

A Little Slice of Heaven

September 2021



Elbow Lake Chatter

The Dog Days of Summer are officially over!

Annual Hayride is October 9th

Hold on to your hats, boys and girls . . . We've got some great things planned for the Hayride this year!

Lisa Wick, Erie High and John Krieger are chairing this event and are looking forward to a good time. BYOB if you want, but pop and water will be provided. Get involved by decorating your trunk and hand out goodies to the kids.

Take a chance on an Elbow Lake Sweatshirt to support Fireworks for next summer.

It begins at 4:00pm at the Boat Launch.

Costume judging begins at 4:30 pm sharp.

Ashley Wick (***Weathered and Torn*** on Facebook) will again donate an Elbow Lake sweatshirt to raise \$\$\$ for 2022 Fireworks providers. Thank you, Ashley!

**Food
Trunk or Treat
Photo Booth
Pumpkin Bowling
Haunted Trail
Games
Costume Contests for
0 to 18 years
50/50 Raffle
Best decorated Vehicle
Prizes**

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Oxygen

Karl & Mary Ann Wood

10385 N. Athey Ave.

989-539-1817

Tammie Fedor & Fred Stutzman

10423 N. Athey Ave.

989-539-2739

Oxygen and AED

Charlie & Deb Smith

9895 Toohy Trail

989-560-5811 or 989-424-8633

Fire Department

989-539-7145

Local Emergency Water Truck

Text Erie High at:

734-679-3032

or go to 10424 N. Athey

COMMUNITY NEWS



Congrats, Kooper!

Kooper Tank caught this monster September 4th just before dusk. 40.5", 15 lbs. WOW!

Something to think about: IF you catch one of these pike, maybe think about not releasing them? They have probably been growing even bigger on the \$2000 worth of blue gill, crappie, walleye and perch that we planted last year in the lake!

Dates to Remember:

October 1: Swim Buoys and docks pulled

October 2, 10am: HELP WANTED to stack Picnic Tables

October 9: Hayride, 4pm

October 10, 10am: Board Meeting at Neighbors' Barn — 9952 South Shore

All are welcome to attend Board Meetings

So Thankful!

Many of you have stepped forward to keep our community beautiful and safe this year.

We appreciate all that you've done.

Lawn Mowing at the Swim Site and Boat Launch: Tammie Fedor, Fred Stutzman, Erie High, John Collins, Marty Neighbors, and Shirley Miller.

Spreading sand at the Swim Site: Ken VanRiper, Erie High and Fred Stutzman.

Spring Clean-up: Dave & Lisa Wick, John & Joe Krieger, John Collins, Darrell Poston, Fred Stutzman, Suzette, Sophie, Luke & Erie High.

Installing/removing the swim buoys and ropes: Erie High.

Arranging to have tree cut down, then cleaning up tree and branch debris:

Erie High and Fred Stutzman.

Painting the gate/keeping boat ramp & waters free of rocks, fishhooks and metal: Erie High and Fred Stutzman.

Fred and Erie, your names keep appearing over and over. How lucky we are to have you in our neighborhood. Thank you!

Erie also attends monthly township meetings and keeps the ELCOA board updated.

In addition, Erie has offered the services of his water truck to aid in putting out any fires that get out of control. It will certainly be a valuable service to us, especially if we have to wait until the fire department from Harrison comes to our aid.

The first weekend in October, he'll be pulling the swim buoys and docks. If you can help, be at the launch on Oct. 2nd at 10am. Picnic tables will also be stacked for the winter.

Thinking of You . . .

Carol Ouellette is on the mend from an injury.

Andrea Larsen is recovering from a lung infection.

Shirley Miller's step-grandson recently passed away.



Thank you, John, for your Leadership

For the past 5 years, John Krieger has been at the helm of ELCOA. Stepping down as president this year, he will continue to contribute as a member of ELCOA's Board of Directors. Above, John accepts a token of appreciation from new president, Marty Neighbors on behalf of the board.



19 minutes and 3 seconds

That's how long it takes to swim from the west end of the lake to the old Elbow Lake Bar and back again if you're Steve Rutherford. Impressive!

ACTIVITIES

The Annual Picnic checked all the boxes!

- ✓ Beautiful weather
- ✓ Great food
- ✓ 1st ever Cornhole Tournament
- ✓ Dunk Tank
- ✓ Rock Painting
- ✓ Photo Booth
- ✓ Duck Races
- ✓ Bounce House
- ✓ Great prizes for kids
- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Got to see old friends again

"Early Bird"
Membership
winners were
Jim & Janet
VanHavermaat.
Congratulations!



2021 Cornhole Champions are Jacob McCormick & Michael Markel; 2nd place: Ed & Chris Henri; 3rd place: Steve Rutherford & Marty Neighbors.

Junior Cornhole Champions are Veda Gagne & SheaLynn McCormick; 2nd place: Austin McCormick & Brenden Sobanski; 3rd place: Connor Tenorio & Griffin Neighbors.



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday May 30, 2021

Location: John Krieger's house

Present: John Krieger, Marty Neighbors, Deb and Charlie Smith, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, Erie High, Tammie Fedor, Lisa Wick, Stephanie Wood, Donna Militello and Ken VanRiper.

Absent: Mike and Kathy DeSloover, Phil Serra.

Guests: Joe Krieger, Fred Stutzman, and Frank DeVuono.

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 am by President John Krieger.

Minutes: The April 25, 2021 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Corrections included brining was May 17 and not May 1, 2021. Deb Smith corrected the minutes to read 2 FB pages and not 3, and that the bounce house was canceled because of not understanding the set up and not because we didn't want it, although the minutes read "The committee decided not to get the big bounce house because you could not get the money back if the event was canceled." Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Board of Directors decided to table the financial report in Mike DeSloover's absence; there was no report received. Susan reported that it is the DeSloovers' anniversary weekend and therefore weren't going to be up. She said as of May 26, 2021 the balance was \$2497.28 which included a subtraction of the \$195.00 deposit for the dunk tank and stamps for the newsletter. Sue Neighbors expressed concerns about memberships being paid and who has been paying. She said some members have paid 2 years in advance but that there are no records of such from Mike DeSloover. They are Schocks and Browns.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported nothing new and everything was good so far.

Community News: Deb Smith reported there was a ladies get-together at her house for any women that are in the area at the time of the meeting. It is to just get to know each other and have some beverages. The next meeting will be at Mary Ann Wood's house in June sometime. Notices will be on the Facebook Community page, so watch for them.

Fish Planting: No new report, but fish planting will be every other year.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported a good

response to the Community page and there are currently 100 members of this site. She thanked Erie High and Tammie Fedor for posting DNR etc. information.

Web Page: Sue Neighbors reported she will get information posted about oak wilt. She will get it from a reliable source before posting. It will be on Facebook as well.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith said the testing will be done in July.

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors reported the theme for this year's parade is "Animals" and it will begin at 7:00 pm from their boat dock. Registration is at the flare sales at the boat launch site from 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Last year 194 (last year we sold out) were sold at 2/\$5.00 and we as an association make no money on them as they are sold at cost. This year there will be 2 kinds of flares, a 20 minute one and a 30 minute one. The 20 minute ones are for the flare boat. Marty wants to get 2 gross of the 30 minute flares and the total would be \$820.00. If we sell 170, we will break even. Question was brought up about the location of the flare boat. President Krieger will check with Ross McCallum as he had the flare boat last. Fred VanDeKerkhove said we get a discount because we are a 503 organization. Discussion was held about the fireworks from the boat launch site. Mary Ann will call Jeff Webster and see if he plans on doing it this year. Flare sales will be at the boat launch from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM. Fred VanDeKerkhove will do 10-11am, Lisa Wick will do 11-12pm, Deb Smith will do 12-1pm, and Sue Neighbors will do 1-2pm. Erie High mentioned that he has applied for his commercial fireworks license so we can use him next year to get fireworks. He would like to do a float with remote controls etc. and announce at the annual picnic and at the flare sales this year for donations for the fireworks display. Erie said he has a supplier lined up out of West Branch and he has already checked with the Franklin Township and they do not require a permit for shooting off fireworks.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith reported there will be a \$10 per team for adults, \$5 per team for kids, for the cornhole tournament so we can have prize money. The committee plans to have a photo

booth, a duck race, bounce house, rock painting etc. She said they will need funds for supplies. The ducks are \$35 for 150 ducks. Motion to purchase supplies passed. Since Mary Ann Wood has already ordered the meat, she suggested the order be changed to 25 lbs of shredded, and 25 lbs of pork loin. She said to have ziplocks available for the sale of remaining meat.

Hayride: Lisa Wick, Tammie Fedor, Joe and Gail Krieger are co-chairs of the Hayride. They have nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

Road Maintenance: Donna Militello contacted someone on private brining of the road. She reported it would be \$4100.00 to do all the roads within the subdivision. The township brined our main roads on May 17 2021.

Bylaws Committee: Marty reported the committee meeting was held this morning and everything was finalized. The committee will report to the Board of Directors at the July board meeting. He related that most of the changes were updating language since it had not been done since 2014. He revealed that the committee suggested adding a Membership Chair. Also, the number of directors would go down to 9 directors and a quorum would be 5 directors with 2 officers for a total of 7 for a meeting to take place. He also said it will be suggested that term limits for officers should be 2 years. He will have recommendations ready by the annual meeting after review by the board.

Buoys: Erie High placed the buoys and the ropes. Marty Neighbors thanked Erie for his hard work. Erie said water temperature is 70 degrees as of yesterday.

Newsletter: Susan Neighbors said she has 12 memberships so far. Stephanie Wood thanked her for a great job on a very professional newsletter. She has a short newsletter ready to go out before the July 4th activities. It will only be emailed. A suggestion was made about possibly folding the newsletter and stapling instead of using envelopes. It would depend on if raffle tickets are being sold.

Grass Cutting: Tammie Fedor said someone is still needed for August grass cutting. Erie High and Fred Stutzman have done May and June. John Collins is doing July and Shirley Miller is doing September.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—continued

Trash Cans: Erie High said trash cans were delivered to his house because there have been theft issues with the cans. He has now taken them to the boat and beach sites.

New Business:

Tree Trimming: Lisa Wick brought up the split tree at the boat launch site and her concern of it falling on the docked boats. President Krieger reported that HoJos wants \$800.00 to take down a tree and not cut it up. Another company will charge \$500.00 to trim trees at the beach site. So there are big differences in pricing. Joe Krieger offered to call Henri's to talk about taking down the tree. It could also be on Facebook asking for volunteers to take tree down. A suggestion was made to request on Facebook if anyone wants trees removed or trimmed that perhaps it could be negotiated to receive a lower price by doing them all at same time. Donna Militello asked why ELCOA would pay to take down a tree on property that does not belong to ELCOA. Tammie Fedor made a motion to check with Henri's as to their price and allow up to \$800.00 for tree to be taken down as

soon as possible. The motion was amended by Charlie Smith for the wording to be a donation of up to \$800.00. It was seconded by Erie High. It was then suggested to ask on Facebook for a volunteer to take the tree down at the boat launch and to also ask on the Facebook page for volunteers to cut up the firewood and it would then be free to whomever wants it. Motion passed.

Township Meetings: Erie High said there was no meeting last month because of it being Harrison High School's commencement. He also wanted to say he turned in the receipts for the paint for the gate at the boat launch site. He also said after checking with the Harrison fire chief, it was reported that taps are not any longer used. They are always plugged up and that is why they stopped using them. He said a F350 truck/plow/pump is used for fires and at the water's edge an 8" bore is drilled thru ice and 6" pipe is inserted for the water. The best thing we can do as a community is to keep boat launch plowed in the winter.

02/AED: Stephanie Wood revealed the

use of an oxygen tank. Ruey Wood called 4-5 places and they will not refill. They want you to purchase a new tank with an attached valve. President Krieger said he will handle it as he can get filled at work. Stephanie said they do not want to have the AED/oxygen tank at their house. Deb and Charlie Smith will have the AED and an oxygen tank at their house; one will be located at Tammie Fedor's house. Stephanie also told the board that there are 2 sections of ELCOA's dock at their garage and the board needs to be aware of that.

Discussions: The boat stickers were brought up as they expire this year. Deb Smith offered to contact Don Kraynack to see where we can get them (he was responsible for this last time). A motion passed to eliminate the stickers. President Krieger announced the next board meeting is 7-4-2021 at 10:00am at his place.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Erie High announced that kids 12 and under can register for a class online about ATV's etc.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.



Fourth of July Boat Parade

Although the boat parade theme was Animals, it might as well of been Birds!

1st– Peacock, Neighbors/Tenorio

2nd– Eagle, Peters

3rd– Loon Toon, Tanks

4th– Patriotic, Tinskeys

Honorable Mention:

Parrots of the Caribbean, Becks
Animal House, Wilsons



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday July 4, 2021

Location: John Krieger's home.

Present: John Krieger, Marty Neighbors, Mike DeSloover, Mary Ann Wood, Deb Smith, Susan Neighbors, Fred & Mary VanDeKerkhove, Erie High, Tammie Fedor, Lisa Wick, Kathy DeSloover and Stephanie Wood.

Absent: Charlie Smith, Ken VanRiper, Phil Serra and Donna Militello.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by President Krieger.

Minutes: The May 30, 2021 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Minutes were approved with the correction of Deb Smith to have given treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report: Mike DeSloover said as of July 4, 2021, the balance was \$3192.28. He reported income of \$780 from flare sales and \$30 in donations. He also said the check for the Boat Launch light got lost, so he added it back in and then subtracted it again. There were questions from Erie High and Sue Neighbors about reimbursements and Mike asked about receipts. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper absent but it was reported that his wife comes home this week from the hospital.

Community News: DeSloovers have two new grandsons.

Fish Planting: Nothing to report.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported 135 belong to our community page, but there is a person making negative comments. If they continue, they will be blocked. She thanked Erie High, Tammie Fedor and Lisa Poston for posting pertinent information to the site.

Web Page: Sue Neighbors received a email request asking how to reserve the swim site for a beach wedding. She suggested putting up notices for cooperation that day, but that ELCOA has no authority to assist resident.

Water Testing: Scheduled for late July.

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors reported that the theme this year was "Animals" and 1st place went to the Neighbors for their Peacock boat; 2nd place went to the Peters for their Eagle theme; 3rd place went to Tanks for their Loon Toon; and 4th went to Tinskeys for their Patriotic boat. Honorable mention to Wilsons' Animal House and the Becks' Parrots of the Caribbean. Sue suggested moving the Parade to 8pm instead of 7pm and advertising parade with signs at Boat Launch. This year, 288 flares were

ordered and sold out by noon. One box of 20 minute flares remains for next year. It is proposed to order 4 gross of 30 minute flares for 2022. Tammie and Marty went door to door selling them as well as at the boat launch. The flare boat was missing so Marty Neighbors and sons rigged up a boat and pulled it with a jet ski.

Marty felt the Fireworks were spectacular and he favors a control person with a central location. Deb Smith suggested a central location such as the beach so they can be seen from all areas. We asked Jeff Webster to do a show but he said it was too late for him to get any deals on fireworks. Erie High will have a federal fireworks license by 2022 and has offered to do a show. They will be accepting donations for next year at our Annual Meeting/Picnic.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith reported a complication as her husband's 50th class reunion will be on the same day. So she will need help with clean up after the picnic. Suzette High will pick up the meat and dunk tank. Marty has the tents and tables, Need volunteers for tent set up. Cornhole tournament is still planned with 2-person teams. A motion passed allowing Lisa Wick up to \$200 for prizes.

Hayride: Lisa Wick reports she needs more volunteers as Joe Krieger and Tammie Fedor won't be able to help. John Krieger said he and Gail will help. Planning on having Trunk or Treat. Ken VanRiper volunteered to drive for the Hayride.

Old Business:

By-laws: Updates to the bylaws were given by Marty Neighbors. Changes include clarifying some wording, limiting number of directors, adding Membership person to officers. Resigning from the board: Mike & Kathy DeSloover and Stephanie Wood. There was a question about director Phil Serra who has never attended a board meeting. The need for a Membership Chair was questioned but Mike DeSloover said it was too big a job.

Newsletter: Sue Neighbors said there will be a September newsletter. She also will email a flyer reminding everyone of the Annual Meeting/Picnic and a put a larger notice on the webpage.

Grass Cutting: Tammie Fedor said someone is still needed for August grass-cutting. Erie High and Fred Stutzman

will do it if no one else comes forward.

New Business:

Tree Trimming: President Krieger said HoJo's has not returned calls, was a no-show to remove the dead tree at the boat launch, and have now been cancelled. Mike DeSloover has volunteered to remove the tree. He will take part of it down soon and the remainder after the docks come out for the winter. Stephanie Wood mentioned that a dock section and stanchions are in storage. When boats were moved in preparation for tree removal, owner upset that they lost their boat parking spot to another. Suggested to look into adding parking spaces on other side of dock. Abandoned boats could be moved into the woods. Suggested to be brought up at Annual Meeting. Erie will pull docks before winter.

Township Meetings:

Erie High reported that township will require camper permits next year. Complaint is that campers have allowed sewage to drain. Without necessary permits, fines will be assessed. Annual permits will be available. New blight officer for Franklin Township is Mr. Caleb Stenger.

O2/AED: President Krieger said he has 2 new tanks (including gages) filled from Praxair so we can refill them in the future. He also ordered ICDs (kids: \$75, adults: \$45) for the defibrillator. Motion to get new location signs passed.

Discussions: Shirley Miller sent letter to board saying she was intimidated by a boater after she informed him of lake wake policy. She identified his car at his cottage at which point the man got in his car and followed her, frightening her. Another board member witnessed incident on lake and confirmed the misconduct. A discussion was held on our rules versus state boating rules.

Deb Smith agreed to run election at annual meeting.

Erie High brought up need for a shed to store association equipment. He will look into pricing.

Marty Neighbors will lead annual meeting since President Krieger will be unable to attend.

Next board meeting will be at Krieger's house — 8-8-21 at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Location: Boat Launch

Present: Marty Neighbors, Mike DeSloover, Mary Ann Wood, Sue Neighbors, Deb and Charlie Smith, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, Stephanie Wood, Kathy DeSloover, Erie High, Tammie Fedor, Phil Serra, and Lisa Wick.

Absent: Ken VanRiper, Donna Militello and President John Krieger.

Guests: Ed & Chris Henri, Mark Scott, Wendy & Jim Hurst, Rick and Julie Cline, and others (see sign in sheet).

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Vice-President Marty Neighbors. Vice-President Neighbors welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 1, 2020 meeting were read by Mary Ann Wood. One correction to the minutes was that Mark Scott commented on the women's issue and not Mike DeSloover. There was a motion to accept the minutes with correction by Deb Smith and seconded by Tammie Fedor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Mike DeSloover. He commented that the report covers financial year from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. So his report is based on that information. See formal report. The balance on hand as of 8/1/2021 is \$4,062.18. Stephanie Wood made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Charlie Smith seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper is absent so there is no report.

Community Watch: Pat VanRiper passed away about 1 and 1/2 weeks ago. A new house is being built across from the beach area. There are new owners across from Mike DeSloover's house (they are friends of Mike and Kathy's). There is currently one house for sale located on Toohy Trail. Andrea Larson is still in Florida and dealing with a lung bacterial infection that needs a year of treatment. Carol Ouellette fell last fall but is doing well. Joe Maes had a heart cath yesterday and acquired a stent.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott states he will continue to be in charge of fish planting for another year. He asks that the board let him know ASAP as to when and what type of fish should be planted. Fish planting now occurs every other year. He also

stated he received a report (old) from Shirley Miller regarding 20 plus years fish planting historically. It showed pike being planted and according to fishermen, the pike are now causing problems.

Webpage: Susan Neighbors reported a question from someone down on the corner of Claroskee. They are wondering if they can join the association and use the lake. She said also she gets frequent questions from Elbow Lake, Minnesota.

ELCOA Community Page: Deb Smith reported there are now 130 people now using the site. (Mark Scott said it is more like 148). She also gets questions from Elbow Lake, Minnesota but it now has died down. She expressed thanks to Tammie Fedor for overseeing and addressing questions. Mark Scott, Lisa Poston, and Deb Smith are the administrators of the site. They said there were members unrelated to our Elbow Lake but they have since eliminated them. All members now are either resort residents or friends-and-family of resort residents.

Area Clean-up: Tammie Fedor thanked everyone for volunteering for the grass cutting. John Krieger, Fred Stutzman, Erie High, Marty Neighbors, Shirley Miller have all cared for the area. She said this is the way a community should pull together to handle maintenance and keep the lawn mowed. She said everyone came together and did it. She said there were 20 plus people present yesterday to set up the tents. Marty said he will mark the tents that are good with pink spray paint indicating the good sets. There was one tent irreparable from the tornado.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith reported the water testing was done on July 27, 2021. He said water was tested from swim area, across lake from the swim area, and each end of the lake. The swim area reported a 2.0, corner by Millers was 5.2, and the other end by Smith's was 2.0 in the lake. He said the wind, gypsy moths and krass all effect the readings. We are good because the readings need to be greater than 300 to be in trouble. There was a question from Chris Henri in that her grandchildren get a rash when swimming. Vice-President Marty Neighbors asked if anyone else experiences this. Discussion

was held and it was felt some have a greater sensitivity than others. Ed Henri stated the water levels are down and questioned if the springs are open. Erie High has dived the lake for 2 years now. He said the springs are open and the water temperature is 15-20 degrees lower near the springs. Someone commented that lake levels are lower across Michigan this year.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith brought up that there are 4 prizes for the picnic. Tickets are 6/\$5. The prizes included a hoodie sweatshirt donated by Lisa Wick's daughter, a \$75 gift certificate donated by Hunter's Paradise, a blow-up unicorn for the water donated by Hunter's Paradise, and the 50-50 tickets. The drawing will be at 3:00pm. Then it was revealed we have 58 members with 55 in the early bird drawing. We have 13 new members (were not members last year) and 31 who have not rejoined as yet. Three people said they have not received the paperwork. Jim and Janet VanHavermaat won the early bird drawing. Susan Neighbors said to thank Lisa's daughter for donating the hoodie sweatshirt. She said it brought in \$45.00 for the fireworks. Lisa Wick then brought up that her daughter bought property here but not in the subdivisions. She wants to join the association but has been told she cannot (not in subdivisions). Charlie Smith made a motion for this to be brought up at the board of directors meeting tomorrow. Seconded by Deb Smith. Motion passed.

Hay Ride: Lisa Wick stated that she and her daughters got together for some planning to make the event even better. They will include Erie High in the future. The event is scheduled for 10-9-2021. It is always the second weekend in October.

Unrelated discussion (Pavilion): Stephanie Wood wanted to know why and who reported them as committing fraud with the Go Fund Me page. She addressed the comment to Mark Scott who said "the cart was put before the horse". Deb Smith suggested this be a conversation between Mark and Stephanie and not here. Julie Cline said she felt everything was handled well.

New Business:

Bylaws Presentation: Marty Neighbors indicated items marked in red were additions/changes to the bylaws for the community's review. He presented Articles I,

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II, III and pointed out the suggested changes. Stephanie Wood made a motion to accept the changes and it was seconded by Erie High. Motion passed. Then Vice-President Neighbors reviewed Articles IV,V,VI. He pointed out the addition to Article V Section 5 of a new officer called the Membership Chair. Mike DeSloover said this is a needed position as it would make a better system to keep an eye on the monies. Sue Neighbor's asked if it is a position for two years. Deb Smith made a motion to accept the changes as reviewed and seconded by Tammie Fedor. Motion passed. Mark Scott questioned the number of property owners that hold board positions such as husband and wife teams. He said it makes a point that 1 family can take over the board. Comments included that no one else wants to take the jobs anyway. Charlie Smith made it clear that each property owner has 1 vote at the annual meeting, but on the board of directors each person has 1 vote. Vice-President Neighbors then reviewed the Membership Agreements/ Guideline including the additions and

changes. Mary VanDeKerkhove made motion to accept the guidelines and it was seconded by Susan Neighbors. Motion passed. One comment from the membership was that their kids were swimming at the beach site and someone made a rude comment that they were lake front property owners and could not use the beach area. Vice-President Neighbors said we all need to work harder to get along. He then thanked Charlie Smith, Fred VanDeKerkhove, Mary Ann Wood, Erie High, and himself for the hard work put into the Bylaws and Guidelines. They had not been updated since 2014.

New Business:

Elections of Board of Directors: Deb Smith announced the elections and stated that President John Krieger plans to step down. She asked if anyone is interested. Marty Neighbors said he is. The vote was held and as the only nominee Marty Neighbors was elected. Erie High volunteered for Vice-President and that was also passed unanimously. Mary

Ann Wood said she would stay on as Secretary and this also was accepted. Treasurer Mike DeSloover also wants to step down and Deb Smith volunteered to take over as Treasurer. This was also passed with 1 nay vote. Membership Chair was accepted by Susan Neighbors and this too passed.

Directors: Stephanie Wood, Kathy DeSloover, Charlie Smith, Erie High, Ken VanRipper, and Lisa Wick all want off as Directors. Mary and Fred VanDeKerkhove, Phil Serra, and Tammie Fedor will stay on and Rick Elenbaas and Frank DeVuono volunteered. The slate was accepted as listed. Marty Neighbors announced the first meeting is tomorrow at the picnic area at 10:00 am and if raining at his house.

Mark Scott announced any child driving 4 wheelers on Northwood Trail will be reported to Clare County Sheriff department. Vice-President Neighbors reminded board members of the meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am at the boat launch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday August 8, 2021

Location: Marty Neighbor's barn

Present: Marty Neighbors, Erie High, Mary Ann Wood, Deb Smith, Susan Neighbors, Fred VanDeKerkhove, Tammie Fedor, Frank DeVuono, and Rick Elenbaas.

Absent: Phil Serra

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Marty Neighbors.

Minutes: The July 4, 2021 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. There were many corrections because this was mistakenly the rough draft. Deb Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with the many corrections, and it was seconded by Tammie Fedor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith said as of August 7, 2021 the balance was \$4062.19. She reported a \$835 income from the flares and \$70.00 in donations. Boat parade prizes were corrected to be \$70.00. Dues income was \$600.00. Erie said his receipts were given to Susan Neighbors. She has receipts as well and will mail to Mike DeSloover as he will be in office until September 1, 2021. Tammie Fedor made motion to accept treasurer's report with corrections

and seconded by Frank DeVuono. Motion carried. President Neighbors thanked Erie High and Fred Stutzman for painting the gate and that it looks nice.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported there are 64 members with 17 new members from last year. She still has 29 expired memberships that have not renewed. She passed around those membership slips for the board to review. She also said membership forms were emailed and not postal mail. Discussion held around postal mailing next year.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Tammie Fedor will take over this position.

Community News: Deb Smith said Frank DeVuono has a new grandson. She also said she will keep this position.

Fish Planting: No new report, but fish planting will be every other year.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported 150 members to our Facebook community page.

Web Page: Sue Neighbors reported

there is nothing new.

Water Testing: The testing is to be done in July so the results can be given to the community at the annual picnic per previous minutes.

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors volunteered to be the 2022 chair for the parade. Marty Neighbors and Fred VanDeKerkhove will handle the flares. Erie High and Jeff Webster to handle fireworks. Erie reported what he does will be separate from Jeff Webster because his license is more encompassing. Erie intends to donate \$1500.00 to the fireworks he shoots off and they will be launched from his property on Toohy Trail. He said he will be using 5 inch charges and they will be handled remotely due to the safety required. He also said the barge idea is out because of the water testing and hazardous material permits required. Jeff Webster will shoot his off from the boat launch area. President Neighbors and Erie High both encouraged us to tell people to contribute to these 2 gentleman for the cost of the fireworks. He said it is necessary because of safety reasons, hazards and fire potential.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—continued

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith reported sales of \$255 from the 50-50. Ninety dollars was gathered from the donated hoodie and turned over to Erie High for the fireworks. She also said the association made \$7.00 from the sale of left over pork and the buns. More leftover pulled pork was saved for the hayride, as was the left over pop and water. The cornhole tournament was a success and will be an annual event going forward. She offered appreciation to her committee and to Susan Neighbors for the making of the trophies which will be traveling from year to year.

Hayride: Lisa Wick chairs the hayride along with Erie High and John Krieger. She reported at yesterday's annual meeting that there will be bigger and better stuff at the hayride this year. Erie suggested making a haunted forest out of the woods behind the abandoned boats.

Old Business:

Newsletter: Susan Neighbors will remain as the newsletter chair.

Grass Cutting: Tammie Fedor offered appreciation for a job well done with grass cutting at boat launch and beach area.

New Business:

Tree Trimming: Erie High reported he got a bid for \$400.00 from a new tree service located on Claroskee. He also recommends trimming the trees over the current location of the tents because of possible branches falling. He is awaiting insurance proof for the new service. President Neighbors asked Erie to make sure pontoons and the docks are moved so they are not crushed by the tree coming down. He also recommended putting it on the FB page when we have a date. Erie reported it may not be until a week from this Monday. He did ask how to pay the company. He is to get a definite price and get it to Deb Smith. He also said the tree service will cut the wood into 16 and 24 inch logs.

Township Meetings: Erie High reminded everyone that the camper permit program is going to be started by the township next year. He said there was plenty of outrage over gypsy moths. He reported money spent was \$8-900,000 for spraying gypsy moths. He said people are going to be hired to do a gypsy moth count. You can call the CCD-Clare County Conservation Department to do egg counts. He said "Bust the Moth" stickers are available and we should put on our property to allow the counters to enter our property. It was

brought up both at our meeting and the township meeting that there are cheaper avenues available for spraying. There was a question if recycling was still being done. The answer being "yes". Erie also reported that tires can be put back by the red building by the township offices. He was going to check to see if they still recycle glass as there was some confusion as to whether they did or not.

Discussions: There was discussion on the tabled motion from the annual meeting yesterday. Deb Smith talked with Lisa Wick yesterday and said the bylaws say you must be in the subdivisions to be member of ELCOA. If your deed does not say then you cannot be a member. President Neighbors suggested a guest membership. It was also mentioned she gets all the benefits of membership through Lisa and doesn't have to pay dues. But after much discussion which included that our taxes pay for weed control in the lake Deb Smith made a motion that no further action be taken on the request for membership and that we stay where we are at in regards to extent of membership. Susan Neighbors seconded motion. Motion carried. It was also brought up that there will be future issues will the properties off Northwoods Trail as they become further sold and developed. The lights at the boat launch were brought up. The resident next to the boat launch that has provided electricity for our functions has commented that her electric bill has increased by \$50.00 per year from our usage at 2 events. She does get membership free as payment for such. There was a suggestion to get weather proof lockable 110 volts electrical outlets on the light pole. It was suggested that if we were to do this that the light pole lights be upgraded to LED lights. It was thought we may have a problem with the breaker box. We need a quote for the LEDs, the breaker box, and the electrical work. This was tabled until the next meeting. Frank DeVuono and Erie High to get the quotes which would include a bank of 4 outlets.

The next topic was the quote for the 8x8 shed. Erie High said he was busy and was not able to secure the quote in time for today's meeting. President Neighbors suggested a donation for the building and have it on skids so it could be

moved at the board's discretion. Again, there was much discussion of property owners versus ELCOA. President Neighbors asked Erie High to get a feeling of off lake people if a shed would be upsetting to them. Erie also suggested he could clear a spot on his property if we can't resolve this issue of the shed being at the boat launch. This would prevent ease of use for stored items.

President Neighbors asked the board for a new business item in that his family has suggested an extra hour on weekends for jet skis etc to use the lake. It would then make the hours to be until 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. The suggestion was to have the hours from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Deb Smith suggested this should be an Annual meeting discussion. President Marty Neighbors then said he has a new appreciation for all of the board members. He feels we now have a great team in place.

Erie High brought up the need for assurance to have the boat launch area plowed of snow this winter. Mary Ann Wood will get with Ken VanRiper and ask if he will routinely keep the boat launch area plowed and that if needed he will be paid. Erie also asked if there are "no fishing" signs at the beach area and if he could have permission to follow up. He also stated he will get conduit and repair the picnic tables of which there are about 4 needing repair.

Deb Smith brought up that Kristy Tesch would like to offer a class similar to first responders where updates would be given and basic first aid would be taught. There has been long delays in an ambulance's arrival and this would provide care until the ambulance got here. We are to let her know if people are interested in this.

President Neighbors announced the next board meeting is 10-10-2021 at 10:00am at his place.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.



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