

The Thunderbird

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this the second week of March we are getting ready for the Annual meeting on Sunday May 18th. At the March Board meeting a committee consisting of three Board members and three non Board members was formed to look into the financial situation of Lake Seneca. They will be working on possible solutions to the present and future financial needs of Lake Seneca.

After nine months of waiting and numerous correspondences, we finally received the settlement checks from the Travelers Insurance Co. and trucking company to cover the repairs for the dredge.

We have had vandalism consisting of snowmobiles and four wheelers on private property, road signs damaged and/or destroyed, landscaping lights stolen from private property. This is just a few new problems that need to be addressed. If you see any of this happening please report it to the sheriff or Lake Seneca office. Any information you have for identification would be helpful.

Please remember the Annual Meeting on May 18th.

Thank you, James Delcamp

THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER CHANGE:

We want to clarify how we are going to be making our Thunderbird newsletter available to everyone. **If you would like to receive your Thunderbird by U.S. mail, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to receive your Thunderbird online, please send us your e-mail address so we may notify you when the current Thunderbird is online.** Otherwise, the newsletters will be mailed to everyone who does not send us their e-mail address. This hopefully will be a cost cutting measure to save you, our members', money in the budget.

FYI: During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, it cost Lake Seneca approximately \$1,478 to print and mail the newsletter. This is after the revenue from advertisers was deducted. During the 2007/2008 fiscal year, it cost Lake Seneca approximately \$2,297 after revenue from advertisers was deducted.

LSPOA Board of Trustees

FROM LSPOA OFFICE: CAROL SWIATKOWSKI

The 2008/2009 Membership Dues are due and payable by April 3, 2008. A late fee will be charged to the balance each month unless you are making some kind of payment each month. If you cannot pay the full amount by April 3rd, please, please contact the office so we can set up some kind of payment schedule so your account will not be charged a late fee. We prefer to work with you on this issue so please contact us by phone 419-485-5995, or by mail 233 Seneca Dr. Montpelier, OH 43543, or by e-mail lspoafun@locl.net.

Please remember there is a leash law for your dogs. Please keep them contained within your yard. When walking your pet, please carry a disposable bag for the waste.

Watercraft classes for anyone born after Jan 1, 1982 - May 17, 2008 8:00 am to 5:00 pm @ LSPOA Lodge.

Remember, the Annual Board Meeting is May 18, 2008 @ 1:30. Check-in starts @ 1:00 pm. Ballots must be in no

ANNUAL MEETING ARROWHEAD LODGE

Sunday, May 18, 2008
1:30 p.m

Sign in starts at 1:00 PM
Ballot Deadline 2:00 PM

later than 2:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend to vote on issues.

Thank You. Think Spring!! ☺

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – JIM BEGGS

After a long hard winter spring has arrived. There is much that needs to be done. The Thunderbird at the entrance of Seneca & 576 needs to be pressure washed and painted. We need volunteers to help do the job. If you or someone you know has the use of a cherry picker or boom truck that could be used, please contact the office. We are in need of help with the flower beds as well. We would like to get some of the younger members involved. If there are any master gardeners among you or if you are good at designing flower beds, we can use you.

I hope we have a lot of new growth this year. I look forward to serving you for another year. If you feel you could be of help contact the office or myself.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & LONG RANGE PLANNING – JANICE BILTON

Long Range Planning for Lake Seneca is care and growth of the lake community. The Lake needs a now plan, 5 year and 10 year plans. The Dam is now a 5 year and 10 year projects. Roads are project, continuous and long term. Finance is now a 5 year and 10 year project.

We need help planning the future of the Lake and these projects. Lake Seneca Members need to give me ideas and a working plan for these major projects. The committee is open to all ideas, help.

We are making a inventory of Equipment and the age of the equipment. Cost of repair. We are looking into cost of road repairs and repair to the lodge.

We welcome any suggestions and comments and how we can do this.

Public Relations: We are still working on the web site [<http://www.lakeseneca.org/>]. We would like to have help with this project.

The public is talking about the Lake, some comments are good, and most are.

We need to get our elected Township and County Representative more active in our Lake Community. When members see the elected representative, just ask where our tax monies is going, and remind them that we

are a large area of voters in Williams County and Bridgewater Township.

The Board would like to thank the Activity Committee for all the events they have put together. The response has been very good. Thank you again.

Vice President – Janice Bilton

LAKE & DAM – LEO NAVIN

I have little to report on the lake and dam but I would like to remind the membership that we are working on a proposal to formalize reporting on the inspection of our dam and bridges. Such inspections should be done periodically by qualified inspectors as well as our volunteers to insure these valuable assets of the lake are kept in good condition. As the weather moderates, we expect to undertake our semi-annual inspection by our “dam committee” (for which we would like to solicit a few [two or three] knowledgeable volunteers). Anyone with some construction experience who would care to join us is more than welcome.

OFFICE – LEO NAVIN

The office welcomed Linda back after her surgery and Carol has returned to good health and continues to work diligently on the tasks at hand. As mentioned above dues revenue has begun to flow in (\$20,000) following the mailing of statements on March 3rd. They continue to work assiduously to collect dues and assessments for the Association and have been quite successful at garnering funds without the collection fees incurred when we have to go to the next step. While our office staff is doing a fine job, we must express our appreciation to the volunteer contributions made to the operation of LSPOA

FINANCIAL – LEO NAVIN

The financial statements (Balance Sheet and Income Statement) for February 29 reflect the financial conditions at the end of the 2007-2008 fiscal year. When examining the expenses deviations from the originally passed budget, we have a financial history of changes that occurred last year. An updated budget was approved by the Board late fall but were not incorporated in the printed accounts. The major areas in which expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts were: Utility expenses (propane primarily), drainage pump replacement, dredge repair costs [to be offset by insurance settlement] and maintenance fuel expenditures (attempt to hedge against rising fuel prices). We have received a partial payment from the insurance settlement for the dredge accident but

have been advised by legal counsel to wait for the balance due (\$5,000) before accepting the partial settlement payment. Bridge repair funds are still short of the budgeted revenue expected by \$4,760. At this point out-of-pocket expenses exceed current collections by \$4,302. This deficit is currently being covered from general fund revenues. Our new fiscal year began March 1, 2008.

LEGAL REPORT – LEO NAVIN

We have been in contact with Mr. Butler with respect to several pending legal matters including real estate contracts, the insurance settlement mentioned above, and enforcement of lake rules, regulations and deed restrictions. Cases that have not been handled by the office or action collections are in the hands of his firm for resolution but we have no action to report on this front at this time.

DREDGE & CRANE – GARY RAYMOND

The dredge maintenance is to begin as soon as weather breaks. We will be cleaning, painting & re-assembly.

We will begin dredging in June per ODNR laws.

The crane work will begin soon. We hope to start as soon as possible.

SECURITY/BRIDGE: RON PARKE

There isn't much to report. With spring coming, we ask anyone driving 4-wheelers (trucks & ATVs) to be respectful of other people's property. Also LSPOA trails are soft so please stay off of them as not to tear them up.

We have worked on the bridge portals this winter and will finish them now that the weather is warming up.

BEAUTIFICATION – BARB HULISZ

Welcome to spring. It will soon be time to finish the projects from the fall that we were unable to finish because of the weather. We will be finishing the painting of the posts at the access lots around the lake and at the Thunderbird at the main entrance. We will have a raft for the beach and it should be in the water for the start of the swimming season. There will be more on that later.

We had our first meeting on the 10th of March. We are still in need of more people and some younger knees to help. If you can help plant or weed, it would be a great help. Just a few hours of your time are all we need. We are

making plans for the Garage Sale the last Saturday in June. I am hoping for some more new people for that also. We had a really good group last year and I hope for their return. All proceeds go back to the projects here at the lake. If there is something you would like to see done, contact me or someone on the beautification committee or the office.

Hope that all have a nice spring and lets all hope for good weather.

Beautification Chairperson – Barb Hulisz

At this time, I would like to thank all the people who put me in their prayers. I would also like to thank everyone for the gifts of food and cards. It was so appreciated by Jim and me. We have very caring people living here at the lake. I am on the mend and will be out and about soon.

Thank You, Barb Hulisz

RECREATION COMMITTEE: LORI POYNTER

In February, the recreation committee held a Valentine Day dance. Ron Haines, from Bryan, was our DJ. We had a great turn out. In March we held a St. Pat's potluck and also held Texas Hold'em and Euchre tournaments. We had an outstanding turn out for our potluck. Everyone had a great time. On March 22, 2008 we will be holding our annual Easter party for the children. There will be plenty of activities for the children and prizes will be given. We have plenty of activities scheduled throughout the spring and summer. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Association:

No New Members

Did you know by Mark Shenkel: In 1970 there were 615 members in LSPOA. Today in 2008 there are only 396 members.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

LSPOA Members are thinking of you and your family in this time of your loss. May the thoughts and care of friends comfort you. God Bless You.

Stephen Grone on the loss of his mother 1/08/08

Joyce & Larry Laub and Louis & Patricia Goebel on the loss of their mother, Grace T. Goebel who passed away 2/15/08

Marge Bacon on the loss of her sister Rose Blazey on 2/24/08

Barb & Chuck Mossing on the loss of her mother.

Ernie Etoll on the loss of his brother on 3/08/08

Merrie Anne Ferow on the loss of her mother Janet Flaherty on 3/13/08



GET WELL WISHES

Viva Cook

Chris Ely

Barb & Chuck Mossing

Larry Rummel

LOTS FOR SALE

Lot #846 – North side of Pawnee Trail Price: Best Offer: Contact Richard & Marilyn Johnson 772-463-7616 E-mail: Rjohn15837@aol.com

Lots #1177 & #1178 – Price \$3,000.00 each or \$5,500.00 for both. Lot #1250 – Price \$3500.00: Lot #1260 – Price \$3000.00 & Lot #1261 – Price \$3,750.00 or both lots – Price \$6,500. Contact Joe Nebel @ 708-841-1774.

Package of 6 lots: Price: All 6 for \$4500.00; Lots #446, #447, & #443 on Shoshone Trail; Lots #500 & #501 on Pontiac Trail [all 5 on North side of lake], Lot #1297. Contact Glen Lodge 314-542-5428; E-mail: cuttman@aol.com

Lots #1174, #1175 – Iriquois Trail, South side of lake. Price \$1,000.00 each or best offer. Contact Jim & Sharon Loomis @ 916-496-1823.

Lot #653 on North side of lake on Yuma Trail – Best Offer Call 419-339-9131

Lot #651 located on Yuma Trail - \$1,000.00 or Best Offer. Call Cynthia Lamirande @ 1-443-375-7322.

Lot #764 – Corner lot on Tass Trail and Seneca Drive. Easy access to County Road #8. Must sell. Price: Best Offer – Call 419-266-3254 or e-mail: talktothehart@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your interest. Note: adjacent lots also for sale:

#762, 763, & 765 [different owners].

Lot #1396 – South side; P-50 to Lumbee Lane, same side as tower. Lot is narrow at front and wide in back. Asking \$3,500.00 or best offer. Contact Annabelle P. Bowsher @ 419-657-6692.

6 Lots for sale: #762 & #763 by County Road 8 entrance; #472 & #475 back to back [Pontiac]; #18 #19 [Choctaw] by 576. Call 419-485-1327.

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Marie Birdsall 419-212-4528 615 Manito Trail
Lake Seneca – Montpelier, Ohio 43543



RESUMES OF THE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR THE BOARD IN 2008:

The nominating committee will be sending out a ballot at the proper time. Your account must be paid in full in order to receive a ballot to vote. Please take the time to support the member of your choice by voting in this election. Thank You.

TIM MOLL:

Hello, my name is Tim Moll. I reside at 570 Seneca Drive and have been a proud member and long time resident of the Lake Seneca community. I have seen many changes over the years. I am very driven to become your next valuable member of the Board. I hope to assist in the improvement of future development for our community.

For several years, I have been employed as a heavy equipment operator through Operator's Union Local 103, Ft. Wayne, IN. In addition, I am certified in Ohio to install and repair septic tanks. I think that my experience in construction will come in handy when we have to deal with future improvements and developments.

Those who know me know me as an extremely hard worker, a dedicated neighbor, and a loyal member of our exceptional community. During the past year, I served on the Recreation Committee and helped in several successful money making activities. This experience has been exciting to me. It has allowed me to work closely with outstanding individuals that are willing to devote many hours to make it possible for our Lake Seneca residents to come together and enjoy living at our beautiful lake. My main goal with recreation is to encourage all members, including Board Members, to participate in our activities.

If elected, I will always listen to opinions or recommendations from any member of any standing. I want to give all members a reason to be active in our community. Your support and vote for me will also be a vote for keeping Lake Seneca the best kept secret in Northwest Ohio.

JAMES E. DONZE:

James E. Donze
10627 Blosser Rd
Mark Center, Ohio 43536
(419) 658-2438

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the LSPOA Board. My family and I purchased 272 Seneca Drive 5 years ago and have become very fond of the Lake Seneca Community. While I am not a year round resident at the lake, I live less than 30 minutes away and have years of experience in local government which I think would be very beneficial to Lake Seneca. I've served as a township trustee in Farmer Township, Defiance County for 11 years. As such, I've worked extensively on issues such as road repair, construction and budgeting. I've also served on several other boards including the Farm Service Agency County Committee and a COOP Board of Directors for 15 years. In addition to my public service, I manage my own farming operation and grain bin sales business.

My wife, Tylene, our three daughters and their families frequent our lake home throughout the year. As I stated earlier, we love the community and I've been pleased to see improvements made at the lake in the time that we've been there. However, I am aware that LSPOA has many challenges ahead. I believe that my experience would provide important, educated and innovative ideas in addressing some of these challenges.

I hope that you will consider me for service on the LSPOA Board.

Sincerely,

James E. Donze

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1982 to Present: Donze Farm and Sales - Grain Bin Sales and Service - Mark Center, Ohio

1972 to Present: Donze Farm and Sales - Grain Farmer - Mark Center, Ohio

1968 to 1972: United States Air Force - Hill Air Force Base
Aircraft Radio Repairman - Vietnam Veteran - Utah

PUBLIC SERVICE:

1997 to Present: Farmer Township Trustee - Farmer, Oh.

1982 to 1997: Defiance Landmark COOP - Board of Directors - Defiance, Ohio

1992 to 1996: Farm Services Agency - County Committee member - Defiance, Ohio

1975 to Present: Farmer Township Fire Dept. - Farmer, Ohio

EDUCATION:

Fairview High School – Sherwood, Ohio

James E. Donze

LYNN ELSTON:

Lynn Elston
766 Seneca Dr.
Montpelier, OH 43543
Lots 1010-1013 Phone 419-485-0432

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the LSPOA Board.

My wife Nancy and I have been members since 2003. We fell in love with "The Lake" while attending the yearly "Garage Sale" in the summer of 2003. We have since lived at 600 Seneca and at our current home at 766 Seneca. We have four children and three grandchildren. One of our Sons and his wife live here at the Lake also.

I retired from GM Powertrain, Defiance, Ohio in 2007 after 35 years. The last 20 years I had the opportunity to work with a team that had the responsibility to put together "Business Cases" to help convince General Motors to place work at the Foundry in Defiance. I was raised on a Dairy Farm in Paulding County and Grain Farmed until 1993.

I served in the U.S. Army from 1967-1969 In South Korea along the DMZ as a Communication Liaison. Member of VFW Post 5665 Sherwood, OH

Nancy worked at the Bryan Medical Group for 15 years as a Nurse and currently works as a Nurse part time for Women & Family Services in Defiance and Bryan. She has been involved in The Beautification Committee. She was also raised on a Dairy Farm in Defiance County.

We appreciate and respect all the hard work and effort that past members and board members have contributed over the many years! It's very obvious that there is a lot of hard working and dedicated people here at the Lake that has helped make this a very desirable place to live. We have and will continue to support all the members in the future in maintaining and improving one of our most important assets, our homes, and community.

I realize that all the members have a vested interest in the LSPOA and that it is in everyone's best interest

that the Associations Property is well maintained and improved, both short and long term.

I look forward to working with all the Members an Board Members to help accomplish this Goal.

I appreciate and value your support.

Respectfully,

Lynn Elston

MARK SHENKEL:

Hello, my name is Mark Shenkel. My wife Sue and I have been Lake Seneca property owners for the past 5 years, and we proudly established residency at 392 Ute Cove in 2006. I am very driven to become your next valuable member of the board. I aim to assist with improvements and proper management of this astonishing lake community. I retired from GM with 25 years of service and as a business owner of 21 years (high performance parts/machine shop). I am a current member of the UAW (United Auto Workers) Local 211. In addition, I have experience in management at Alex Products and most recently in training and assisting mentally/physically challenged adults at Harbor Behavioral Health Care. I believe my vast experiences certainly qualify me for a position on the board.

Those who know me best would describe me as "always thinking" and extremely knowledgeable. I am an avid reader and a passionate outdoorsman. I have volunteered my time and expertise to assist with the Lake Seneca Bridge Project. Also, I volunteer for the Greyhound Pets of America organization, and I'm an active member of the IGRA (Italian Greyhound Club of America). During this past year, I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know several individuals on the lake, frequently attending and supporting activities organized by the recreation committee. I may seem like the quiet one in the corner, but I'm typically engulfed in a one-on-one, intelligent conversation. I enjoy brainstorming ideas on how to make Lake Seneca the best lake community in this area.

As a member of the board at Lake Seneca, I would strive to make good decisions for all involved. No stone would ever be left unturned, as I would investigate all opportunities and options available when making decisions that affect this entire community. I would appreciate your vote of confidence in me at the next election.

LORI POYNTER

My name is Lori Poynter. I am married and my husband, Dan and I live at 200 Seneca Drive. We have lived at the lake for 2 ½ years. I work at Sauders and at Lake Seneca Store & Restaurant and my husband works for Verizon. I have 2 grown children and 4 grown stepchildren. I also have 2 grandchildren with the 3rd grandchild on the way and a step-grandchild on the way. My parents live here at the lake and also my son and his family live here. Our whole family really enjoys this community.

I helped start the Recreation Committee to get activities started and to bring people together and enjoy the lake. Our committee has done a wonderful job in making this happen.

I'm concerned about the status of our lake and would like to continue to see improvement. I think I can contribute many ideas and much assistance in more improvements.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thank You,

Lori Poynter

WILLIAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sometime between January 23 and February 4, 2008, someone entered the residence at 193 Seneca Drive, and took a black Dell computer tower and matching monitor. Also taken was a large plastic pretzel container partially filled with coins. Most of the coins are Canadian denomination. Items are believed to be in the subdivision, and residents there are encouraged to check their homes for the missing items. If located please contact the Williams County Sheriff's Office at 419-636-3151 or 866-845-6760.

Sergeant Leo D. York

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BOATING SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS

The boating season has arrived. We've seen many residents out on the lake enjoying their boats and pontoons. Even some brave souls on jet skis and skiing! We would like to remind you of Lake Seneca's rules of the water as well as those of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft

We have many new members and their families now using Lake waters. It is important that all residents know that they are responsible for the actions and activities of their guests. It is for this reason that we hope you share these reminders and tips with them as well. **Your cooperation will be for everyone's enjoyment and safety most of all!**

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE BOATING SEASON!

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS (PWC)

(Jet Skis, Sea Doos, etc.) No person born on or after January 1, 1982 shall operate a power craft unless they have received a certificate of completion of Boat Safety Course.

Also, no person under 16 shall operate a PWC without a certificated supervising person over 18 years of age on board. Life jackets (PFD) are required by all riders and a spotter is needed when towing.

BEACH FUN

Rule 66.3 "Picnicking and bottles are not allowed on the sandy part of the beach. Children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Adults with children must be responsible for their children's conduct and safety. Swimming is restricted to the area bounded by the floats. The use of water toys and similar equipment is left to the judgment of the parents."

BOATS ON THE LAKE

Rule 66.6 - In respect to fisherman and fellow boaters we ask that you observe the following rule:

"Watercraft must not exceed a speed of 5 MPH where posted. All motorized watercraft must maintain a no-wake speed, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The size of boats permitted at Lake Seneca is 24 feet for boats and 26 feet for Pontoons. Watercraft is not allowed within fifty (50) feet of the beach and other swimming areas, unless docking. Dangerous or reckless use of watercraft is grounds for denying boating privileges to the offenders. The Association is not responsible for clothing valuables, or any personal injury sustained while in watercraft, on the beach, or in/on the water. Temporary guests are not allowed to put any type of watercraft on Lake Seneca. However, full-time renters, living in dwellings of members who have paid their dues are allowed to put their own watercraft on Lake Seneca waters. Each watercraft must be registered at the Association office, and the renter must obey all boating regulations that apply. The title for each and every watercraft on Lake Seneca must be held by a member in good standing. All watercraft must operate in a counter clockwise pattern. All Ohio Watercraft Laws are enforced on waters of Lake Seneca."

BOATERS BEWARE

In addition to staying fifty (50) feet from the beach and swimming areas, the O.D.N.R. has another tip to suggest. "Boat wake can erode shorelines." They suggest the fifty (50) feet limit from shorelines also!

LIFE JACKETS IN WATERCRAFT

Ohio law REQUIRES life jackets to be worn:

While riding a personal watercraft

While waterskiing or being towed on a similar device for children less than 10 years of age on any vessel less than 18 feet in length.

It is particularly important to wear a life jacket in the following situations:

- **When the boater cannot swim or is a weak swimmer**
- **When boating alone**
- **When the water is dangerously cold (the months of October through May in Ohio)**
- **During rough water/waves and severe weather conditions**
- **When boating at night**
- **In emergency situations**
- **In swift and fast current situations**

REGARDLESS OF TYPE, ALL LIFE JACKETS MUST MEET THESE U.S. COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Life jackets must have a "U.S. Coast Guard Approved" label with approval number listed.
- Since May of 1995, boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with wearable PFDs for each person on board.
- Each PFD must be the appropriate size for the person who wears it. Size, weight ranges, and recommended uses are listed on the label.
- All straps, buckles, zippers and stitching on a life jacket must be intact and the fabric should be in good condition.
- Life jackets must be readily accessible to occupants of a boat. They should not be stored in sealed packages or in a locked or closed storage area.

WATER SKIING

Rule 66.12 "Skiing will be accomplished in a counterclockwise pattern. Skiing is permitted only during the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. No water skiing in posted areas.

FISHING

Rule 66.13

"Members may fish at any community dock, from their own property, or from boats. A current Ohio fishing license is required for all persons who must have a license to fish elsewhere in the State of Ohio."

BOATING CLASS MAY 17TH, 2008
FROM 8:00 AM THRU 5:00 PM
PLEASE CALL OFFICE TO SIGN UP.
PLEASE BE SURE & READ PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS (PWC) ALONG WITH OTHER BOATING INFORMATION. ANYONE UNDER 16 HAS TO TAKE THIS COURSE TO OPERATE A POWER WATERCRAFT.

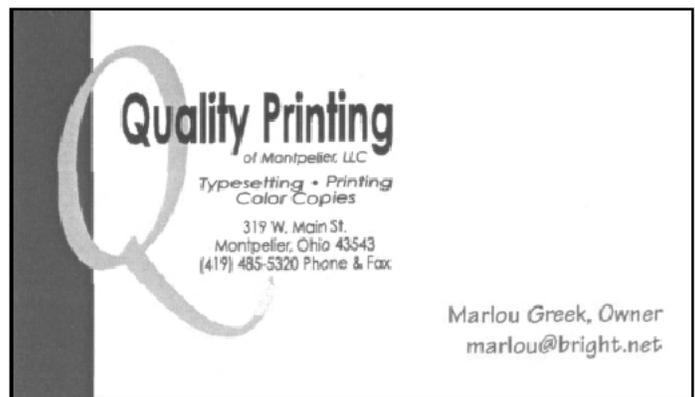
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NOTICE:

Those needing Transfer form, please see website or stop by the office.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SPECIAL EVENTS REGARDING OUR MEMBERS.

THANK YOU



GARAGE SALE

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SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2008

this per Jim Delcamp.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

JANUARY 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING

Jim Delcamp called the meeting to order. Rose and Leo were absent.

Minutes were approved as printed

Treasurer's Report given by Jim Delcamp showed:

General Fund	\$11,005.98
Petty Cash	200.00
Gen. Fund Savings	48,598.31
Dam Assessment	<u>62,253.62</u>
Total Current Assets	\$122,057.91

Regarding bridge payments -

November 12, 2007 - \$7,929.90

December, 2007 - 21,271.00

We still have a payment of:

January, 2008 - 12,412.39

Delinquent payments received-

Attorney \$60, Action Collectors \$1,615, and

LSPOA Office \$4,389.68.

Report unanimously approved.

Maintenance-Jim Delcamp

Have spread 60/65 tons of salt & sand mixture due to having snow each weekend.

Dredging & Crane-Gary Raymond

Mike Gallagher finished up the work on the dredge. Plan to have it back in the water by June 15th. The total amount of the insurance settlement with the insurance company is \$20,101.88. There will be a full report at the end of all of

Legal & Office-Rose Bowen (Absent)

Lake & Dam, Long Range Planning, Legal & Office-Leo Navin (Absent)

Carol reported that statements are going out on Monday w/reminder letters to delinquent accounts. We call members to see what's going on. We try to work with them to prevent sending them to our collection agency or attorney.

CRIS'S CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, L.L.C.

Cris Wurm, Owner

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Public Relations & Long Range Planning-Janice Bilton

Janice said that we are getting together to update the website. Mandi Crawford on Iriquois is volunteering to help us to get it up and running. The address is www.lakeseneca.org.

BUILDING & GROUNDS-JIM BEGGS

Bartons want to put an addition on their house and Shambergs want to enclose their porch. Permits have been issued.

SECURITY, WASTE WATER, & BRIDGE-RON PARKE

We had one problem of someone sliding into a ditch by Durham's. The Sheriff took care of this. We will give our insurance company the accident report and the member's insurance info. That way they can handle it between the two of them.

The bridge is done. They did an outstanding job. Mark Shenkel and I are working on the portals. The bridge will be open as soon as the portals are in place. Jim Delcamp asked that the Board approve the last invoice \$12,412.39. The vote was unanimous. The bill will be paid.



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Recreation Committee-Lori Poynter

We had a nice turn out for New Years. We are planning Euchre and Texas Hold 'em Tournaments in the next couple weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.



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NEW BUSINESS

We received a letter from the County Commissioners stating that there will be a hearing on April 28th at 10:00 am regarding a petition filed by Kent Hutchison, who is a landowner on P-50. It has to do with improving the catch basin on P-50.

A letter was also received from Robert Barras and the Steve Moore's in regards to replacing their mailboxes that they believe were hit by the snowplow. Jim stated that the Board needs to have a policy in place if this should happen again. The Board voted with a roll call vote to replace the mailboxes.

Jim also brought up the fact that no one on Maintenance has a CDL license. Our insurance agent stated that if in accident would be covered once and then dropped. Ron suggested that Carol should call some members who live on the lake that have a CDL and may be interested in plowing snow for pay.

Jim also had a letter addressed to the Board regarding a salt spreader. The Board had looked into this very same spreader several months ago, but the spreader is for salt only! We wanted to be sure to purchase the right one for the material we use on our roads but since the Dues increase didn't pass we stopped looking.

The pump for County Road R has been delivered and will be installed when the weather breaks.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERSHIP SLIPS

There were no slips.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2008 Board Meeting

Jim Delcamp called the meeting to order. Gary Raymond and Rose Bowen were absent.

MINUTES

The Minutes were unanimously approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT-LEO NAVIN

General Fund	\$29,288.37
Petty Cash	200.00
General Fund Savings	16,683.10
Dam Assessment	<u>62,452.37</u>
Total Current Assets	\$122,057.91

Our cash situation is currently sound with major expenses such as real estate and worker's comp taxes accounted for. Utility expenses in January show two propane bills since the December bill was incorrect and was not paid until it was in order. The budget for our new fiscal year will be discussed later in the meeting.

The report was approved unanimously.

MAINTENANCE-JIM DELCAMP

Jim has asked Ron Parke to do the snow plowing of Seneca Drive and some of the other roads since he has a CDL license. We had to order two more truckloads of sand since almost out. I hope Mother Nature is kind. We have used almost 100 tons of sand. Ron needs a new bus route. Carol is to contact Tina Sobczak.

Ron also asked that the white truck be left at maintenance garage so it could be used to check the roads. The Board unanimously agreed.

Ron asked if the new blades could be put on the trucks. Ron volunteered to put them on and adjust them so they're closer to the road. Jim said he'd have the crew do it next week.

Dredging & Crane-Gary Raymond (Absent)

Jim stated they're in process of repairing the dredge and crane is the same.



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Legal & Office-Rose Bowen (Absent)

Leo stated that he's been in contact with Mr. Butler regarding real estate contracts, the insurance settlement, enforcement of lake rules, regulations and deed restrictions.

Lake & Dam, Long Range Planning, Legal & Office-Leo Navin

In regards to Lake & Dam we are working on a proposal to formalize the inspections of our dam and bridges. We're not sure of the costs, but the bridge may cost approximately \$200 according to Jim Albright.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been helping with the office due to our limited staffing, Carol (illness) and Linda (surgery). Members do not realize how many volunteers contribute to the operations of LSPOA.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & LONG RANGE PLANNING-JANICE BILTON

I'm planning to develop a list of things that we need to get done in the next five years, i.e., roads, dam, bridges, and equipment. We're also going to have to look at some kind of money somewhere to maintain this stuff.

The newsletter is done and ready to be put out on Monday. If anyone would like to help write an editorial or help collate feel free to come in on Monday.

BUILDING & GROUNDS-JIM BEGGS

I issued a building permit for a new log home on lots 986 & 987. Talked to Ed Kidston from Turnpike Commission regarding discarded guard rails and road signs. He'll let us know what they do with that stuff.

SECURITY, WASTE WATER & BRIDGE-RON PARKE

Few complaints regarding snowmobiles.

Bridge is done but portals not up due to weather.

Question on load limit signs, Jim Albright (Bridge Doctors) working on getting them.

RECREATION COMMITTEE-LORI POYNTER (ABSENT)

Ron Parke stated there would be a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday.

St. Patrick's Day Potluck on March 15th (w/ green food) & euchre and Texas Hold'em. March 22 Easter party for kids. In April a Spring Dance.

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OLD BUSINESS

BRIDGE UPDATE – We have last payment to make. Jim Delcamp said the check was signed today and will be in

the mail tomorrow. Some concerns about whether we should just paint or epoxy the bridge. Getting quotes on both when weather breaks. Need to look at island bridge also due to surface rust. Need to take care of it now.

DREDGE – Bill from Mike Gallagher for all the repairs he did. (drive motor, the arms were remade, extra bolts, etc.) We were waiting to pay him with the settlement from the trucking company's insurance company. The vote was unanimous to pay Mike.

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NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET – We budget on the basis of the collected membership dues and dam assessments pay for the dam. We're going to have a relatively tight budget. We've projected income of \$280,000 and the expenses of \$238,365 with the dam net income of \$41,635. \$41,000 is our payment on the principal of the dam. We have about \$635 extra and that's about it! The proposed budget to be presented in May at the annual meeting was unanimously accepted

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Janice explained that the committee members call people to get them to run. There will be three openings and she would like to see two people for each position. Board members cannot be on the Committee. I would like to see people who are displeased with the Board run for it.

DUES PROPOSAL – We need to think about a Dues proposal to present at the Annual Meeting. We have bridges to paint, culverts to repair besides other expenses. There was much discussion. Board decided to form a sub-committee w/ 3 Board members and 3 non-Board members to formulate revenue increase options that could be presented to Board for decision making. Will be put together at the March meeting due to small audience.

BUSINESS FROM MEMBERSHIP SLIPS

Gary Mossburg proposed that the LSPOA trucks use his other lot as a turnaround rather than his driveway. When they use the drive they hit or almost hit his mailbox. The Board agreed with this proposal and will add stone to help build it up.

Janice suggested that Judy Abbott be paid for the amount of work she does on the newsletter is very time consuming. Janice will check with Judy.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: NO REPORT

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MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE ON APRIL 2ND - PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PAY THESE.

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All of the members of LSPOA would like to thank all the service men and women serving in our Armed Forces. We appreciate your sacrifices and pray for your safety. God Bless You!

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