**HORSESHOE LAKE CORPORATION Board of Trustee’s Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday June 5th 2018, at 7:00pm**

**Northfield Township Public Safety Buildings, Conf. RM 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Scott Chisholm

**Roll Call** –

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| Present | Absent |
| Scott Chisholm |  |
| Joe Bennett |  |
|  | Bruce LaRue |
| Brian Trim |  |
| Julie Kapnick |  |
| Ken Petersberger |  |
| Thomas Merrill |  |
|  | Henry Tyler |
| Mark Caples |  |
| Lisa Craft |  |
| Faith Wheeler |  |
| Susan Bolla |  |

There is a quorum.

Guest Speaker: Washtenaw Drain Commissioner Mr. Evan Pratt. Presented graphs of rainfall compared to the effect on the Huron River and when there was flooding in Horseshoe Lake. May 18th 2018 the Huron river flood stage was over 6 ½ feet. Yearly rain totals average 35 inches which has increased over the years. Frozen ground contributes to lake flooding. A 5 year snapshot shows it was worse this year. Past 10 years supports every 7-10 years there is flooding. Flooding existed before US 23 existed. Mark Sweeny from MDOT, manager of the Brighton Office was also present. Drainage issues of Horseshoe Lake were communicated from the very beginning of the planning for the Flex route. MDOT needed to ensure that the water contributed to the drainage was no more than was before. They attempted to divert drainage away when possible. Resident question: Dredging in front of weir and cleaning the outflow? Washtenaw drain commission walks the ditch every year to ensure there are no restrictions to the outflow. Dirt removal in front of the weir, if flow constricted, but any sediment does get pushed down stream. Why can’t we constrict water coming in to the lake? It is not legal to affect people upstream. Are the drainage ditches deep enough? Yes. MDOT property is only 300 acres of the 21,000 acres of watershed. Bigger ditches then before were done to the North away from the Lake.

MDOT noise abatement – Noise study was done in 2015. 14 study points, only one section of the road matched criteria for a wall, north of 8 mile. A measurable decibel decrease must be gained to benefit. State government only supports concrete wall as noise abatement solution. Willingness to plant trees, but are restricted where to put them. Permit Is required to put trees in the MDOT right of way.

**Public Comments:** Sue Shink of the land preservation committee. There is a possibility of the Conservation of land coordinating with Horseshoe Lake Association. They meet every second Thursday of the month. She is also running for Washtenaw county commissioner.

**Approval of Agenda –** Changed date from 4th to 5th of June. Brian Trim motioned to accept the agenda with the corrections discussed. Mark Caples seconded. Motion carried.

**Meeting minutes –** Julie Kapnick motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Brian Trim seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence –** March 31st Northfield Township took ownership of several swamp properties in Lincoln. The HOA can’t buy them without membership approval. Only one bid was received for the tree removal on Shady beach, $600. Brian Trim motioned to spend up to $600 for tree removal. Julie Kapnick seconded. 8 ayes, 1 abstained motion carried.

**Treasurer Report –** Joe Bennett said the May report changed to the report for items added during the May meeting (keys and flowers). June report shows additional $558 for boat keys. Brian Trim motioned to accept May with changes and June treasurer’s reports and pay the bills. Mark Caples seconded. 6 ayes 3 abstained motion carried.



**Unfinished business –**

**Election results –** Faith Wheeler objected to the executive decision to extend the close date of the election. She stated the board had to be involved in the decision to extend the date. Discussion: The election had to stay open until a majority was received. Scott Chisholm offered to continue the debate on procedure as laid out in the by-laws offline.

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| Change |  | Total Yes | Total No | Total Votes |  | 276 votes needed for Majority |
| 1 |  | 339 | 19 | 358 |  | -63 |
| 2 |  | 316 | 42 | 358 |  | -40 |
| 3 |  | 282 | 76 | 358 |  | -6 |

**Leocadia survey –** Has not been taken to the residents of Leocadia yet.

**Clean up day –** Lisa Craft has put info for the cleanup day in the Courant. She and George will drive around the neighborhoods and pick up items.

**Sending out the dues notices –** The dues notices are ready to mail. Members have until Sept. 1 2018 to avoid a late fee. Delinquent dues will be reported at the July meeting.

**New Business –**

Budget – Since by-law changes passed, items in the budget suspended can be reinstated. Brian Trim motioned to reinstate the stipend paid to the clerk. Mark Caples seconded. 8 ayes 1 abstained motion carried.

**July Meeting Date -** Set date for June 27th. Tom Merrill motioned to make July BOT meeting on June 27th. Julie Kapnick seconded. 8 ayes 1 abstained motion carried.

**Committee reports-** none

**Subdivision report –** none

**Next Meeting:** June 27, 2018 NFT Public Safety Building @ 7pm

Motion to Adjourn by Tom Merrill. Seconded Mark Caples. Motioned carried.