

SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION MINUTES 9/21/2022

Call to Order: President Jim Valsa called the meeting to order at 6:30pm; there were 16 people present.

Roll call of Officers: Jim Valsa, President: present. Lynn Zapolnek, Vice President: absent. Marge Meyers, Treasurer: absent. Amy Oestreich, Secretary: present.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Debbie Talvensaari, Seconded: Greg Dudek. Passed: Yes.

Prior meeting minutes: Highlights from last month's meeting were not read.

President's remarks, correspondence, thank you's:

- Thank you to Amy Oestreich, from Steve Oviatt, for her extensive note taking.
- A big thank you to Gale Curtis for mowing the grass at the mailboxes.

GUESTS:

None

MEMORIALS:

None

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report and approval: Marge Meyers was not present to read the Treasurer's report; Jim Valsa read the report and summarized final Summerfest expenses.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Wendell Calson, Seconded: Tom Talvensaari.
Passed: yes

Grant Township: Ned Huwatschek thanked all who attended last week's Grant County Township meeting held in Lac La Belle.

- Ned reported that Copper Harbor has received 10 highly qualified applicants for the Sewage Operator position; they are continuing with the review process.
- Scott Ochodnicky, interim Grant Township Supervisor, will hold open hours once a month in both LLB and Copper Harbor. Hours will be posted on the LLB community bulletin board.

Lac La Belle Parks:

Union Park: A parks meeting was held during this month's SSA meeting. Rick Olson and Jim Valsa presented the current Union Park plan and timeline. Ideas were gathered as to what facilities and activities members would like to see in the park. Initial groundwork and clearing has been approved by Grant Township, with Aaron Rogers, owner of Rock Solid Trail Building of Copper Harbor. Proposed ground breaking work for this Fall.

Park Bench at Haven Falls: Jim Valsa contacted Greg Patrick, Keweenaw Roads Commission, to replace the current bench which Tom Talvensaari built over 30 years ago. Jim suggested a durable recycled plastic bench.

- Please contact Jim Valsa or Rick Olson for more information and if you are interested in joining the Lac La Belle Parks committee.

NEWSLETTER:

Thanks to Steve Oviatt, we once again will have a newsletter. SSA members are encouraged to continue to submit photos and story ideas to Steve by email or stopping by his home. Stories and photos must be submitted by this fall/winter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New Food Cart for Fire Hall: Issue to be revisited in the Spring.

Chairs for the Fire Hall: Issue to be revisited in the Spring.

Movie Night: The Princess Bride was enjoyed with popcorn on September 11. Discussion followed suggesting another movie night. A date and time for a second movie night may be posted on the community bulletin board,

Men's Activities: Greg Dudek reported the last get together was well attended and they enjoyed good food and conversation. A roadside trash pick-up was planned for Friday September 23. Check the community bulletin board for updates or contact Greg Dudek.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summerfest Food for 2023: Members discussed food options from past Summerfest events. Judy Mitrovich asked why we need to change options each year. Group consensus was to serve hamburgers, brats and burgers for at least another year.

Decorate Mailboxes: Jim Valsa suggested decorating our mailboxes for holidays or other events, as a fun idea, since many visitors enjoy and take pictures of the LLB mailbox row.

2023 Dates:

Mid-Summer Bonfire: Wednesday June 21, 2023, 9pm

Dumpster Days & Rummage Sale: July 15 & 16, 2023

Summerfest: Sunday August 6, 2023

Fishboil: Saturday August 12, 2023

Kids Fishing: Saturday August 19, 2023

SSA Meetings: Wednesday June 21, 2023

Wednesday July 19, 2023

Wednesday August 16, 2023

Wednesday September 20, 2023

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES & DATES:

Women's Meeting: Tuesday September 27, 10:00am gathering with a lunch to follow at The Mariner in Copper Harbor. Meet at the LLB Fire Hall around 11:15 to carpool. Contact Anne Valsa for more information.

Women's Get-Together: Tuesdays, 9:45am devotion/10:00 gathering, LLB Fire Hall

Grant Township meeting in Copper Harbor: Tuesday October 11, 6:00pm

Next SSA Meeting: Wednesday June 21, 2023, 6:30pm, LLB Fire Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ned Huwatschek let members know that our postal delivery driver, Ken Olsen, has been diagnosed with cancer. Information has been posted at the LLB community bulletin about his diagnoses and how to make donations.

- Greg Dudek announced that the road to Bare Bluff Hike has been closed and asked if this access can be restricted. He will investigate this issue and report back.

- Bob Meyers submitted a photo of a young wolf taken near the Lac La Belle Lodge. Wendell Carlson reported seeing this same wolf near the Marina. Members also reported sightings of a small black bear in the community.
- Greg Dudek reminded residents to be safe and visible when walking by presenting Jim Valsa with a day-glow yellow sweatshirt.
- Jim Valsa reminded residents to be cautious when parking on the roadsides; encouraging folks to pull off further or use driveways.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn made by Wendell Carlson, Seconded: Gordon Kysta, Passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Oestreich