



LAKE MOHAWK
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

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Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation
A Tax Exempt 501(c)(3) All Volunteer Charitable Organization
August 3, 2023
LMCC

MINUTES

In attendance: Bill Askin, Ryan Caruso, Bill Askin, Sr. (Treasurer), Tom Nerviano, Mark Scott, Susan Knauss, Damon Jenkins, Jules Hurley (admin)

Guests/volunteers: Susan Egan, Pat Galperin, Richard DeGraw

Absent: Julia Kelly, Tara Rdriguez

Excused: Jim Wardell

1. **Call to Order:** Roll Call, Approval of July 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Quorum was confirmed at 5:30pm. Ryan Caruso moved to approve minutes, Damon Jenkins seconded. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.
2. **President's report:** Welcome Trustees and Volunteers.
Bill Askin explained the tax exemption application for the purchase of the gatehouses. We do not move forward on this until we purchase the properties. The application deadline to the town is 10/1/23.

Committee Reports

3. **Finance Committee/Treasurer's report:** Pop Askin, Jim Wardell, Damon Jenkins. See Pop's attached report as to donations to date. It was proposed to move \$30,000.00 to Biondo Investment Advisors. Ryan Caruso moved to approve. Tom Nervano 2nd. All in favor.

4. **Earth Day:** 2023 successful event! Big turnout. Earth Day volunteers 2024: Tara Rodriguez, Tom Nerviano, Jim Wardell, Pop Askin and Ryan Caruso.
5. **Fundraising Committee/Gatehouse Campaign and Strategy:** Mark Scott, Tom Nerviano, Ryan Caruso, Jules Hurley, Susan Knauss, Susan Egan. Discussed long term viability and development of maintenance strategy in order to maintain gatehouses in the future. LMCC is donating 70% of the proceeds from the Floatfest dunk tank to LMPF. Arranging a month to participate in the Giving Tap at Kroughs (Jules). Would go toward “phase 2” donations. Discussed “brick donations”; this initiative would also go to phase 2. All beaches/Intracclubs have been emailed donation letters. Date for the G2G Walk Oct 7, 2023. To be confirmed with LMCC.
6. **Labor Day 5k:** Bill, Pop, Askin & Hooker Staff. Approved by LMCC and Sparta Township.
7. **Foundation Day:** Ryan, Susan Knauss, Susan Egan, Jules Hurley. Possibly to be combined with Lake Preservation Recognition Celebration.
8. **Lake Preservation Recognition Celebration (Awards Event):** Looking into a “gala event”, cocktail party in 2024. Susan Knauss to check dates with Blake. Possible silent auction. Recognition award recipients still up for discussion.
9. **Festival of Trees/ Christmas Event:** Tabled for now.
10. **Communications, Papoose, Website and Social Media Committee:** Continue to keep in touch with Kathleen Marrero on updating website to meet The Foundation’s needs. Susan Egan updating donors names to be published in Papoose. Kathleen to post on social media. Jules to take photos at events to be uploaded to website and send them to Kathleen.
11. **Scholarship Committee:** No update.
12. **Gatehouse Restoration Committee:** Ryan Caruso, Mark Scott. First step is to arrange (Ryan) an informal walk thru with home inspector and architect to

obtain initial report. He has engaged Pete Kalafut and Brad Wicker. It was suggested to invite them to our next BOT meeting. Need for a general Contractor was discussed. Tom Nervano expressed concern for engaging volunteers to work on the Gatehouses. TBD.

13. **Grant Applications Committee**: No Report

14. **Education Committee**: Looking to build committee for this event. Open to volunteers.

15. **Historical Committee**: Pat Galperin to clarify with Holly as to amount of their donation at end of Gate House drive. Pat suggested an auction of historical items to benefit the foundation and gave a demonstration. TBD.

16. **Old Business**: No Report.

17. **New Business**: Mark Scott encouraged all of us to attend the Sparta Town Council Meeting and the Planning Board Meeting to hear discussion on development plans for the field across from ShopRite, Rt 15 Sparta.

18. **Calendar**: Next meeting, Thursday September 7th, 5:30pm. Moving forward meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Motion to adjourn by Susan Knauss, Ryan Caruso second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jules Hurley

