

Lake Victoria Property Owners' Association  
Laingsburg, MI 48848  
Minutes  
September 15, 2009

Board members present: Al Burnie, Clint Hawks, Dan Brown, Duane Albright, Michelle Campbell, Scott Danek, Mark Langworthy

Board members not present: Renee Gutzman & Scott Westenberg

Public present: 11 of our neighbors, including, Patrick and Dawn Lennon, Meg Dutcher, Diane Mayers, Wendy & Steve Szczotka, Mark McEwen, Bonnie Snyder, Kandi Brown, Glenn & LouAnn Morrill

I. Call to Order and President's Opening Remarks 7:04 pm DAN BROWN

II. Public Comment

Diane Mayers commented about the 10 point piece that was given at the last board meeting. The board will not address this because it was signed anonymously.

Diane asked for the financial reports. Board handed the audience the August statements that were provided to the board members.

III. Officer Reports

A. Secretary

MICHELLE CAMPBELL

1. Minutes from July

Motion to accept report: Mark Second: Scott Danek passed

C. Treasurer's Report

CLINT HAWKS

1. August Report

As of August 31, 2009: \$16,027.17 in Operations fund, \$29,187.62 in Assessment Fund

2. Update on payments received, money outstanding

Outstanding balances:

2008: \$ 4,848.75 on liens from last year

2009: \$ 5,838.70 in unpaid dues/assessments for 2009

\$ 50.00 unpaid towing bill (Nelson)

Total \$10,737.45

The liens will not be paid until those properties are sold. Three of the six with liens are currently on the market to be sold. One is an empty lot (HH55) which we need to do the title search on for any outstanding liens, taxes that I have been unable to find. If that amount is less than what we can sell the lot for and cover all our costs, we should foreclose on that lien.

One of these properties (Winebarger) has a renter in there who is planning on purchasing the property. I talked with him two weeks ago and he is willing to pay the 2009 dues/assessments and knows the balance on the lien for closing (which should go against the seller).

Three payments have been received since the last meeting. One did not pay late fees, and they have been rebilled. No keys or passes until that is paid in full.

**Question** – What is the process we should take to collect these? We have tabled this for a while, hoping the accounts would get paid... a few have. I have a contact at one collection agency, which those fees can be added to the accounts to be collected. This might be our best option at this moment.

Property Owner	Billed Amt.	Outstanding	Notes
Winebarger, Carol A	\$1,146.00	\$1,146.00	LIEN for 861.50
Ciletti, Vincent P	\$1,092.25	\$1,092.25	LIEN for 835.25
Hadjian, George Jr & Renae S	\$995.40	\$995.40	LIEN for 788
Kranich, Mark W	\$995.40	\$995.40	LIEN for 788
Reeves, Wayne A & Constance	\$995.40	\$995.40	LIEN for 788
Coddington (sold to driscoll w/o title search)	\$788.00	\$837.90	LIEN for 788
Gregg, Machel I	\$399.00	\$399.00	
Mallory, Ronald G & Mary A	\$399.00	\$399.00	
Martin, Scott	\$399.00	\$399.00	
Ridsdale, Dean R & Rosemary C	\$399.00	\$399.00	
Brewer, Thomas R	\$241.50	\$241.50	
Miller, Leon & Miller, John	\$241.50	\$241.50	
Miller, Greg S & Rhonda	\$241.50	\$241.50	
Thoreson, Lorraine	\$241.50	\$241.50	
Todd, David A & Rhonda L	\$241.50	\$241.50	
Carr, Richard D	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Gregg, Robert E & Machel I	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Morrison, Matthew J & Beth D	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Snyder, David	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Walters-McClain, Lucinda A	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Waterous, Jerome & Faith C	\$168.00	\$168.00	
Nelson, Mark H & Sandra K	\$200.00	\$50.00	Unpaid towing bill
Boris, Bernice I	\$241.50	\$21.50	Did not pay late fees

For our normal budgets, things look good – mostly due to a skipped weed treatment in June and a partial treatment in August. Other expenses are in line with projections. (July and August statements provided).

Scott Danek made the motion to spend the money on the title search for Lot HH55. Al seconded, all passed. Dan to have attorney run the title search.

Scott Danek made the motion to send approximately 21 property owners to collections, Michelle seconded, all passed.

3. Expense list to be approved for payment

Bills to be paid / bills that have been paid since the last meeting July 21:

Paid July 21 – Aug 30: \$11,291.70

Paid Sept 1 – 14: \$1,401.94

To be paid yet this month:

Mark McEwen	4 hours parks labor	parks	\$40.00
Marv Burt	47 hours on path	parks	\$470.00
Ed Cherenka	8 hours most on signage	parks	\$80.00
Green Planet	August & September mowings	mowing	\$1,465.00
Twin Lawn	Mosquito spray for Clarkson's	outreach?	\$85.00
Duane	Gas receipt for mowing dam		\$12.25

TOTAL: \$2,152.25

Motion to pay check requests: Michelle Second: Mark passed

Motion to accept report: Scott D Second: Mark passed

IV. Committee Reports

A. Building

AL BURNIE

Received a shed permit application from Oscar Chambers at 9510 Buckingham Circle. Shed to be 8 x 12 (96 Sq. Ft.) and color coordinated to the house. Meets all of our deed restrictions. No permit from the county required.

Motion to approve shed: Scott D Second: Clint passed

Aug. 27, Met with Lon Smith at 6574 Westgate Drive. Mr. Smith wants to add a 16 x 16 sunroom on the rear of his house and a 6 x 10 covered porch on the front. Both additions are still inside our deed restriction setbacks. No variance required. Board approved by email and I notified Clinton County Building and Zoning. They will now issue a permit.

Motion to approve shed: Scott D Second: Mark passed

Sept. 10, Met with Peter Glowney at 9229 Jason Road. Mr. Glowney wants to add a 10 x 18 addition and a 6 x 8 deck on the back of his garage. Both additions are still inside our deed restriction setbacks. No variance required. Tentatively approved. I can notify Clinton County Building and Zoning. They will now issue a permit.

Motion to approve additions: Scott D Second: Clint passed

Special thanks to Mr. Smith, Mr. Glowney and Mr. Chamers, for following process of approval.

Met with Brad Byrnes at 6589 Victoria Shore Drive. Mr. Byrnes wants to replace a rotting porch. The porch is already over the setback. He wants a larger porch, which would require a variance. Clinton County won't issue a permit without board approval. He is supposed to be finding his survey stakes and I will be working with him and try to avoid the variance procedure.

Met with Everett Wickwire at 6510 Victoria Shore drive. Mr. Wickwire is in the process of adding a covered porch without board approval or a Clinton County Building permit. Audley (Clinton County Building and Zoning) is waiting for me to get back with him. I am waiting for prints from Mr. Wick wire. This is on hold for now.

Received a variance request from Natalie Elkins. I will be meeting with her on Thursday evening to try and help her avoid the variance procedure. One adjacent lot owner will not grant variance permission. She has applied to the county. They are waiting to hear from us.

Motion to accept report: Clint Second: Mark passed

#### B. Dam

DUANE ALBRIGHT

#### **Dam Inspection for Sep 15, 2009**

**08/15/09 10:18am.** Lake level is 791'7"

1. • Monthly visual inspection completed. The dam system appears to be intact and operating properly with the exception of the rusted bottom of C2D culvert inlet. No change or visual problems at this time.
2. • During the meet with Jon Morrison on 8/17/09 Jon stated that the county has a drain partition in process and he would like to include the drainage ditch/creek that begins at the down stream side of the Peninsula Way road culvert, the overflow pond and the Price road ditch as part of the county drain system. This would give the county right of way into these areas and allow the county to us funds drainage projects to maintain them. Right now these areas are LVPOA's responsibility. Jon asked that the board consider approving this request so the CCRC can include these areas in the up coming drain partition.
  - Jon is also looking into creating a weir to be place in the channel leading to the Peninsula Way culvert as a way to control/maintain the lake level at 791'9". This would eliminate any need for a control device to be attached to the culvert. He will keep us posted on the possibility.
  - As of the meeting with Jon the plan is that the 24" Peninsula Way culvert will be replace when the road work is planned for that area of the road replacement project.
  - Jon is planning on coming to the October board meeting with more details of the CCRC road/culvert/dry hydrant project.
3. • Two dam projects are presented to the LVPOA board.
  - #1. To place stones/rocks across the face of the dam.
  - #2. To line the Auxiliary Overflow on C1D or create a Weir system.Rough quotes will be presented to the board for an idea of the possible cost and to discuss the possibility of pursuing the mater further.
4. • A request for the board to approve Oct 1 as the day to begin to lower the lake level. It will be lowered to approximately 789'9" (This is the level it was lowered to last year for the maintenance projects). It needs to be this level to allow for the painting of the sides of the MD Riser and to assist the CCRC as they work to complete the dry hydrant projects.
  - An approval for the printing of a notice letter to inform the lake side property owners of the lowering of the lake level. A notice should also be place in the E-Voice.
5. • Arrangements for our muskrat trapper will begin soon so a requesting for any information of muskrat sighting or areas of concern would be helpful. A notice in the E-Voice would be helpful.

- 08/12/09 4:30pm ... • Completed mowing of the back side of C1D.  
 • Duane Albright purchased Five gallons of gas for \$12.25 to run mower. Copy of receipt was given to the board for reimbursement.
- 08/28/09 12:26am . **NOTE:** Kim Dutcher will be in charge of the lake level from 09/02/09 to 09/07/09. He has a key to the MD Rise Valve Lock.  
 • Talk with Kim Dutcher about replacing the bolts and we decided to remove the two loose bolts and fill the holes with 100% silicon to make them water tight. There is still enough bolt securing the metal work so no one can open it. The remaining bolts will need to be monitored to see if the ice that forms on the MD Trash Rack during the winter pulls out or loosens and additional bolts. This modification can be done while the painting/vent extension project is underway.
- 08/28/09 10:20am . Called Dick Thornburg (Welder) to see if he could get new bolts to replace the bolts on the MD Trash Rack that has become loose. Dick said I could get them at Fastenal Co. (989)723-7942 2030 W. M-21, Owosso.
- 08/27/09 11:18am . Jon Morrison (CCRC office: 224-5212 or main office: 224-5160) called. He is setting up the plans, quotes and schedule for road/culvert work that will take place with the new roads. He will be going around the lake 08/31/09 between 8:00 and 10:00am. It sounds like he "may" be able to help us out with a control device on the Peninsula Way culvert. We'll see what he can do. I will meet with him and report the findings back to Al. Al said he will be available by phone if Jon has any questions.
- 08/21/09 9:21am ... Call Jack Powell to ask the status of the Peninsula Way culvert. I left a message for him asking to return my call.

**Dam Inspection for Aug 18, 2009 (No board mtg. this month.)**

**08/18/09 7:45am...** Lake level is 791'9"

1. Monthly visual inspection completed. The dam system appears to be intact and operating properly with the exception of the rusted bottom of C2D culvert inlet. No change or visual problems at this time.

08/11/09 2:14pm ... Lake level is 792'0". No addition rain since 08/09/09. Closed valve. New adjusted trash rack is working nicely. No debris to remove.

08/09/09 7:41pm ... Lake level is 792'3". Received severe thunderstorm with heavy rains. Small stream flood warning for the day. Lake has a 6" cushion over 791'9" so the valve was opened to 8".

08/06/09 ..... Received quote from All Terrain for proposed project to line the waters edge with stone to control erosion. The quote also included the grading of the overflow area to prepare for the placement of a liner. Information to be presented to the board for review and discussion.

07/22/09 7:30am ... Lake level is 791'8". New locking pin plate was installed. Noted that 2-bolts (in S. East corner) that hold down the base of the MD trash rack are loose. Later in the day I asked Kim Dutcher for advice. He wants to contact the contractor about some concerns, so he will include this.

A few questions about assessment money coming in the next few years (\$80k roughly). Looking at facing the dam would be the first priority. The secondary one would be the spillover area. Additionally, get pricing on rip-rap as well.

Lake level will be lowered as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow the areas to be painted that need to. Like an approval to get something printed to the lakefront owners. Approval given

Duane will contact the muskrat trapper about getting the muskrat trapping going in November.

Motion to accept report: Mark Second: Clint passed

C. Fish

SCOTT DANEK

Call into John White to find out when to do our fall fish plant.

Scott was approached by a few fishermen about what we are going to do about ice fishing and avoiding "tip-up town."

The board needs to put out an e-survey about the fish, as a compromise maybe work on just changing the rules for the winter when the water is walkable.

Motion to accept report: Clint Second: Mark passed

D. Outreach

CLINT HAWKS

We had more than 155 in attendance for our Clarkson's concert in August.

VonKlingler's handled the food (we made \$30) and it was a great event.

Thanks to Jack/Tess Clarkson for giving us a reduced rate for the show.

THE ROADS MILLAGE PASSED!!! We rocked the vote at LVPOA. Thanks to all those who helped distribute fliers, made calls and supported the cause.

Special thanks to Jim Pierman of Spartan Printing for donating the newsletter and door hanger printing. It was just over \$4000 in printing, BIG THANKS!!!

56 friends on our Facebook page. Last week, two lost items were returned to their owners from a post on our Facebook page!

No upcoming events or mailings planned.

E-surveys – boat storage and fishing rule

Motion to accept report: Mark Second: Duane passed

E. Parks & Maintenance

MICHELLE CAMPBELL

When to pull docks? Buoys? – October 15th

Compost days – October 17<sup>th</sup>; October 24<sup>th</sup>, & November 7th

Signs-

Ed Chrenka, Mark McEwen and Scott Westenberg finished all the signage and posts at the north launch for parking, dock sign, no orv signs on both sides of the dam and Renee's water quality signs (at both north and south launch). We still have 6 park signs to put up around the subdivisions. Scott spent \$130 above the \$1300 for the signs on posts and quickcrete. Scott wound up a couple of signs short and would like to replace the park sign on the Jason Pavilion that is looking pretty bad. So approval question # 1: since he came in way under budget, is it ok with everyone if he gets the remaining posts, quickcrete and signs (\$2-300)? The "team" is slated to put up the rest of the posts this Friday if we're good to go. Fence project- (thank you Dan :-)!)

Scott had a new LVPOA member contact me about fencing. He has some good used fencing, about 500 linear feet he's willing to sell to us for \$300. Scott would want to use this for all the trail entrances. If we ever do fencing in more common areas like the dam on Price Rd and around the Jason Pavilion Scott would want to use new fencing. So question #2 would be is the board ok with Scott acquiring this used fencing. The owner is also willing to help us put it up.

Labor Day Weekend-

Marv Burt and Steve have been working on the trails and they are shaping up nicely. We will see about a fall work day to put in drain tiles and finish the woodchips. **Of course any other volunteers are welcome for our parks projects!**

Grove the south boat launch and fix the cracks when the water is lowered, contact Rick Adams to see if he'll do it.

Order 2 six foot sections for the north boat launch, replacement pole on the south boat launch, order in January.

North boat launch move the launch lane over a little.

Motion to accept report: Scott D Second: Mark passed

#### F. Roads & Ditches

AL BURNIE

Brushwork on the roads around the lake is still ongoing.

Road commission finished putting rip-rap on the culvert at Jason Road.

Roads millage passed. Thanks to all the volunteers who went door to door to help us out. Met with Victor twp supervisor Warren Malkin and Jack Powell, Ron and an engineer from Clinton County Road Commission. The official plan for phase 1 of our road project is the entire northwest section of the lake. This includes Victoria Shore Drive and all the roads leading out to Hollister and Price roads. It also includes the gravel cul-de-sacs. Culverts are being replaced and gravel roads being prepped this fall. Paving to start in spring of 2010. Q&A session???

Met with Louis Robinson about drainage problem onto his property on Meridian road. Gave him permission to cut some trees and taper lake property to complete ditching to get water from his back yard to road ditch. He will keep me posted as the project moves forward. -Update, he has an engineer involved and work started today.

Talked to Jack Powell yesterday. They have already replaced all the culverts they need to on Victoria Shore Drive. Prep work and ditch work on the gravel roads will begin in October.

AI received the following letter from Jon Morrison from Clinton County Drains –

9-1-09

AI,

Hopefully you found the map in your mailbox yesterday- I'm pretty sure I put it in the right one. I did get a chance to meet with Ron A of the Road Commission yesterday morning and this is what we agreed on.

1. Make a concerted effort to establish a new branch drain along the north side of lot 41 and the south side of the park off of the north end of Crestview along Victoria Shore Drive. If this can be worked out (getting easement from the association and owner of lot 41) then the culvert under the road would likely be shifted to the north and lowered to facilitate the road improvements.
2. While Branch 3 across Victoria Shore Drive isn't ideal, it is generally functional and so will be left as is. The Road Commission will replace the culvert under the roadway as it deems appropriate prior to paving.
3. Our office will integrate replacement of the culvert under Victoria Shore Drive at the south end of Crestview with the dry hydrant & tiling work to be constructed this fall.
4. Give further consideration to enhancing/replacing that portion of Branch No. 12 that is under Highland Drive. This is good sized CMP piping that is buried fairly deeply, which makes costs potentially significant. But we think that there should at least be a game plan on what the long term plan will be to deal with this crossing before the road is paved.
5. Build some type of control mechanism south of the culvert under Peninsula Way along Branch 10, such that only overflow from the lake occurs through this crossing. We think the best approach may be to create a stabilized (probably earthen) spillway that would prevent flow from occurring until the lake reach a given elevation. We believe this could be completed as part of the current drain project. The question becomes what to do with Br 10 once this work is complete. Our thought is that either it should be terminated at this spillway (or perhaps even abandoned all together) or extended all the way north through the little lake and in the ditch along Price Road. The Road Commission somewhat prefers the option of extending the drain as it would specify who is responsible for maintaining the ditch along Price Road for the purpose of providing drainage from the lake. Generally, the road commission does not want to be in the business of providing drainage for any area outside of the road right of way.

Also, Ron and I didn't get a chance to discuss the repair made on the north side of Jason Road where the Alder Creek crosses, but I took a look at it after we met. I do thing the repair that they made is pretty sound. It could still be compromised if flow topped the "curb" that was installed and rushed down the slope, but I think they built the curb up about as much as they can. So it will be important to make sure that the inlet grate remains clear so water can flow into it. Also, there was some ditching done on the north side of the road to the west of the inlet that it in pretty raw condition. I'm going to ask Ron to take some action to get this stabilized yet this fall so that dirt doesn't end up washing all the way down to the grate and then down to the lake. You may want to follow up with him on this as well. *-Dene*

Lastly, I took another quick look at the water backed up in Royal Shores on the south side of Jason Road. There will be some challenges to digging a trench to install the drain piping. I'll be contacting the property owner's to see what specific concerns that have, so we can make reasonable efforts to avoid them.

*Jon W. Morrison*

Motion to accept report: Scott D Second: Michelle passed

G. Rules & Regulations

SCOTT DANEK

Email from Scott Westenberg about a van parking overnight at the highland drive beach park, the pass is for someone across the lake.

DNR has been out twice since the last meeting. Noticed a lot of unregistered boats, has not written a single ticket.

We may want to add a fence rule in our rules and regulations.

Scott would like a rule on unaccompanied guests not keeping fish, especially in the winter.

Motion to accept report: Mark Second: Al passed

H. Water Quality

RENEE GUTZMAN

Since the July board meeting, we've had the following lake treatments completed by PLM: July 28<sup>th</sup> – algae treatment of the large channel and August 28<sup>th</sup> – spot treatments on the lake to control Eurasian Watermilfoil, Thinleaf, and Coontail. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> PLM did a water quality test of the shoreline with results showing our water meets bacteriological standards for safe swimming.

In August, PLM gave LVPOA a couple of signs that Scott Westenberg posted at both boat launches. These signs caution boaters about bringing in non-native species to our lake, including Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curleyleaf, and Zebra mussels. Thank you to both Scott and PLM.

Motion to accept report: Scott D Second: Clint passed

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. Next meeting date – October 20<sup>th</sup>

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Scott D Second: Clint passed

Adjournment 9:23