

Annual Meeting Minutes July 8, 2017
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Wavra called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 8, 2017 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, G. Radke, R. Behm, B. Floan, B. Wavra, M. Moore, M. Schulz

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Al Rebsch, 2nd by Dennis Koch to approve the July 2016 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Tony Gerardy, seconded by Rob Wagner to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Wavra announced the election of 2 board members. Three nominees were running for 2 spots on the board. Those nominees are, Mike Moore - incumbent, Mike Schulz – incumbent and Dwight Kouba. The nominees introduced themselves and the board members passed out ballots and the attendees were instructed to vote for two new board members.

President B. Wavra welcomed the invited guests and thanked them for coming.

Polk County Deputies, Jim Tadman and Scott Bixby reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes. Deputy Tadman reported on a few incidences around Maple Lake so far this summer:

- A vehicle vs pedestrian accident, the pedestrian was OK.
- A couple of aquatic species incidents
- A suspicious person
- Thefts and burglary
- Boat fire

Deputy Tadman reminded the group to call them if there is a problem with golf carts. There are still complaints about the speed of vehicles along Sandy Beach Road, so they will bring over the speed limit trailer to try to slow down the vehicles.

Deputy Bixby, Boat/Water Coordinator, was happy to report that there had been zero watercraft crashes from 2014 to date on all waterways. He contributes that to education on the water. The 4th of July was very busy – 49 violations were written with most being written to personal watercrafts not obeying the 100 ft from shore rule and the 1 hour before sunset rule. Some other violations were written for passengers riding outside the gate on pontoons or riding on the edge of a boat. There was a half dozen written warnings for not having a fire extinguisher on board.

The Sheriff Department received a grant for the purchase of another jet ski, so now there are 2 jet skis patrolling.

Paul Rutherford asked if there was a noise ordinance because of the boats that are on the lake late into the night with music blaring. Bixby said that there is someone from the Sheriff Department around all night, so just give them a call and they will send someone out to take care of it.

Josh Holte from Planning and Zoning and the Aquatic Invasive Species Taskforce reported that the AIS task force has hired 3 seasonal inspectors to do inspections on Union and Maple lake and have found that most boaters do a good job trying to prevent the spread of the AIS by cleaning the weeds from their trailers and making sure their plugs are out. He told the attendees that if they have any new ideas on how we can prevent the spread of AIS, to call him as they have funds for AIS projects. The AIS Taskforce installed a camera at the East Beach boat landing. It plays an audio message providing education to boaters and videos boats entering and leaving the lake. These videos are reviewed and if any violations are seen, they will call the Sherriff Department and the violator will be contacted.

Josh reported that the building permits have been steady and that permits are required for all projects, small to large and possibly also needed for land alterations. Call if you need help and they will come out and take a look.

Gerald Jacobson, County Commissioner, reported that Polk County was in good shape and is one of the stronger counties, but does have one black cloud in the Embridge pipeline matter. He explained how the County may have to pay back some taxes paid by the pipeline and the matter would be going to court in October.

Tom Hutchins, the DNR Conservation Officer reported that he had been in our region for the last 5 years. He takes care of the game and fish enforcement in 3 counties and that he patrols Maple and other lakes. One reminder is to make sure you have all safety equipment on board when boating. Tom talked about AIS enforcement and that there is AIS in Union Lake and also Zebra Mussels have been found in the Red river. He also talked about cleaning vegetation around your shoreline. Again, this year there have been some bear sightings, so he reminded us how to keep them away from your cabin by making sure there are no food sources available to them.

An attendee asked about cleaning under the bridge from Ullands into Maple Lake and Tom said that the State does not have jurisdiction to do any cleaning.

Sarah Meilke from the East Polk Soil and Water introduced herself as the new representative and that she had started in May. She said that some of her focuses were going to be on education and on restoration of shoreline to a more natural shoreline.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township reported that the township is in the middle of a 5 year project of upgrading the tarred roads in the township.

Old Business:

President Wavra gave a recap of 16-17:

- The new Directory was printed and distributed to all property owners. If anyone sees any corrections that should be made, please contact Steve Swanson with Lake Cabin Directories.
- The board was thanked for printing the Maple Lake History in the directory.
- President Wavra recognized Dennis Yell, the past Planning and Zoning representative and Diane Rosenberg the past secretary for the board that passed away.

Mike Schulz told the group that the Labor Day Car Show/Dance and Fireworks will be going on again this year and that donations would be appreciated for the event.

New Business:

It was moved by Rob Wagner, 2nd by Paul Rutherford to approve the budget for 2017-2018. Motion carried.

Votes for the 2 Board positions were tallied.

It was moved by Jill Gregoire, 2nd by George Sturgeon to approve the vote for the new board members, Mike Moore and Dwight Kouba. Motion carried.

Marilyn Arness reported on the situation with her property lines.

Dennis Koch announced that there will be a 5K run/walk on July 22nd in Mentor to benefit the Mentor Playground fund.

It was moved by Mike Moore, 2nd by Greg Radke to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Bonnie Abel

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