

**Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners, Inc.**  
**Board Minutes**  
**April 21, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners, Inc. held its April board meeting at the North Webster Community Center on the 21st day of April 2007. President Mark Ennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**Changes & Additions to Agenda**—Susan Hayes asked to add “Meeting Location” to the agenda. Holly LaSalle asked that the maps and sign-up sheets for Lake Clean Up Day be passed around at the beginning of the meeting.

**Secretary’s Report**—Jeff Thornburgh moved to accept the secretary’s report as written. The motion was seconded by Gary Calhoun and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**—Jeff Thornburgh moved to accept the treasurer’s report as written. The motion was seconded by Joe Westendorf and unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Aquatic Plant Management/Dredging Maint.**—Holly LaSalle reported that the aquatic plant management contract was awarded to Aquatic Control, Inc. of Seymour, Indiana. They will be coming up to the lake next week to do the survey and the advance notice that they have to do 7 days prior to the treatment. The first treatment will be for curly-leaf pondweed and we have contracted to treat up to 103 acres, although, until they do the survey we don’t know how much we have. Aquatic Control will come back in June to survey and treat for Eurasian water milfoil and they will follow up with another plant sampling in August. LTPO received grant funds of \$20,000 from the State plus another \$7,200 to do the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and the sampling. The grant funds will cover the cost of the Eurasian water milfoil treatment, plan updates, and sampling. LTPO will be paying for the curly-leaf pondweed survey and treatment at a total cost \$31,200. Holly stated that we currently have approximately \$13,000 in the Aquatic Weed Fund for weed treatment and \$13,000 for education and prevention. Only about 200 residents have donated to-date. Holly asked that we get the word out to the residents on our landings how important it is to contribute to this fund. If we don’t have more participation going forward, we will not be able to continue the treatment program on an annual basis.

Holly also reported that there is a four-lake re-vegetation grant from LARE. Tippy was not originally part of the pilot study, but Lake Manitou was. Due to the hydrilla problem on Lake Manitou, they have been pulled out of the program. They were looking for another lake to participate, so Holly volunteered Lake Tippy. Holly said that JF New and DNR representatives came on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, to plot and measure the site where they will do the re-vegetation. The site will be along “the flats” and will be a 10’ x 10’ test plot that LTPO will be responsible for monitoring. There should be a yellow buoy marked “LTPO” to mark the area.

**Constitution & By-Laws (Ad Hoc-Tax Exempt)**—Gary Calhoun reported that Jim Newcombe volunteered to review our by-laws and has identified a number of typographical errors that have occurred as the by-laws have been passed along over the years. Jim has submitted his findings to Gary, who will review them and present the needed corrections to the board for approval. Gary said that once this is done we may want to make a substantive review of the by-laws for additional changes that may need to be made.

**Dinner Dance**—Jeff Tynan reported on behalf of Terri that the Dinner Dance will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Tippy Country Club and will have a western theme. Jeff said that Terri has received some response to our plea for volunteers to help with this years event.

**Directory**—Jim Hayes presented a draft copy of this years member directory. Jim thanked Joann Boyer for the great job she did on the front cover design, as well as Jack Doll for his assistance in following up with the advertisers. Jim said that the layout is done and the color pages have been given to Able Printing. He will be making final corrections on the black and white pages from the proof copies he receives back today so Able can get started on those. Jim hopes to have directories ready for distribution to landing directors at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Patona Bay. Jim will also be putting the advertiser's information on the LTPO website.

**Fireworks**—Bob Schwartz reported that we were able to purchase new fireworks barges from J.C. Manufacturing. Bob purchased one 12' x 24' barge and one 8 ½' x 24' barge and the parts to make an additional 12' x 24' barge. Bob plans on taking pontoons off the old wooden barges and putting all four under one aluminum platform. Bob asked for volunteers who could meet him at Patona Bay at 9:30 a.m. on May 5<sup>th</sup> to help disassemble the old barges and construct the new one. A sign-up sheet was sent around.

**Fish & Wildlife**—No report.

**Fish Fry**—No report.

**Flotilla**—No report.

**Government Relations**—No report.

**Lake Honoree**—Jack Doll reported that there will be a reminder in the May newsletter for people to start thinking about this years lake honoree. The nomination form will be in the June newsletter.

**LTPO Lakeshore Development**—No report.

**Membership**—Susan reported that we have one more new member since last month. We presently have 743 members.

**Public Relations**—Dan Drook reported that the events notices have been written, including the Ecozone public meeting, and need to be submitted to Mark Ennes for approval.

**Safe Boating**—Gene Dominique reported that the first session of Safe Boating classes will be held June 20, 21, & 22<sup>nd</sup> at Patona Bay. Marsha Smith reported that the Tippy Women's Association has met and they have started soliciting for help with the cookies that will be served to the students. Gene said that posters advertising this years classes will soon be ready for distribution.

**TELWF**—Bob Schwartz reported that TELWF had its annual board retreat last weekend to make plans for another year. They hope to do some training for board members and possibly expand the size of the board. Bob also reported that Jeff Thornburgh has retired as their fundraising chairman. In special recognition of Jeff's fundraising efforts over the years, Bob presented Jeff, on behalf of TELWF, with a set of cut-glass tumblers. Jeff received a round of applause.

Holly LaSalle reported that Williams Creek Consulting went to the Trump Property this past week and did all the preliminary survey work to get that project underway for a 319 grant. This grant is for stream

realignment, bank stabilization, and breaking drainage tiles to allow a natural wetland area to be reestablished. This is at the headwaters of Ridinger Lake, which will benefit us as well, as that water all flows into our lake. TELWF has received a 319 grant in the amount of \$208,000 this year, so they hope to be doing several projects in the watershed over the next couple of years.

**Water Quality**—Holly LaSalle reported that she hand-delivered all of our sampling data from 2006, since all data submitted on-line was lost. Holly now has updated reports, which showed the following:

**James Lake:** **Secchi reading** (clarity): maximum of 6.8', minimum of 3.1', mean 4.0' (mean is on July/August data only)  
**Total Phosphorus:** mean 45.1  
**Chlorophyll-A:** mean 1.1

These results indicate that James Lake is in a eutrophic state, which means that it is a productive lake. Hyper-eutrophic is the next level, which would indicate a lake is dying. Holly said that because James Lake is at the top of the chain, it is going to get the most nutrient input from the watershed.

**Big Tippy:** **Secchi reading:** maximum of 11.9', minimum of 3.1', mean 4.7'  
**Total Phosphorus:** mean 31.9  
**Chlorophyll-A:** mean .1

This indicates that Big Tippy is in a mesotrophic state, which means moderate production.

**Oswego Lake:** **Secchi reading:** maximum of 11.0', minimum of 3.1', mean 4.5'  
**Total Phosphorus:** mean 77.1  
**Chlorophyll-A:** mean .3

Oswego Lake is also eutrophic. It is the shallowest of the three lakes, so boat traffic is continually re-suspending that phosphorus into the water column, which keeps the level high.

Mike Lattimer suggested that it is time again to remind residents to use phosphorus-free fertilizer on their lawns. Jeff Tynan brought in a sign that he uses that advertises using phosphorus-free fertilizer. Bob Schwartz said that next year TELWF is going to have a project that will have point-of-purchase displays located at all of the fertilizer vendors throughout the watershed. Bev Ganshorn suggested that a packet of information could be given to new residents and non-LTPO members by the landing directors that could include information about fertilizer use, as well as information on the benefits of LTPO membership. Dave Tyler said that Chapman Lake does something similar that we could adapt for our use with some minor wording changes. It was suggested that this packet could also contain boating/personal watercraft laws as well.

Mark Ennes told Holly that his daughter, who is a marine biologist, would be available to help with the water testing this season.

**Water Safety**—No report.

**Buoys**—No report.

**Website**—Jim Hayes reported that the notice of the Ecozone meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> has been posted on the website, as well as Lake Clean Up Day to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

No old business discussed.

## New Business

**Meeting Location**—Susan Hayes asked the board for their opinion on meeting at the North Webster Community Center, since we've met there for four months. The May meeting is scheduled at Patona Bay due to Lake Clean Up Day, but the rest of the meetings are scheduled at the Tippy Country Club. Discussion followed with opinion being in favor of staying at the community center if possible. Reasons cited were the consistency; they liked the set up, easy access, and ample parking. Susan reported that the cost to meet at the community center is a flat \$50.00 compared to approximately \$55.00 to \$75.00 at the country club, as they charge per person. Bev Ganshorn, who is on the community center board, offered to check into availability for the remainder of the year.

## Adjournment

Joe Westendorf moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mike Lattimer, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

### Attendance From Sign-In Sheet:

<b>Board Members:</b>			
Connie Anthony	Monty Ganshorn	Bob Schwartz	Dave Tyler
Joann Boyer	Emily Greenland	Linda Schwartz	Jon Tyler
Steve Buchanan	Carolyn Haggard	Marsha Smith	Jeff Tynan
Gary Calhoun	Jim Hayes	Richard Smith	Tom Webb
Jack Doll	Marie Kempfer	Robert Smith	Joe Westendorf
Gene Dominique	Holly LaSalle	Sara Jane Smith	Dick Young
Dan Drook	Mike Lattimer	Dave Swart	
Mark Ennes	Mary Virginia Linder	Jeff Thornburgh	
Bev Ganshorn	Steve Matthias	Betty Kay Turner	
<b>Guests:</b>			
Mark Aker	Mary Ennes	Jim Newcombe	
Robin Boyer	Ben Hoy		