

**Sunset Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025**

Members Present: Pat Quigley (President), Nola Knight (Vice President), Peg Milosevich (Secretary), Katie Simenson (Treasurer), Barb O'Brien (Board member), Helen Klimowicz, Jenny Larsen, Linda Lingelbach, Pam Purcell, Pat Purcell, Sarah Wilke.

Call to Order/Opening Comments: Pat opened the meeting at 7:07. He graciously thanked the Board members and all those involved in milfoil removal over the past year.

2024 Year in Review: Pat summarized the 2024 Annual Summary highlights. It was a very productive year for EWM education, management and removal. The donations made a significant difference, and to continue to make progress, we will request donations again in 2025. We are also working in partnership with Portage County and the Town of New Hope for grants – something we could not take advantage of if we did not have a Lake Association. We are truly making a difference.

Please remember to check the Sunset Lake Association website (<http://www.sunsetlakeportageco.com>) – there are links to many resources and updates! (Thank you to the team at Image Management for their outstanding work in creating and maintaining the website. It is awesome!)

The association currently has 24 paid members to date (with a few more to come). As a reminder, our mission is to support the on-going health of Sunset Lake. We do not handle individual property issues or have the authority to change laws, such as altering no-wake lake regulations.

Financial Summary

The 2025 starting balance is \$2,687.45. 2024 Milfoil donations totaled \$14,306.74 with \$13,776.64 spent on the professional Aquatic Plant Management team to remove milfoil. The other new expense was \$980 for a two-year Directors and Officer insurance policy. Please note that we are working hard to keep costs down. For example, we spent \$100 on a mapping milfoil app (which was required before the Aquatic Plant Management team could do their work) and utilized local talent and expertise instead of spending \$1,829 to have professionals complete it.

Plans for 2025

Milfoil eradication continues to be our top priority, and we will be requesting donations once again in 2025 to keep up the progress. The professional team working hard, the education in helping awareness and the pulling near shore is making a big impact. We are also pursuing a Clean Boats/Clean Waters long-term grant for boat cleaning stations at the beach.

Membership Expansion

The Sunset Lake Association membership currently states:

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - ELIGIBILITY: Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization, that (a) subscribes to the purposes of the Association and (b) owns or leases property within one mile of Sunset Lake; or (c) resides on or within one mile of Sunset Lake at least one month each year.

The Board presented a proposal to open association membership to a broader audience. Specifically:

Membership shall be open to any individual, family, business or organization that subscribes to the purposes of the Association and shall be granted after completion and receipt of a membership application and paid dues.

The motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously by the membership to approve.

Board Directors Election – President, Vice President and #1 Member At Large

Pat Quigley, President - Nola Knight, Vice President - Barb O'Brien, Board Member at Large

Motions for the nominations were made and seconded for each position and voted unanimously by the membership to approve.

Open Forum

Helen suggested that we publish an article in the Spirit to share the update on expanded membership opportunities. Great idea!

Thank you to everyone who attended. We sincerely encourage and appreciate your input and involvement. The meeting ended at 7:57. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Purcell Milosevich



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