for at least 25 years - however, we have continued to pay our membership to help maintain the Association properties. We did not renew our membership this year specifically because of the fireworks issue. I am a Viet Nam veteran with PTSD and am not happy with the activities the board of the Association continues to allow to happen. Your reply to our friend that the board "does not and has never provided a fireworks display" is mote point. Any liability from these displays still rests with the Association as you do not stop them from occurring on Association property at Association sponsored events. The "head in the sand" excuse does not hold up in court when these events have occurred over a period of years with implied and obvious approval of the board.

Please read this e-mail at the next board meeting and enter it into the minutes to absolve us of liability for these illegal fireworks. I plan to file it with the County Clerk to register our disapproval with the boards continued practice of allowing illegal activities at this beautiful lake and absolve us of support and liability of these continued illegal activities.

Respectfully,

Brian and Georgette Keenan"

The reply to Mr. Keenan form the board was as folllows:

"Brain,

Let me first say thank you for your services to our Country.

Your letter has been received and has already been discussed amongst the Board members. As you requested, it will also be read and entered into the minutes at the next Board meeting which is scheduled for [July 7<sup>th</sup>](#).

Obviously [July 4<sup>th</sup>](#) and the upcoming Lake Party is of the biggest concern right now. The board is in agreement that we will not allow any fireworks to be discharged from any part of the lake association property including the Lake itself, beaches or access right of ways. We will be informing our members of this via mail blast this week as well as posting the statement on the Lake social media pages.

However, with that said, you must be aware that Board does not have any say over homeowners and what they do on their own properties. This is not a “head in the sand” approach as you so describe. It is simply the fact that we (the Board) do not have any jurisdiction over any homeowner in the community.

Best regards”

No further communications transpired after this reply.

**Treasury Report – S. Hagaman**

Expenses are on par with our budget and comparable to last year at this time. Membership dues are running slightly ahead.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report – C. Baksa**

We have had an uptick in members buying boat stickers and Guest Badges after the fact.

**Membership Status to Date**

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Count of Member Type</b>
Senior	66
Sponsored	44
Standard	101
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>211</b>

**New Member / Referral Program to date**

<b>New Member Type</b>	<b>Count of Type</b>
Senior	1
Sponsored	8
Standard	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>

13 New Member applications  
have referrals \$325.00

**Buildings and grounds – B. Walsky**

We have had members ask to have access to the Bathrooms 24/7. While we cannot leave the bathrooms open all the time we can buy a Porta John for far less money than it costs to rent one. Estimated cost is approximately \$600 and the cost to service is \$35 a month. We would save money if we purchased the unit over renting it. The investment would pay for itself in 1 years’ time.

A motion was made to allocate funds to purchase a Porta John and secure a service contract.

(1) A. Keegan (2) R. Wexler - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

**Goose Control** – R. Wexler

We are investigating alternate methods to Goose control.

**Bylaws, Rules and Security** – E. Karr / S. Minnick

We had an incident on the grounds with an individual that was making people very uncomfortable. The police were dispatched and the individual was located, removed and warned. A police report was logged.

Residents have been complaining about the excessive speed on the side streets in the community. The local police have set up a mobile radar sign on Elm to raise awareness of the speed limits. Although there is nothing that the Board can do... we are urging people to slow down and observe the speed limits.

Barry has had issues with people urinating on his property. People that are renting the clubhouse are also parking in his driveway. We will make sure that clubhouse renters are aware that the driveways is not for parking and are investigating some type of barrier to delineate the property boundaries.

We have purchased several Member Only signs that will be posted around the property. These signs also state the No Pets Allowed policy and are also in Spanish.

We have had reports of people that live on the lake that are using the lake in some form and have not paid their membership. We will form a committee to address this. The residents that live on the lake will be mapped out and cross referenced with the membership database. Once the list is compiled, letters will be sent to the home owners.

A certified letter has to be sent to homeowners that reside on either side of any lake owned property or easement.

**Boats Racks / Clubhouse Rentals** – E. Karr

We are just about full to capacity.

**Clubhouse Rentals** – S. Minnick

No Updates

**Weed Management, Fish habitats and Water Quality** – D Kerr / Shawn Mercer

Dave Kerr will be holding a fishing clinic at the clubhouse for anyone that wants to attend. An announcement with details will be sent out.

Water testing continues and reports are posted to the web site.

The Cat Tails in the vicinity of Lenape Ave and around the island were treated. They will start to turn brown and die off. Cleanup of the cattails should be done when the lake freezes over.

We are asking the community to keep an eye out for the [Invasive Water Chestnut](#). If anyone see's this vegetation in the lake, please let a board member know.

Members are reminded that boats used in other bodies of water should be washed with soap and water prior to use in the lake to prevent possibly cross contamination.

**Fundraising** – A. Keegan

No Updates

**Insurance** – K. Roberts

No Updates

**Lifeguards** – K. Roberts

No Updates

**Socials** – J. Brennan / D. Kerr

The Luau is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ticket prices will be as follows:

- Pre-Pay Ticket Purchase: \$20 Adults for \$10 for Children under 6.
- At the door Ticket Purchase: \$25 Adults for \$15 for Children under 6.

The clubhouse is not for use for Theme Night however the bathrooms will be made available.

**DAM** – S. Hagaman

We are in discovery phase of the dam litigation. We have been advised to retain legal services for day to day activities.

*Minutes Submitted by C. Baksa on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Baker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.