



Harsens' Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes August 13, 2016

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Dennis Szymanski, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple;

Excused: Susan Bryson, Neva Covalle, Barbara Crown, Nancy LaMastus, Jim Laethem, Mary Ann McLane, David Martin, Kathy O'Connor, Harold Stieber, Rosemary Wiczorek;

Guests and Members Present: Barb Feldman, Nancy LeClair, Ken Podolski, Joanne Shirkey, Stephanie Spencer, Diane Stieler, Paul Stieler, Debbie Thiel, Jerry Thiel.

Denne Osgood brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:01 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July meeting minutes were presented. **Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the July meeting minutes, Leonard Verlinden seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Denne Osgood reported that the balance in the checkbook for July 31, 2016 was \$44,026.33, with total cash on hand being \$66,843.86.

Patrick Feighan made the motion to approve the July treasurer's reports; Mike Hilla seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: Donna Halacoglu stated there are currently a total of 804 paid members. Six members were added at Field Day; three were renewals and three were brand new members. *Donna is looking to retire from the position of Executive Secretary at some point, so if anyone is interested please speak with a director for information regarding the position.*

Communications: Nothing new to report at this time.

Government Affairs: The Detroit International Bridge Company re-submitted plans for the proposed bridge project after they were denied, but the revised drawings did not address the concerns put forth by the MDEQ and were therefore denied yet again. The Clay Township Board meeting is taking place this coming Monday, August 15th, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Lions Hall on Harsens Island. All are encouraged to attend to hear about the things going on and to take an active part in the community.

Browne's Field (upkeep and future development): The committee has been working with the pickleball group who has been working with contractors on a plan to resurface the pickleball / tennis (sports) courts, and the estimated cost is approximately between \$16,000 and \$24,000. The estimate was provided by Goddard Coatings Sport Surfaces and includes resurfacing and repurposing the existing two (2) tennis courts into one (1) tennis court and three (3) pickleball courts. **Patrick Feighan made a motion to donate \$8,000: contingent upon the pickleball committee raising \$16,000 of the estimated \$24,000 bid, and the pickleball committee will have two years (from 8/13/2016) to raise \$16,000 to receive the \$8,000 matching funding. Dennis Szymanski seconded; all in favor, motion approved.**



Browne's Field Rental: There is some discussion about the rental agreement regarding who's responsible for removing the trash at the conclusion of events. Also, there is further discussion to take place about amending the agreement to address different lengths of rental time (day / days). An update will be provided when it becomes available.

Advertising Sign: Nothing new to report at this time.

Delta News: The Delta News publication is now complete and labels have been printed. Please stop by the Waterfront Shoppe to pick up your copy if you did not do so at Field Day. The cost to mail them is close to \$4 each this year, so it would save a lot of money if you could pick them up instead of having them mailed to you. Regarding the publication, there are 106 paid advertisers in the Delta News this year, and there were only 13 late payments sent out for unpaid advertisers.

Community Relations: Nothing new to report at this time.

Special Events: The Car Show was a great success! The net profit for this event was \$3,734.49. The 2nd Annual Harsens Island Car Show has been scheduled for next year on Saturday July 15th, 2017.

Trunk-to-Trunk: The first event on June 18th was a great success, and the second event is taking place today, August 13th, 2016. This second event coincides with the annual "Antique Yard Sale Trail" from Algonac to Sebewaing.

Field Day: The paperwork is not in from Field Day yet so we can discuss this at a later time. The community service workers did not show up, so next year we will need to make sure we can secure them for assistance with the event.

501(c)(3) Committee Update: A clarification inquiry was received from the IRS on July 25, 2016 regarding several minor questions they had with respect to the HISCFA's application. The committee had a meeting to address the questions and Patrick Feighan wrote a summary of the organization and its operations. It appears that the effective conversion date will be retroactive to June 2, 2016, but that is not final until the official paperwork is received.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Water Station repairs:* There is one drain remaining that needs to be repaired. The Bates water station leak has been repaired.
- *Charge account procedure:* The HISCFA only holds charge accounts with Prior and Lumberjack. Harold will need to make a list to see who is an authorized purchaser on these accounts and report back later on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Sports Courts:* Clay Township now has a recreation committee. The US Tennis Association is meeting with the township recreation committee about some possible grants that are available to assist with resurfacing the courts at Browne's Field.
- *Bonfire Committee:* Barbara Crown and Denne Osgood are co-chairing this committee, and September 24th, 2016 is the date this year. Ticket sales will be limited.



Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Joanne Shirkey reiterated that the Clay Township Board meeting will be taking place this coming Monday.
- ✓ Ken Podolski mentioned that grants from the United States Tennis Association come with a lot of strings attached and may pose some difficulty to obtain.

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 10th, 2016 at 9:00am at the Harsens Island Lions Hall.

Patrick Feighan made the motion to adjourn, and Mike Hilla seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary