

Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners, Inc.
Board Minutes
January 19, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners, Inc. held its January board meeting at the North Webster Community Center on the 19th day of January, 2008. President Dave Swart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Changes & Additions to Agenda—Add to Old Business: patrol boat and fundraising. Add to New Business: update on ecozone hearing and rezoning of Pie-Eyed Petey's.

Secretary's Report—*Approved as written.*

Treasurer's Report—*Approved as written.*

Committee Reports

Aquatic Plant Management/Dredging—Holly LaSalle reported that she has the aquatic management plan updates from Nate Long of Aquatic Control from 2007 and a proposal for treatment in 2008. The projected cost for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed is \$33,800, with the treatment areas being the same as in 2007, roughly 104 acres. The projected cost for treatment of Eurasian water milfoil is \$14,790. Eelgrass treatment is projected at \$4,000. The cost of plant sampling and data collection that we are required to do every year will be \$6,000. Holly said there was talk at the meeting of the DNR and the weed contractors of determining the actual total percentage of area that we can treat for eelgrass each year so we don't have to keep going back to the DNR to get prior approval. They are working on that figure now. Holly said landowners will continue to get their DNR permits through their contractors for eelgrass treatment, but once that maximum percentage limit has been reached, permits for eelgrass treatment will be cut off. Holly said the plan, which is currently in draft form, will be finalized by March and will be posted to the DNR's website at that time. Holly said that they have projected each year's treatment costs for us through 2011. Treatment in 2009 is projected to be \$52,550, 2010 is projected to be \$48,300, and 2011 is projected to be \$17,750. These projections are based on the reduction of curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil. Holly said that for this year's treatments we can anticipate receiving only about \$20,000 from the state, the remaining balance of which we will have to raise funding for. Discussion followed regarding ideas on how to raise the needed funds.

Holly reported that she has received a draft of the report on the littoral zone restoration project done by JF New by the Ball Wetlands. Holly read a portion of the report and has it available should anyone wish to read it. This report will also be finalized and put on the DNR website in March.

Constitution & By-Laws (Ad Hoc-Tax Exempt)—No report.

Dinner Dance—No report.

Directory—Jim Hayes reported that we are changing the format of this year's directory to a larger, spiral-bound book. We are offering three different ad sizes; full-page, half-page, and quarter-page. All ads will be available in black and white or full-color. Jim passed around a list of businesses we've contacted, but asked if someone would like to suggest a business that is not listed, to let him know and we will get information to them. Jim said that he mailed contracts out the first week of January and he has received about 11 ads back so far. Jim reported that Mary Linda Scott, whose family once owned Chris Schenkel's property, has written the history article for this year's book and has already submitted it to us. Jim said that Joann Boyer has agreed to design the front cover of the directory again this year. Jim has also asked Joe Westendorf to review the safe boating article for possible changes. Jim stated that he attended the TELWF meeting in December and Lyn Crighton will be working on the TELWF article for the book.

Fireworks—No report.

Fish & Wildlife—No report.

Fish Fry—No report.

Flotilla—Joe Westendorf commented that he has been asked if LTPO would consider having the flotilla on a different day than the fireworks.

Government Relations—Glenna Shelby, who was unable to be present, provided a written report of the status of various bills of special interest to us. A copy of Glenna's full report will be provided upon request. Lyn Crighton spoke regarding House Bill 1120, which was put before the House Environmental Affairs Committee this week. This bill removes the exemption for phosphorus in dishwashing detergent, basically requiring dishwashing detergent to be phosphorus-free. The bill passed unanimously with two amendments. One amendment is that it won't be implemented until July 2010 and the second amendment provides that commercial uses will still be exempt, so restaurants and hospitals will still be able to use phosphorus dishwashing detergent. There was also discussion regarding the interpretation of Senate Bill 0040. Dave Tyler stated that what the bill does is provide a way to eventually terminate permitted non-conforming structures. Dave said that often non-conforming structures exist because the rules with regard to piers and other structures get updated based on a new understanding or more strict interpretation of what we should be doing. Dave said such structures are currently grandfathered in. What this legislation proposes is a means to sunset or retire the grandfathered non-conforming situations. Dave said that when there is a non-conforming application and that property changes hands, it needs to be brought into compliance with the current standard at that time so that older structures are not grandfathered in forever.

Lake Honoree—Jack Doll said that it's too early to solicit for nominations for this year's honoree, but he said they are taking a hard look at some people and we should all be on our best behavior. Jim Hayes asked if they consider nominations from the previous year. Jack said they keep the nominations on file forever and review them each year. Jack said it doesn't hurt to re-nominate someone, as there may be something new to add.

LTPO Lakeshore Development—Dave Tyler said there has not been any activity since the LTPO board met last. Dave said they don't know what they may be working on next, but it will not be until summer.

Membership—Susan reported that we are holding steady at 740 members, with one new member added this year. Dues statements were mailed on January 12th. Linda Schwartz commented that dues are starting to come in. Susan stated that we have a handful of people who did not pay dues in 2007. Dues statements were mailed to those people with a notice that they needed to pay their dues by March 1st in order to be listed in the directory, hopefully prompting them to renew. Susan said those who haven't paid by the deadline will be changed to non-member status.

Public Relations—No report.

Safe Boating—No report.

TELWF—Dave Tyler reported on behalf of Bob Schwartz that the foundation is alive and well. Dave said they have moved their office to the North Webster Community Center. Dave said they had a lot of people helping them move, but credited Mike Lattimer for providing the most assistance. Mike commented that Lyn Crighton enlisted the help of some young people, who were very valuable. Dave reported that they have also changed their name to the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation. Dave said Lyn Crighton has now been with them for about 2 ½ months and they are becoming more active than in the past, with a couple of important projects planned for this year. Dave said a good bit of their efforts for the past year or so have related to activities for the various lakes that are upstream on the Tippecanoe River. Dave reported that they have also become involved recently in some downstate lobbying, with Lyn going down to testify in favor of HB1120, the phosphorus detergent exemption removal bill. Dave also wished to emphasize that the Tippy Watershed Foundations exists based almost exclusively on our contributions and those of our lake neighbors. Dave said fundraising is an important part of what they do in order to survive and to work on programs and projects that bring some benefits to our lake. The foundation is always in need of our financial support.

Water Quality—Holly LaSalle said she received an email from I.U. stating that they are still compiling our water testing data. Holly said we probably won't receive a report until March. Holly said she did submit the data in a timely manner by hard-copy. Holly said that she submitted a hard copy due to I.U. losing all data that was submitted on-line.

Water Safety—Joe Westendorf reported that we are safe right now. Jon Tyler reported that the Sheriff's Department has completed their 2007 LARE grant end-of-year reports. Jon said they had another very successful year and that their statistics are very consistent from year-to-year as far as the type of activity, number of contacts, people they've spoken to, questions they've answered, and problems addressed. Jon said they've seen a decrease in the number of hours that they put on the water in general, not just on Tippy but on the other lakes as well. Jon said this could be due to an increase in the efficiency of how they are operating. Jon reported that of the \$40,000 the Sheriff's Department received in grant money, they were able to utilize all but \$400 for the lake patrols. The grant money comes from boat registration fees, so this is a way this money can come back to the community. Jon said that funding has been established for 2008 and that Kosciusko County will receive \$29,000 from the DNR for its lake patrols. Jon is not sure what the reason is for the decrease, but he feels we can probably work for a few years with a little less.

Buoys—No report.

Website—Jim Hayes said the website is back up and running. Jim said we have received the annual domain renewal bill from Network Solutions for our website. *Jim moved that we renew for a 5-year period for \$100. Linda Schwartz seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was passed.*

Old Business

New Patrol Boat—At the October 2007 board meeting, Jon Tyler spoke regarding our need to replace the 1991 Rinker patrol boat. Jon presented price quotes for a new Triumph boat very similar to the one purchased in 2003. No decisions were made at that meeting and it was agreed to table the matter until the January 2008 meeting. Linda Schwartz reported that in 2007 we added a Patrol Boat Fund to the annual dues statement. As a result, we have received contributions of \$2,560. At the October 2007 meeting it was agreed that we should put a fundraising article in the next newsletter. Jon encouraged the board to promote this as a fundraising objective over the next few months. Jon said his goal is to have some plan for purchase in place by mid-summer. Linda Schwartz asked Jon if he could come up with the article to put in the newsletter, to which he replied he would get something to Susan. Dave Tyler suggested that the board consider dedicating a portion, possibly 10% or 20%, of the net proceeds of our principal fundraiser, which is the fish fry, to the patrol boat fund as a routine matter. Jon commented that, as the life of the newer boats is 10 to 15 years, this could, over time, fund new boats in the future when these need to be replaced. Linda suggested that possibly a portion of the fireworks fund could be used, if presented and approved at the annual meeting, to fund the new boat, especially since the patrol boats are used during the fireworks. Holly LaSalle suggested we look into getting a loan on a boat, as she feels we could afford payments more easily than we can raise the money needed by this summer. Jeff Tynan suggested a lease as a possibility. Dave commented that these options could be complicated, as we normally sign over ownership of the patrol boats to the Sheriff's Department. Dave asked Jon to look in to those options and how it might work within the Sheriff's Department and report back to the board at the February meeting.

Fundraising—Dave Swart reported that, at the October board meeting, Jim Newcombe suggested a golf outing as a possible fundraiser. Dave said he has not heard back from him yet. Jeff Tynan commented that the golf pro asked him about it, so he thinks Jim must be working on it since he has talked to the golf pro. Jeff thinks the club would be very open to it.

New Business

Promotion of Webster Lake History Book—Tom Webb presented a copy of the new Webster Lake history book written by Carole Shelby and Bonnie Webb. Tom asked if we could put an item in the newsletter to help promote and sell the book. The board was in agreement that we should do this as Carole wrote the history book on Lake Tippecanoe. Susan reported that Bonnie had sent some photos and excerpts from the new book that we can use in the newsletter.

Update on Ecozone—Dave Swart reported that the ecozone is on the agenda for the Natural Resource Commission's next meeting, which will be held on January 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Ft. Benjamin Harrison State Park. The meeting agenda can be found on the internet at www.in.gov/nrc go to "Minutes" and tab to the left hand corner and the January agenda is located there, go to item 7. The meeting is a public meeting. There will be a ruling at that meeting, after which there will be local meetings for public input. Dave asked for a motion that the board has approved that Mark Ennes, as vice president and Dave Swart, as president can represent LTPO at this meeting. Jeff Tynan asked why we need such a motion, to which Dave Swart's response was to establish precedence. Dave Tyler asked to restate the

motion. *Dave Tyler moved that our president, Dave Swart and our vice president, Mark Ennes represent LTPO at the Natural Resource Commission’s hearing on January 22, 2007 regarding the ecozone proposal and speak on behalf of this association at that event. Linda Schwartz seconded the motion.* Jeff Tynan asked what if other board members have a dissenting opinion, can they still speak? Linda Schwartz replied that they can speak for themselves, just not as representatives for the LTPO board of directors. Mike Lattimer called question and a vote was taken. *With a vote of 18 for and 2 against the motion passed.*

Pie-Eyed Petey’s Zoning—Dave Swart received a call regarding the rezoning of Pie-Eyed Petey’s from residential to commercial, which would make it the only area on this lake zoned as commercial. Dave said all of the marinas in this county are zoned as residential with exceptions allowed for marinas. The property owners near Pie-Eyed Petey’s do not want it zoned for commercial use. Mark Ennes said he received a call from Ernie Strickland asking us if LTPO would take a position on this issue. Mark said we typically do not, but he would bring it up at the board meeting. *Dave Tyler moved that LTPO take no position with regard to this zoning issue concerning Pie-Eyed Petey’s.* Discussion followed. *Jeff Tynan seconded the motion.* More discussion followed. *A vote was called and the motion was passed.*

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance From Sign-In Sheet:

<u>Board Members:</u>			
Joann Boyer	Jim Hayes	Robert Smith	Jeff Tynan
Moe Dalverny	Bob Paton	Dave Swart	Tom Webb
Jack Doll	Holly LaSalle	Nancy Taylor	Joe Westendorf
Mark Ennes	Mike Lattimer	Jeff Thornburgh	
Bev Ganshorn	Bob Schwartz	Dave Tyler	
Dr. Carolyn Haggard	Linda Schwartz	Jon Tyler	
<u>Guests:</u>			
Lyn Crighton			