

OTTER TAIL LAKE'S PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOC. INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23rd, 2024 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Gerken. Members present: Gerken, Kemling, Oxberry, Tysdal, Hunke, Kuder, Hanson, Swanson, Long, Wendt, Wentz, Madson, Mouritsen, Skogen
Absent: Ness

Approval of Agenda- unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Bills –Approved unanimously

Presidents Report- President Gerken introduced Terry Shaw, she spoke about natural gardens, how to create them and how we can protect our pollinators, birds, butterflies and other wildlife. She also had information on grant money available for these projects. She discussed how harmful the use of pesticides and herbicides can be to our pollinators and our lakes and rivers. She will provide articles to Lake Shore News for our June and July issues.

Committee Reports

Membership- membership as of May 23rd is 877 members

Auditing/Finance-Nothing at this time

DNR/GOV'T- Discussed the county ordinance on VRBO/rentals, they will have a new policy by early June.

Water Testing- Long Lake 4 ft. Deer Lake 17 ft. Round Lake 22 ft. Board approved 25.00 per test for water testers.

COLA-Heather Jacobson, County Assessor spoke at May COLA meeting. She explained that determining property values includes data collected on sales of properties in the county. Property taxes are determined by each jurisdiction's budget. The parcel value and classification are what determine the share of that budget. The Assessor's department does not determine the amount of taxes owed.

Communications/Lakeshore News- The board will continue to provide Ed with pictures and articles for future issues. Articles on swimmers itch will run through the summer issues.

Website-Kuder went over PCI compliance in regards to taking memberships on line. Tysdal mentioned 1st National Bank of Ottertail may be able to help with this, someone from committee will contact them and report back to board.

Facebook –Nothing at this time

Worm- There have been no reports of worms, so spraying may be delayed until next year. Kuder reminded the board that we should be looking into inviting people to discuss the possible harm that the worm spraying chemicals may have on birds, water, butterflies at a later meeting.

Foundation- Discussion on how to improve our working relationship with the Foundation board, Lana Ouren resignation letter was read to board. Board was concerned with the issues she raised in her letter. More discussion is needed to address these issues, will continue at June meeting.

Social- Kemling reported that Zion church was not available for our annual meeting. Thumper Pond had dates available, board voted to have meeting on Thursday July 8th 6PM at Thumper Pond. More details at June meeting.

Old Business-Gerken reported that directories will be mailed to members this year.

New Business- Discussion on where September meeting will be held.

Kemling wanted update on committee assignments.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting is June 27th 2024 at 6:30 PM

