



Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association

Minutes March 11, 2017

Directors Present: Neva Covalle, Barbara Crown, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Melanie Most, Denne Osgood, Harold Stieber, Dennis Szymanski, Rosemary Wiczorek;

Excused: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Pat Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Kathy O'Connor, Leonard Verlinden, Lois Whipple;

Guests and Members Present: Michael Balan, David Carruthers, George Covalle, Norman Rhodes, Joanne Shirkey.

Denne Osgood brought the meeting to order at the Lion's Hall at 9:40 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The February 2016 meeting minutes were presented. **Neva Covalle made the motion to approve the February meeting minutes, Dennis Szymanski seconded; motion carried, minutes to be placed on file.**

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Harold Stieber presented the treasurer's reports for February 2017. Harold reported that the balance in the checkbook for February 28, 2017 was \$5,199.47, with total cash on hand being \$28,094.78. A total of \$10,362 is reserved specifically for Browne's Field improvements. Full copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report are available by contacting Harold at stiebha@gmail.com.

David Martin made the motion to approve the February 2017 treasurer's report; Dennis Szymanski seconded to approve; motion carried, reports to be placed on file.

Secretary Report: No updates to report at this time.

Communications: Neva Covalle stated that a total of 1,129 annual letters were sent out, and several have already been received back along with membership dues. Car show entries are being received weekly in advance of the show on July 15, 2017.

Government Affairs: A new treasurer has been identified for Clay Township and will be introduced soon. At the time of this meeting, a generator was powering the Lions Hall. The Clay Township Fire Chief stated that the Lions Hall will be (and always has been) a designated warming station for residents without power in the colder months. Dennis Szymanski suggested that someone from the Lions Club should put something on Nextdoor to publicize this fact to the community.

Browne's Field (upkeep and future development): Rolling storage racks for the chairs and tables need to be assembled and installed when the weather warms up. Pat Feighan would like some assistance with this. These will be installed in the new pavilion storage area and can be rolled out for the "painting party" which is next on the to-do list. Caulking, priming, and painting need to occur during this event. A meeting is scheduled with McPeak Asphalt & Paving in April to review the needs and quote on providing a paved walking path around the field. When the weather gets warmer, Dennis Szymanski will be ordering and installing the siding which needs to be hung on the old red barn where it is either missing or damaged. Jim Laethem has attempted to contact TruGreen to reduce the



frequency of the weed & feed applications from three to two to reduce costs. Further discussion about treating the pond will be required soon.

Transportation: Joanne Shirkey stated that the township is going on a road tour around the island on March 30th, 2017 to determine which roads are going to be considered to be re-paved or otherwise repaired and to determine priorities. In addition, bridges and ditches are going to be considered as well. George Covalle pointed out that Krispin Road is habitually impassable, and Joanne recognized that Krispin Road is a major thoroughfare for emergency transport so it will definitely be considered for improvement. Dennis Szymanski pointed out that disposal of the millings from roadwork would be welcome at Browne's Field for the parking area, apron, and driveway to the field.

Browne's Field Rental: Rosemary Wieczorek stated the committee has finalized the rental agreement. One potential date has been inquired about for July, but no agreement has been submitted for that yet.

Delta News: No updates to report at this time.

Car Show: The date for the second annual car show is Saturday, July 15, 2017.

Field Day: The date for this event will be Saturday, August 5, 2017.

Bonfire and Pig Roast: The date for this event will be Saturday, September 16, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Board opening:* There are currently two open positions on the board, and there are currently 16 members on the board. Patrick will post about the openings on Nextdoor.
- *Welcome Committee:* The township has provided a list of new residents on the island, and Barbara Crown stated that she has received additional items to stuff into the bags. Barb will be reaching out to these new residents to introduce them to the association and to provide them with a welcome bag.
- *HISCFA Shirts:* Denne Osgood provided a few shirts as samples of what he would like to see the board members obtain in the future, and is looking for some feedback. He would like us to look the same so we can be identified during association functions. **David Martin made the motion to purchase shirts for the board members; Jim Laethem seconded to approve; all in favor, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- *Island Cleanup Day:* The date has been set for Island Clean-Up Day(s) this year: June 3-4, 2017.
- *Road Cleanup:* The HISCFA road/highway cleanup volunteer opportunity is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017. Peggy Osgood will be the chairperson of this event.
- *Scholarship Chair:* Susan Bryson has taken this over, and it appears there is one student eligible this year but there will be seven students eligible for next year.
- *Mary Ann McLane Memorial:* There were discussions about whether to expand the garden area around the gazebo at the field, or perhaps a statue. In any case, the costs will not exceed \$1,000. If an expanded garden area is going to be considered, it will need to be out of the way of the lawn care company so that it will not get damaged or run over. Ruth Roth has committed to donating money from the Garden Club to assist with this endeavor. The Reader's Cove will also be donating some money as well.
- *Computer project:* This is still in process and there are no updates to report at this time.



- *Website:* Harold Stieber stated that we are looking for a new website administrator going forward. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
- *Window Stickers:* Barbara Crown would like to revisit handing out vinyl window stickers. She currently has about 150 of them but would like to discuss getting more of them to distribute to members.

Additional comments from directors or guests:

- ✓ Sharon Martin has been ill and in the hospital, and Barbara Crown asked that everyone keep her in their thoughts and well wishes.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 8th, 2017 at 9:30am at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall.

David Martin made the motion to adjourn, and Barbara Crown seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Most, Recording Secretary