

**Sunset Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2023**

Board Members present: Pat Quigley, Nola Knight, Peg Milosevich, Katie Simenson, Barb O'Brien

Board Members absent: Kevin Weslaski

Call to Order: Pat called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approve Minutes from last meeting: The minutes from the June 28th Board meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Milfoil Saturday's – good progress was made in July and August, and we are grateful to everyone who came out to help. CWES Counselors helped on two Thursdays, primarily near the boat landing. In general, we are in better shape than last year and even this past June. Thank you to all who helped!

July 4th Gathering – was held at Hacker/Nelson home. The July 4th, 2024, gathering will be held at Ardie Stoltenberg's home. We decided that we, the Lake Association, should show our support in promoting the Lake Association rather than hosting the event.

Lake Management Plan – as mentioned in the June minutes, the plan was approved by Portage County and the Town of New Hope, and we are currently waiting for DNR approval.

Financial Report:

Our current balance is the same as it was in June - \$1,141.12.

New Business:

Milfoil – we believe that we have effectively taken care of the milfoil that we could through wading in and that it may be time to consider some alternatives for deeper water, including divers and weevils. Everyone should be encouraged to take care of and maintain their own shoreline.

Pat is working with Golden Sands to get an idea of costs and testimonial/results for divers including a bio-control study of weevils that eat milfoil (more to come). We are aware of an anonymous donor willing to make a \$1,000 donation towards this initiative.

How can we attract more members/volunteers? Kevin designed a flyer that was made available during the July 4th gathering. It is also on the website for easy reference. Katie offered to drop off flyers over the Labor Day weekend to those residents who are not currently a part of the association.

Another idea we discussed was sending out a Thanksgiving Letter or Christmas greeting to all residents inviting them to the annual meeting to be held in January, 2024 (date to be determined) with our thanks to everyone along with a list of all we accomplished (the year in review), including that we could not do it without everyone's help and to reinforce the fun we had. We also discussed the development of a survey of association members along with re-emphasizing that the association does not have the authority to make any resident do anything – that we are truly here to preserve Sunset Lake.

Should we set up a donation portal on the website? We broadly discussed some of the challenges and potential costs related to setting up a donation portal. Once we have a more defined potential milfoil diver plan, we determined that we would request any donations be sent to Katie as Treasurer (thank you!), to be deposited into the Sunset Lake Association US Bank account to be used as approved. We can also reinforce that we are a 501c(3) charitable organization with potential tax deductibility and/or matching funds availability.

Open Discussion:

We openly discussed everything mentioned earlier.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m. We determined that we do not need an October meeting, so the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Purcell Milosevich

