

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Spring Meeting at Large
Ida Township Hall
May 26, 2018**

Vice President Elaine Greer opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Agenda. Elaine Greer went over the agenda for the meeting. Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the agenda. Jean Challeen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report. Geneva Sorum asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last membership meeting of August 26, 2017 meeting. Jim Conn made the motion to approve the minutes. Wesley Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Peterson presented the Treasurer's report as of May 23, 2018.

Total cash assets of \$106,614

Membership dues paid so far in 2018: \$1,525. 170 Paid memberships

Open commitments:

- Ditch 23 project \$15,000
- Fish Stocking \$20,000
- Curly Leaf Pondweed Control \$9,000
- Betsy Ross Road project \$1,000

Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Water Quality. Report for the period May 1998 to May 2017 shows phosphorus and chlorophyll levels continued downward in 2017. Water clarity levels have gone deeper (Secchi disc readings have gone up further), from zebra mussels.

Betsy Ross Road. Moving the ditch drainage and culvert modifications have been successfully completed, but one additional homeowner needs to have a larger culvert as a result. Project spending to date is \$6,838, with \$2,653 paid by Ida Township. Additional work needed as a result of culvert modifications made that caused flooding of the next driveway on the road, will cost less than \$2,000 with Ida Township paying half. Updated expected total cost is \$9,000, well below the budget of \$15,000.

Old Business (Continued)

Ditch 23. Budgeted \$15,000 (not yet spent) for survey. Longer project is moving slowly, with completion of the study expected in the Fall of 2018. The entire lake is being surveyed for water quality issues. Jeff Johnson will ask for study information from Barr Engineering when survey is complete. ILA Soil and Water ordered the work. Bud Nielson said \$15,000 was seed funding to kickoff the project., and there are other possible sources for funding. ILA Soil and Water will need to apply for another grant and ILA will get help with that effort.

Curly-leaf Pondweed: Total cost expected \$16,814; grant covers \$7,920, cost to ILA \$8,894. Project allotted \$9,000 for treatment of six locations, totaling 28 acres. (There are 1 ½ to 12 acres per site.) Signs for treated areas will be posted, warning homeowners of swimming, mowing and lawn watering restrictions.

Process to control Curly-Leaf Pondweed is a three year treatment process, with new surveys needed each year. DNR will not conduct a survey this year. Jerry McClure has contacted RND Labs for surveys this year, that work must be done by late July.

(Dick Sudmeier filed a grant application that if approved, County will cover up to 75% of the cost and ILA will cover the remainder of the costs.)

New Business

Drainage into Little Ida Beach Rd: Brad Anderson of 3582 Little Lake Ida Beach Rd NW mentioned a new problem of direct runoff spilling into the north end of the lake, from the drainage area and road on the north end of his property. This has been occurring regularly with rain events over the last three years. He has video documentation that shows the extent of the flows into the lake. He will contact his township director, and also Dave Rush of Douglas County Land and Resources Management. He has been invited to attend the next ILA Directors meeting on June 23 for updates.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Watercraft Inspections:

Lake Access Monitoring. County will pay for 300 hours of Level 1 monitoring at the main three landings. Discussion about importance of inspection for visitors. ILA to cover \$1,500 for additional monitoring this year.

Fish Stocking: ILA committed to a new company to supply 1,000 lbs of Walleye fingerlings (10-30 per lb) for next three years. Discussions about current lack of walleye fish, which attracts people to the lake. Concern about fish stocking donations when the fish are not stocked and donations unspent. Water quality and fish stocking are important for recreational opportunities, and as a result, property values. Please encourage fish stocking donations from ILA members and non-members.

New Treasurer: Please welcome New ILA Treasurer Mike Kleve, who will take over responsibilities in August. Thank you Jim Peterson for serving in this role for over 18 years.

New Website Administrator/Webmaster: Please welcome Pamela Phillips to this role. Thank you Andy Lopez for your important contributions over many years.

New Business (Continued)

Ditch Cleanup: Completed on May 12, by 11 volunteers – Thank you!

Members by Districts:

1. Districts 5, 7, 8 need new board members! Please consider serving on the board. All work occurs on weekends.
2. Districts need to be redrawn and will be discussed at a later meeting.

Fourth of July Boat Parade: The Boat Parade will be held on the north end of the lake this year. The parade will begin at Pilgrim Point at 10:00 a.m. Jim Conn will be leading the parade. Everyone is invited to participate, wear costumes and decorate the boats!

Big Ole Sup-athon July 13, 2018: There will be a paddle board (Sup-Athon) that will be crossing Lake Ida on July 13, 2018 from the north inlet down to the south outlet. Volunteer with a pontoon boat is needed to meet paddlers at north end of the lake at the chanel from Lake Miltona.

ILA Membership: ILA mailing information sent to non-member property owners asking for donations. The ILA email newsletter goes out to everyone that ILA has email information for, and postcard reminders are sent in the fall to any members that haven't yet renewed. Dave Murphy suggested online payment options, and will work with Pamela Phillips to setup payment options on the website. Agenda item for next directors meeting – gather membership information for other area lakes.

Douglas County Land and Resources Management: Dave Rush, Director, presented information regarding the new Alexandria Vacation Rental Ordinance, Variances and conditional land use permits.

Adjourn. Andy Lopez made the motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectively submitted, Geneva Sorum, ILA Secretary