

**Coon Lake Hills Association Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2023**

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the CLHA Board was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on October 24th at Jay's home.

**Present:** Mike McIsaac, Jay Burkhart, Lynne Lewandowski, Ross Huetteman, Dawn Smith

**Excused:** Dean Blanchard, Jeff Telder

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

**Current Business**

1. **Treasurer Report:** Dawn reported on our current balance. There are currently 8 families who have not paid their 2023 dues. Five liens will be posted based on the outstanding amounts.
  
2. **Lake Quality Program:**
  - a. **Lake Treatment (LakePro):** There was a report out from Jay Burkhart to the Board regarding the recent end-of- season meeting of the Lake Treatment Advisory Committee which is led by Keith Lewinski. The lake clarity this summer was quite good as noted by many residents. The Lake Pro survey of the lake indicated a very good reading as well. Next steps are as follows:
    - i. For 2024, a bid for alternatives to copper sulfate will be explored in terms of cost and effectiveness. This was requested by members at the June Annual Meeting.
    - ii. Also, there was discussion of a "report card" for Lake Pro to better manage the timing and communication of the summer lake treatments.
    - iii. Next meeting of the committee will be in April going into the new season.
  
  - b. **Lake level-Dam on Coon Lake:** Some of the Board members will meet at the Dam on Saturday, 10/28/23 to determine what repairs may be needed to the Coon Lake dam.
  
  - c. **Lake Stocking of Fish:** The Board is still waiting to hear the dates that the fish will arrive, usually sometime in November.
  
3. **Beautification Committee:**
  - a. **New Street Signs:** Ross reported that in talking with Steve Puckett, the signs have been ordered after approval was given by Mike. The signs should be in the following week, then installed.

4. **Access to our Private Lake:** The Board, on behalf of the association, discussed again the commitment to protecting private access to Coon Lake, now and into the future. In addition, it was noted how managing lake access through the launch is critically important to achieving the goals of the Weed Treatment SAD (Special Assessment District) which lake residents' fund. Keeping intruding boats out of the lake and limiting in-and-out resident usage is absolutely critical to limiting invasive weeds and species. Recently, an attorney for a resident challenged the private access through the launch. The Board hired a law firm to: 1) address this complaint which is now considered closed and 2) establish for the future (by documenting historical practice and relevant case law) the legal jurisdiction of the CLHA over the boat launch and the locked gate. In total, \$ 3867.50 was paid by the association for legal services rendered.
5. **2024 CLHA Questionnaire:** The Board continued to update the 2024 suggested priorities. The questionnaire will be updated and sent out to all members after the first of the year to solicit the members for their thoughts & ideas for priorities for 2024.
6. **Association Activities:**
  - a. **CLHA Oktoberfest:** Unfortunately, this activity had to be cancelled due to the rain.
  - b. **The CLHA Holiday Party:** is scheduled for December 8, 2023 at the Howell Elks Lodge. The Activities team is very busy getting the decorations, and fun activities ready for the party. We have also been in contact with the Howell Schools and will be adopting families similar to last year. Stay tune for more information. Flyers will be sent out early November.
7. **Website/Map Updates:**
  - a. **Website-** No further updates currently.
  - b. **Map-** Lynne followed up with Keith with various updates to the map. It sounded like Keith would be able to make the changes without having to get additional software. He is continuing to work on the project.

### **New Business**

1. **New Neighbors:** No one new currently.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

### **Next meeting's scheduled:**

- November 20th @ 6:30 p.m. at Lynne's home

Respectfully Submitted  
Lynne Lewandowski  
Secretary, CLHA