

GLPOA Conservation Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2020

Chair: Jeanne Lafranier

Minute taker: Carol Brayman

Present- Carol Brayman, Jeanne Lafranier, Brenda Leis, Reid Ruzonik
Regrets- Alan Abelsohn, Edwina Follows.

1. Recap of FOCA's Fall Seminar – Carol gave a brief oral report of the highly informative Fall seminar and has prepared a written summary that's being sent via a WORD document along with these minutes. The main foci were of the day were: lake stress, road egress (not particularly applicable to us), water testing, extra guests and septic checks. Climate change was an over-arching concern. At the seminar she collected two very good FOCA print resources – enough for each GLPOA household that can be handed out at the time of our 2020 AGM.

Jeanne attended by listening to the web-on-air and recapped points re: rental properties and water-testing.

2. Lake testing for 2020 – Secchi dish testing will begin this May long weekend and the phosphorous testing will continue. There had been concerns that the testing would no longer be funded; but since Brenda has received the phosphorous testing kit, it seems, we'll be okay. Brenda will send out a sign-up sheet for the secchi dish testing.

We're not sure if Invasive Species testing is cut but Jeanne will keep an eye on the Face Book page to see if it is and report back to us when she finds something out. Brenda and Jeanne

3. Revisiting our goals for 2020 given current climate – Is it too early to decide about our nature walk? The consensus is that the nature walk led by Paul C Heaven at Reid and Joanne’s property can safely continue. Reid
4. Another goal is to come up with talking points for when we meet with non- GLPOA on the road. Although there shouldn’t be site-seers, unanticipated guests, or renters during this COVID time of social distancing. Jeanne and Carol will work on it.
5. Portage Clean-up Party of the Leis’s portage – given COVID, it won’t be feasible to do that this year.
6. Electronic Gate- Reid, after some effort, talked to an individual who had provided Robert Lee’s gate. Apparently that individual, Jeff of Total Gate, wishes to demonstrate that an electronic gate can work without keeping out Emergency Services. There could be different codes for contractors. There would be an electronic log-in that would show the frequency of who logged in and when and the cost would be around \$37,000.00. This is still at the fact-finding stage and is a committee project. It hasn’t been discussed at the full AGM. Reid has and will continue to follow-up
7. Other – Re-surveying GLPOA members - Our Lake Plan commitment to re-survey the GLPOA membership says it’s time to do so again, so we will. That we can do it from a distance. Carol

Next meeting – July 4th 2020 at 10a.m. Place and circumstances to be determined much closer to the time.