

Portage Lake Association – Emergency Board Meeting – December 30, 2013

President Al Taylor called an emergency meeting of the PLA Board on December 30, 2013, having realized that the Board would be dissolved at the end of the year if action was not taken. Members attending included Al Taylor, Margaret Panches, Paul Mueller, Leann Burger and Faye Backie.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. Taylor explained that Board memberships expire on December 31 and our annual meeting is not going to be held until January 8, at which time we will vote on the By-Laws changes. If the proposed By-Laws changes pass, then we will send out a slate of candidates for the membership vote. We must give 30 days' notice to the membership. Taylor noted that the President has the ability to appoint Board members and indicated that he would first like to appoint Diane Bess to the role of Vice President until the elections. Backie made a motion to support the appointment; Burger seconded. The motion passed.

Taylor next proposed that he appoint the current officers and Board members, whose terms are expiring (Taylor, Panches, McNeil, Backie, English/Mueller, Burger and Peabody), to remain in their current roles until elections are held. Burger made a motion to support the appointment of current board members whose terms are expiring, until elections are held; Panches seconded. The motion passed.

Taylor mentioned that Cindy Kasban is willing to become a Board member.

Taylor also reminded the group that the Board set aside money to support the Village Boat Launch improvements. The granting of the money was contingent upon the Village tasking the Parks and Recreation Committee members to provide information on how the Village might create an on-going revenue stream for upkeep of the launch. Taylor noted that the study is well underway. Mueller confirmed, since he is on the committee. Taylor proposed that PLA release the funds, in part for year-end book-keeping and also because the Village has met (or will shortly) the spirit of the agreement. Backie made a motion that we send the money to the Village; Panches seconded. The motion passed.

Taylor mentioned that he's heard that Osborn has changed the date of his fishing event. He noted that if the contest isn't tied to the free fishing weekend, attendance will probably be lower and events planned for the Winter Fest would not be well attended. Taylor will talk with Osborn to see when he plans to hold his tournament.

Taylor also noted that Tim Ervin of the Alliance for Economic Success is calling a meeting to explore the idea of a county-wide summertime fishing festival, focusing on Manistee, Onkama and Arcadia. Taylor will attend the event.

The next meeting of the Board is January 8th at 7:00p.m. at Farr Center.

Minutes: Faye Backie