

## Lake Lenape Association Minutes for May 6 2017

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### **LLA Board Members in Attendance** (8)

M. Dunbar, S. Hagaman, S. Minnick, E. Karr, D. Kerr, B. Kithcart, J. Liccardi, P. Widgren

*Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm. 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**

Ken Roberts, Chris and Margret Christoffersen, Regi Diverio, Terry and Rich Hamler, Tom and Annie Keegan, Joe Kimble, Ray Wexler, Tom and Irene Sutherland, Jim Sinatra, Sue Smith

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

Due to a request of a member in attendance, the board introduced themselves and gave a background about themselves.

Terry Hamler said that she has previously reported boats that were on the lake that had no stickers or were possibly not members. At that time the board investigated and randomly approached boaters on the lake only to find they had stickers and were members. She said that she sits on her property and can still see boats on the lake without stickers. The board stated they do their best to enforce the rules as they can when they see boats on the lake and will try to do a better job to patrol the lake for boats that may or may not have stickers.

Terry said that it used to be the case the membership list was public and posted at the beach as were all the board members names and phone numbers. Due to a problem in the past, that was no longer done.

Rich Hamler would like to thank each and every board member for their service to the community. The patio looks fantastic (that patio is all thanks to the Keegans for their generous donation of time, effort and money to make that happen). Rich also agreed with Terry that the membership list should be public and posted so that everyone can see them. Rich asked about the "swim raft" (floating dock out and the end of the swim area) and if we are really paying a company to bring that to the shore in the fall and put that out in the spring.

It is true that the board has chosen to use the company that built/sold the docks to bring them in in the fall and put them out in the spring. It's a very nominal fee. Rich said that it was an easy job, but over the last few years it was a multiple day process. Sometimes requiring a large pickup truck or Tom Keegan's skid steer to help pull it out of the water. Also as the wood had deteriorated it was requiring many hours of repairs every time it was moved. The investment of paying the company to handle the docks and swim platform was a bargain for the people who were volunteering their time to work on them twice a year.

Rich Hamler asked about the Christmas trees in the lake. "When are we going to get to a point where we don't need any more Christmas trees in the lake?" Rich has voiced a concern that they break free and some have come off and washed ashore on his property. Rich voiced concern that people jumping in the lake or swimming are going to hit them. They are placed at a depth so that that shouldn't happen.

Rich Hamler said it was a disgrace that with all the work the board does for the community, that more people should be at the board meeting. Terry Hamler said that there will be a lot more people at the Memorial Day party.

Rich Hamler would like to offer personal delivery of badges for the streets on Hemlock, Old Creamery, Elm and Lenape Ave.

Margaret Christoffersen wanted to voice concerns over the water company. Easter Sunday lake residents turns on their water to find brown water. She wanted to extend her gratitude with the Andover Township Police department for the reverse 911. It was very inconvenient for those who were hosting an Easter gathering. The owner of the water company got it from his father and the board feels that the water company doesn't care about the community. The only way to get his attention is for people to complain to the public utilities. Our fire hydrants aren't up to code. The town used to pay him money for the hydrants and when they discovered they were not up to code they stopped paying him. People need to complain to the public utilities. Multiple complains from people to the NJ Board of Public Utilities will be the only way to get his attention.

To address this, we need to collect all the information and make a water company page. We could post that on the web site and make it easier for members and residents to complain. Notifications for residents can be done by going to [www.atpd.org](http://www.atpd.org) and you

can register for reverse 911 and the Andover Township Police Department can send out notifications as the police receive them. Also the ATPD facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Andover.Police/> (the police know that a lot of people don't like facebook but they feel it's a great way to communicate). If we find out that the owner will have to show up in front of the board of public utilities the board will send out a notification to the membership so they know to show up at this meeting.

Tom Keegan recommended installing a whole house filter. He installed one and the filter is supposed to last 5 years but he changes it every 6 months and feels that the filtration that is done by this is worth the investment.

**Minutes** – The secretary respectfully submits April minutes for approval. Scott made mention of the minutes categories listing the committee chair is confusing. Scott was not at the April meeting yet committee reports made for him list him with that committee and he felt it was confusing. Steve mentioned that we used to put the person speaking, not the committee chair listed in the minutes and Scott had asked to change it to this. As long as we change how it's reported moving forward, eliminate the names and just keep the committee list.

Motion was made to accept the minutes for April:

(1) K. Roberts (2) J. Liccardi - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: D. Kerr

Minutes for April shall be updated and posted online.

### **President's Report**

We had an open position on the board. Ken Roberts has asked to be appointed to the open board position.

Motion was made to accept the Ken Roberts to the board of trustees (to serve out the remainder of Barry Walsky's term, will be up for re-election in November 2017):

(1) D. Kerr (2) J. Liccardi - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

Ken Roberts is now (once again) a member of the Lake Lenape Board of Trustees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Scott handed out the financial reports to the membership at the meeting. The current budget is being followed. There were 15 new memberships that are not on that report. We are on track with the typical pattern for the year.

### **Secretary Report**

We received 2 registered letters to the association from Willy Ditmar about the improvements the Board was trying to make on the Lenape Ave. property. The association received some donations of time and equipment to improve the Lenape Ave property and make it a little more useful and look a little less like an abandoned property and Willy Ditmar has expressed his desire for the property to remain as it was. The Board has expressed interested in improving that property, and his letters describe his multiple attempts to contact different town departments to try to stop our work on this property. Upon his previous visit to the March 2017 lake Board meeting, he had described how there were multiple attempts to improve or change that property and he was able to complain and stop previous Boards from doing anything with that property. Terry Hamler pointed out that he uses that property as his own private parking lot. Willy Ditmar would like that property to remain as it is and would like no changes be made to that property. The Board would like, even with the opposition of Willy Ditmar, to improve that property and make it something nicer and more useful for the membership.

We received 2 letters when we announced our fundraiser for Drew Anderson (the son of a member of the association with Tay-Sachs) offering donations for our fundraiser. We received one offer from Damian and Jill DelGaizo offering a bi-plane ride to auction off. We received another offer from Michelle McGowan who works for a toy company. We had actually received the toys and were on display at the meeting. A HUGE Thank you to these families who have donated these items for the fundraiser.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership Report**

As of today we have 177 Members, 89 Standard 55 senior and 33 sponsored. So far our revenue from membership applications totals almost \$74K for the year.

#### **Clubhouse Rentals**

None.

## **Boat Storage**

The last “come down to the lake and pick your boat slip” day will be Saturday May, 20<sup>th</sup>. From this point forward, boat spots will be assigned to them. We need to discourage keyed padlocks and ask members to give us their combinations on the locks. It’s not uncommon for boats to get put back in the wrong spot and with keys we can’t fix their location and sometimes it causes a cascading effect on boat spots.

## **Buildings and grounds**

In January we had the water shut off. We had a pipe burst before the meter, we replaced the meter and filled the water tank and flushed the toilets. We had about 100 gallons of use on the new meter and we received a bill from the water company for 2000 gallons.

Ropes and floats. We purchased new ropes and floats for the swim area and they are not in yet but will be soon.

We have made new keys for the clubhouse and will be distributed to the appropriate people (board members, lifeguards, etc).

The worm farm is coming along. We had an old tub in the upstairs of the clubhouse that was not connected or used. We did some research and found instructions for a worm farm. Using the tub we can fill it with compost and create a farm to grow worms. So if people come down to the lake and need some bait, they can go to the worm farm and grab some worms to fish with.

The ladder off the concrete dock will be repaired or replaced. We are still investigating.

The property at Lenape Ave, we cut down a couple trees that were rotten. Work is continuing.

Decks and Benches. We would like to thank Frank Wyczynski for helping and supplying the materials for staining and sealing the deck. Many board members and others came down and help work on the picnic tables and decks.

## **Insurance**

None.

## **Fundraising**

We are having a cornhole tournament before the Memorial Day party. All funds raised going to Drew Anderson. The tournament starts at 10AM. Joe Kimble worked on getting a kayak and accessories for the raffle for that day.

## **Water Quality and Weed Management**

Larry treated the lake for curly leaf and pond weed and will be treating again on May 11th. He checked the lake for muck. The only place that was bad for muck was the area by the dock on Lenape Ave. We will be trying the muck eating pellets over there to see if that helps that area.

We have been spraying for cattails over the years. Those are indigenous to the lake. If we got a really cold winter, and the lake freezes we can go out with weed whackers and take the dead material out easily. If we take them out in the summer too much material can end up in the water and can negatively affect water quality.

## **Fish Habitat and Restocking**

We need boats to help float stock when we stock fish. We plan on stocking: 700 Channel Cats, 500 Crappies, 400 Perch and 10,000 bait fish (fathead minnows). The bait fish should be excellent mosquito control as well as help the current fish and new stock. There are carp in the lake, which are not native to the lake. Last year we caught some carp that were over 17 pounds. They eat nose down in the bottom of the lake and that stirs up the bottom of the lake and can kill fish eggs. The large fish that seem to be jumping out of the water are the carp. If you have gold fish or carp, please do not throw them into the lake.

## **Security and Bylaws**

We will be putting up more posted and private property signs. In order to escort non-members off the property the property has to be properly signed so that it’s obvious that the property is private. Currently we need more signs. We have them. We will have to hang them in obvious locations.

We are going to keep track of people coming to the lake who are non-members. We are keeping a list of the people who are showing up who aren’t members.

We did investigate some non-members who were on the property and received membership applications from some.

## **Lifeguards**

Lifeguard contract was finalized.

## **Social**

Cinco de Mayo party is on right after this meeting.

Memorial Day is on Monday and the party will be on Sunday 2pm May 28th.

Adult Nights start in June. There is one a month throughout the summer. We will start booking people for the Adult Nights. We are going to charge \$5/person. We aren't doing it to make money but to offset the cost of the entertainment.

## **Dam**

Litigation is progressing.

We need to finalize the Emergency Action Plan. We need to get information from our engineer. The state needs the inundation map and some more information that should be added to the EAP.

## **Technology**

We upgraded the wifi at the lake (thanks to Steve Minnick for donating the equipment) and it's working better than ever. We should have much more range and reliability.

## **COLA**

The upcoming COLA meetings are June 10<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 9AM. You do get a breakfast. If you wish to go to a COLA meeting please contact Ken Roberts. The last meeting there was a talk about risk management. Make sure your lake is within regulations for lifeguards. Also algae, last year was a bad year for algae because of the high temperature and still water. There are good algae and bad algae. The algae season used to be May to 1<sup>st</sup> of October, but now it's going from April to November. When we have our testing we need to make sure we cover blue green algae.

## **Scholarship Committee**

This Saturday is our kickoff event for our fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$1000 for a scholarship for a graduating senior. We have received a lot of donations for this event. Some friends of the lake, Greeks and the Lenape Lodge all donated wine for sampling at the function. Hildegard Power, Karen Yost, Perona Farms and Salt donated gift cards for raffle. The Burke's donated a gift basket. Jim Passafaro donated 2 area rugs for raffle. Seplo's and Bella Italia donated wine for raffle. Dave Huston is a wine expert who will be donating his time to describe the wines being sampled.

## **New Business**

None.

*A motion to adjourn was made at 3:40 pm*

(1) S. Hagaman (2) J. Liccardi - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)

*Minutes Submitted by S. Minnick on June 12th, 2017*