

BELPOA Annual Meeting May 18, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am at the Brandon Township Library by President Jim Miller. Board members present: President Jim Miller, Treasurer Roger Duval, Secretary Sandy White, Bill Reinhart, Steve Ahonen, Jody Hall, Dawn Godfrey, and Victoria Robinson. 18 total members present.

Minutes were read by Vicky Robinson. Motion to approve made by Rob Rohde, seconded by Aggie Fick, Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Roger Duval gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve Steve Ahonen, seconded Aggie Fick, passed.

Web Page Report

Sandy White reported that some new items on the web page were the photos. The site is getting many more visitors. If you have any photos to be considered for the Web Site, please submit to Sandy at info@belpoa.org.

Water Testing

Sandy White reported that the results of the tests taken in the Spring, are all within acceptable levels.

Ramp Key Policy

Jody Hall reported that the combination has worked well. John Smith will change the combination frequently during the summer.

Water Clarity

Bill Reinhart reported that the two years the lake clarity has actually declined.

Leave Burning

Burning of leaves ash (when falling into water) creates ammonia which in turn fertilizes the seaweed. We will post the Approved leave burning days in Brandon Township into the Newsletter. You must have a burn permit for any burning; you can get that at the fire department.

4th Of July Boat Parade

Dawn Godfrey reported that last year's parade was successful. This year there will be first and second prizes for both pontoons and speedboats. After the awards ceremony in the park, EIPA is hosting a barbecue and games for the kids. Everyone is welcome.

Dawn also reported that last year's Venetian Night Boat Parade was a success. This year it will start at 8:30. The Venetian Parade will be on August 24th at 8:30pm, lining up starts at 8:15pm at beach.

Issues Raised by Members on Their Membership Forms

Most comments were about weeds and dead fish. Only a few people marked the box in favor of a lake board, 66% is needed.

New Business

The issue of fences on the lake side of people's property. A committee was developed to explore our options. Jody Hall will head up this committee, the additional members of this group are: Mark Nuytten and Tony Del Duco. Motion to approve Asghar Afsari, Jody Hall seconded. Passed.

Feeding Ducks

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DUCKS, their droppings can create "swimmers itch". Mary Locke brought up this issue. It was stated in the meeting to elevate swimmers itch, towel dry vigorously when getting out of lake. We will post information about swimmer's itch in the newsletter and on the web site.

Boat Safety

Concern about Boaters and Personal Watercraft too close to swimmers and floaters. If someone is reckless you can contact the Oakland County Marine Sherriff; you must have the address or boat identifier when contacting the police.

Swim Platforms

The law on swim platforms is; if you have a dock it can be 50' from shore and the swim platform can be 50' from that dock, if you don't have a dock, the swim platform is to be located 50' from shore line. If you think someone's platform is out to far you can also contact the Oakland County Marine Sheriff.

Jody moved to adjourn the meeting, Rob Rhode seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Vickie Robinson,
Secretary