

NLPA Annual Meeting Notes September 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Dan Kruse, NLPA President at 7:00 pm.
Approximately 29 attendees.

Old Business:

- 1. Review 2023 NLPA Annual Meeting Notes:** Sheryl Ulin summarized the notes from the 2023 NLPA Meeting
 - Motion to approve the 2023 NLPA Annual Meeting Notes: Paul Lammers
 - Second: Mary Lou Frendt
 - Approved by all present
 - Opposed by none

- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Sheryl Ulin presented the Treasurer's Report. The June 30, 2024, balance on hand was \$13,214.16. See attached report.
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Johanna Kruse
 - Second: Dave Pruess
 - Approved by all present
 - Opposed by none

- 3. Special Assessment District (SAD). Lauren Koloski from Washtenaw County briefly reviewed the Kieser & Associates Lake Survey and SAD weed treatment**
 - New weed treatment contract awarded in 2024
 - No weed harvesting was completed in 2023 or 2024. The funds allocated for harvesting rolls back into the budget. The North Lake SAD lost the deposit paid to the harvesters (\$1200 from SAD) because officials could not identify 10 acres of weeds to harvest. There are certain plants that cannot be harvested. Contractor requires a minimum of 10 acres to come on to the lake to harvest weeds.
 - Washtenaw County SAD officials meet with NLPA representatives to determine weed treatment plan. These meetings are usually boat rides and discussions.
 - NLPA Board members met with Washtenaw County officials to discuss the SAD budget in 2024.
 - A resident used a local harvester and this contractor provided a minimum dollar amount for harvesting. This resident suggested that North Lake homeowners be asked if they have additional acreage that they would like to harvest to achieve the minimum acreage required for harvesting weeds. These residents would personally pay for the weed harvesting in front of their home.

- Homeowners might be willing to contribute funding for harvesting around their lake frontage.
- Often, the harvester can't get in close to docks.
- In 2025 harvesting will be discussed on/around July 4 by Washtenaw County officials. That is when native pondweeds begin to mature.

Guest Speaker

4. **Natural Shorelines Presentation** by Jan Arps-Prundeanu and Washtenaw County collaborators. Resources and comments from the presentation are listed below.
 - <https://www.washtenaw.org/3784/Natural-Shorelines>
 - <https://www.washtenaw.org/647/Rain-Gardens>
 - FREE consultations with a shoreline expert are available. Contact Susan Bryan and Catie Wytchak at 734-222-3814 or via email at bryans@washtenaw.org

New Business

5. **Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Camp Discussion** – Mary Lou Frendt is the NLPA Liaison for the camp and provided information to meeting attendees.
 - Camp dock was removed. However, a dock pole is left because the contractor couldn't get it out. A homeowner buoyed the pole.
 - DPS submitted a request for a congressional earmark to update and repair the camp.
 - Many people who donate funds want to purchase specific items (i.e. zip line) for the camp instead of funding repairs and/or maintenance.
 - Mary Lou spoke to DPS about renting out the camp to make it more financially self-sustaining.
 - Homeowners can't maintain the property due to liability concerns.
 - DPS has removed trees in the past that came down blocking Gilbert Dr.
 - DPS installed security cameras and eliminated illegal activity. Pictures of trespassers are being sent to DPS police / security.
 - It is difficult to communicate with DPS because of the bureaucracy. No one is specifically designated to oversee camp issues.
 - DPS created a foundation to handle funds donated to DPS and the camp, but there is very little money designated for the camp. Most goes towards the education of the students.
 - Burt Shurley was the great-grandfather of Lisa Ford, the wife of William Clay Ford, Jr., the current Executive Chairman of the Ford Motor Company. They donated the funds for the new entry at the camp, but do not provide any ongoing funding.
 - Approximately \$5 million is needed to repair / renovate the camp.

- There is no restriction on selling the camp property. Dick and Mary Lou Frendt researched sales agreements and addendums at the courthouse going back to 1863.
- The camp property is located in both Dexter and Lyndon Townships.
 - The Lyndon Township portion of the camp is zoned “wilderness and recreation”. Only 2 homes could be built on the Lyndon Township side of the camp (due to lot size restrictions).
 - Dexter Township has zoned the camp property as “Recreation Conservation”. On the Dexter Township portion of the camp, it would be possible to build approximately 10 homes.
 - This could result in a total of 12 homes on the camp property. However, a developer could request a zoning change, or the property could be sold or given to the State of Michigan for a state park.

6. Election of Officers

- a. Dan Kruse – President
- b. Ted Mickevicius – Vice President
- c. Sheryl Ulin – Secretary/Treasurer
- d. Charlie Taylor – Water Quality Monitor
- e. Cindy Mickevicius – Website Manager
- f. Dave Pruess and Paul Lammers – Weed Control
- g. Laker – Dick and Mary Lou Frendt
 - Motion to approve the slate of officers: Dick Frendt
 - Second: Gordon Fournier
 - Approved by all present
 - Opposed by none

Meeting was adjourned by Dan Kruse at 8:13PM.