

A Little Slice of Heaven

September 2022



Elbow Lake Chatter

Chili Cook-off at this year's Hayride!

*Dig out your favorite recipe
and get cookin'....a prize for
the one voted the best!*

October 8th, 4pm

at the Boat Launch

BYOB and a dish to pass if you want, but pop and water will be provided. Get involved by decorating your trunk and hand out treats to the kids, then enjoy making s'mores around the bonfire.

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

Costume judging begins at 4:30 pm sharp.

Lisa Wick, Rick Elenbaas, John Krieger, Frank DeVuono and Susan Neighbors are putting their heads together to plan a successful, fun evening.

We hope you'll join us.

**Chili Cook-off
Hot Dogs
Trunk or Treat
Pumpkin Painting
Games
Costume Contests
for 0 to 18 years
50/50 Raffle
Best decorated
Vehicle
Prizes
Hayride**

You Need to Know

Sheriff

989-539-7166

Fire Department

989-539-7145

Oxygen

Mary Ann Wood
10385 N. Athey Ave.
989-539-1817

Frank DeVuono
9982 South Shore
586-482-0907

Emergency Walkie-Talkies

Oxygen and AED

Charlie & Deb Smith
9895 Toohy Trail
989-560-5811 or 989-424-8633

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elbowlakecoa@gmail.com

ELCOA's Facebook page is:
Elbow Lake community page

ELCOA webpage:
www.elbowlakeinfo.wordpress.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Condolences

The Militellos recently lost their nephew to a wildfire in Oregon. He was a "smoke jumper" and died doing the job he loved. We are sorry for your loss and thankful for his service.

Best wishes, Carol

Long-time resident, Carol Ouellette, has left Elbow Lake for good to return as a full-time resident in Canada. She had been in Canada since the pandemic began and will now remain there. You will be missed.

Teamwork makes the Dream work

Cheers to all who have helped maintain our beautiful community this past year. Whether you mowed, raked, fixed, plowed, etc., your contributions were noticed and appreciated. Our thanks to: the John's family, John Collins, Janet Strickler, Kevin & Sally Rouse, Frank DeVuono, John Krieger, Sue, Marty, Leslie & Jennie Neighbors, Fred Stutzman, Ken VanRiper, Darrell Poston, Annette & Kevin Pillon, Lisa & Dave Wick, Darin Rickeard, Erie High, Kevin & Renee Ciemnicki, Ryan McRae, Mark Scott, Charlie Smith, Ruey Wood, Fred VanDeKerkhove. just to name a few!

1st Annual Pike Fishing Contest

Mark Scott organized this event and it was won by Luke High, who hooked a 22" pike. In the last two years, the biggest pike have been caught by youngsters . . . (what is their secret?!)

We have a Library!

Thank you so much to Kathy and Mike DeSloover for thinking of a great idea and making it happen for Elbow Lake residents. They have constructed a lending library for our use. What a fabulous contribution to our community!

Stop by and check it out. Your contributions of books and DVD's are always appreciated. And be sure to return them when you're finished so somebody else can enjoy them, too.



Dates to Remember:

October 8: 4pm, Hayride
October 9: 10am, Board Meeting
at Neighbors' house—
9952 South Shore
All are welcome to attend

A new Chairman is needed
for the Annual Picnic. ***You do not need to be on the Board to volunteer for this event.***
Volunteers have already committed to assist you.
Please consider volunteering.

Thank you,
Hunters Paradise!
Your generous donations
to ELCOA events in this,
and past years, is
greatly appreciated.



Franklin Township Board votes to continue the Special Assessment District (SAD) for Lake Weed Management of Elbow Lake

On Saturday, September 17, the township board voted 4-0 to continue the SAD for the next 6 years. A new 3 year contract with Northwoods Lake Management—the company that we have been using—will be signed soon. Thank you to all who showed up in support of this important issue. This was the second of the two meetings, at which no objections to the treatment of the lake were expressed.

We will go through this process again in 2028, when the board will have to renew the SAD according to Michigan law. The SAD allows the township to collect monies from the residents (through their property tax bill) and issue a check to Northwoods for its services on our behalf.

It's not too late to send in your 2022-23 membership dues. Your dues pays for safety items such as oxygen, an AED, walkie-talkies for emergency use, swim buoys. Also, fish planting, boat launch lighting, porta-potties, docks, repairs at Boat Launch and Swim Site . . . and more. We appreciate your patronage.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Elbow Lake Bar lives again!

Thank you to the Jim Pelky family who opened their home to the Elbow Lake community. The chance to see the bar again, where so many memories were made, was greatly appreciated. Those of us newer to the area, got to check out the former bar and the memorabilia on display that Jim collected and wish we had been able to enjoy the bar in its heyday. The entire Elbow Lake resort area was invited and those who came brought a dish and enjoyed the hot dogs and burgers that Jim cooked. His pole barn hosted dancing and karaoke supplied by Ruey Wood. Attendees all said they had the best time and a wonderful trip down memory lane. Jim plans to make the Elbow Lake Bar Party an annual event.



ACTIVITIES

The Annual Picnic...yeah, we had fun!

We had a great turnout, competitive games, raffles and prizes, and lots of delicious food including fried chicken. 12 adult teams and 8 kids teams competed in our second annual Cornhole Tournament. The "Early Bird" membership winner was Dave Forgione....congrats! Thanks, Deb Smith, for chairing this successful event again.



2022 Cornhole Champions are Grace Militello & Charlie Smith (center); 2nd place: Rich Shea & Deb Smith (left); 3rd place: Brenden Kaimala and Ed Henri (right).

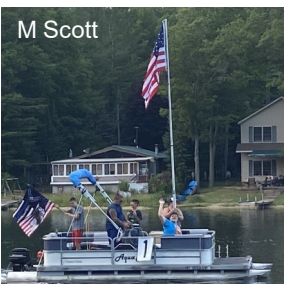
Jr. Cornhole Champions are Alex Tenorio & Austin McCormick (center); 2nd place: Brenden Sobanski and Maveric Schafer (left); 3rd place: Corbin Tenorio & Griffin Neighbors (right).



ACTIVITIES



13 boats entered the "Christmas in July" parade...the most in recent history (or ever?)! And scoring the most points was Russ and Lorie Beck's pontoon. It had everything from a fireplace and 2 Christmas trees, to Rudolph, Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers. Congratulations to them and to all who entered and entertained us. Thank you!
The Beck's announced next year's theme: "**DISNEY CARTOONS**". Start thinking about it now!



SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday July 3, 2022

Location: Marty Neighbors' house

Present: Marty Neighbors, Erie High, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Deb Smith, Frank DeVuono, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, Ken VanRiper and John Krieger.

Absent: Rick Elenbaas

Guests: Lisa Wick, Joe Krieger and Mark Scott.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Marty Neighbors. President Neighbors added to the agenda: signs and Township meetings regarding lake spraying. He also said the "pyrotechnics" were so very awesome last night around the lake.

Minutes: The May 29, 2022 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith relayed the treasurer's report. The balance is \$3,084.15, after \$278.17 expenses and \$1,145.00 income. A question raised from Lisa Wick regarding the monies donated from her daughter raised by sweatshirt sales inquiring amount and fund usage towards the fireworks. Deb Smith responded she has no way of telling where the monies came from with her recently taking over the office. Deb Smith also reported that the monies from flare sales has not yet been incorporated into the report, which resulted in an additional \$1,000.00. Erie High made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by John Krieger. Motion carried. Deb also brought the review of the proposed budget for ELCOA. John Krieger made a motion to accept the same budget as previous year (especially for picnic and hayride) plus a 10% increase for inflation. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported a membership of 50 with 5 membership mailings back at home for a total of 55 members. She also said we were at 48 last year at this time.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper was welcomed back to the board as Tammy Fedor's replacement. He reported a suicide on Meredith Grade on Saturday night last week. It was the son of Dave that lives next to junk yard Karl. Lisa Wick suggested that Ken needs a list of the phone numbers in the neighborhood in case he finds something wrong with

someone's property.

Community News: It was reported that Stephanie Wood talked with Jim (Carol Ouellette's friend) about Carol. He said that Carol will not be coming back to Elbow Lake.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported regarding the Facebook group saying there are now 192 members of our page. She and Mark Scott approve all applicants based on how they are related to property owners or if they can answer the question whom they are invited by. She expressed the need for a third administrator and has not heard anything from Jason Miller's wife. Erie said he talked with Jason who said his wife needs more time to decide. She also reported that Stephanie Wood is checked by Deb and Mark Scott on any comments she may decide to post. Stephanie is aware.

Webpage/Newsletter: Sue Neighbors reported there is nothing new to report and that the newsletter went out in June.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott spoke with Frank DeVuono regarding the planting of fish which Frank has done in his own pond. Mark suggested that ELCOA not do anything with the fish planting and it not be an ELCOA project. He thought it might be a good method to bring the community together by seeking donations for outside projects. Deb Smith suggested that ELCOA at least donate to said project. John Krieger asked about fish planting being part of ELCOA's bylaws; when did it fall off of the Bylaws? Mark also suggested that the amount collected for fish planting be \$1,500.00 and consideration be given to next year's planting. Deb Smith said the community should see that ELCOA donated monies as well. Erie High suggested fish planting be every year and it doesn't matter how the donations are done. He also questioned the stocking of crappie and perch in October. Mark responded that the perch and crappie will be 5-7 inches and not minnows. Deb Smith made a motion to contribute \$500.00 from ELCOA every year. Erie High seconded. Motion carried.

Water Testing: Deb Smith said Charlie will be doing water testing much sooner so we can get a comparison from August to July.

Annual Picnic: The team is working hard for the picnic this year. Deb Smith

is checking into different meats and looked at chicken at 96 pieces for \$95.00 from Fruchey's. Fruchey's figures 2 pieces per person and she is thinking if 100 attend then would need 200 pieces for \$190.00. Comments from the board said this would eliminate anyone being offended with personal beliefs with pork and everyone likes chicken. She asked about progress with the dunk tank and Erie said he will be checking into this with the township. Sue Neighbors reported the bounce house is a go. Lisa Wick suggested \$400.00 for prizes. John Krieger made a motion for \$300.00 be allocated for prizes but not to exceed \$400.00. Mary VanDeKerkhove seconded. Motion carried. Deb Smith related that the corn hole tournament is a go and people need to sign up by 7-31-2022. Marty Neighbors reported he had a traveling Appreciation Plaque made that will go to Hunters' Paradise this year as the first recipient and can someone notify Lori (from Hunters) to attend the picnic.

Hayride: Ken VanRiper said he will not be driving for the hayride and his trailer has been sold. Lisa Wick suggested we make it a Fall Festival without a hayride as there are questions about liability. Deb Smith said we carry liability insurance for special events. President Marty said he has a 20 foot trailer and it could be towed by a side by side. Co-chairs reported nothing else is new but there will be Trunk or Treat and decorating. Volunteers are needed.

Fourth of July: Sue Neighbors reported the new 8:00 pm start time was a big help with 13 entries for the parade. First place went to Russ Beck with the Santa and elves float and 184 points in voting. Second place went to Tanks with the gingerbread house float and 177 points. Third place went to Neighbors with the Griswold Christmas float and 167 points. Fourth place was a tie between Jay Smith and the Collins with Christmas wreath and Americana Christmas floats respectively. The first place winner will pick next year's theme. Sue said there were 5 impartial judges and that she made pennants for 1-4th place positions.

Frank DeVuono and Marty Neighbors walked around the lake selling flares. They found out that some people had flares left from last year, or that they purchased them elsewhere. Someone donated

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ed 1 case back to the association. Sue Neighbors received a call from someone that off lake people were not approached about buying flares. So Frank and Marty went around to them and sold flares also. Flare sales were \$1,000.00 but our purchase bill was \$1,100.00. We do have 5 boxes of flares left for next year. We can cut back on purchasing for next year by a gross.

Lisa Wick suggested a side by side/golf cart parade and Marty suggested a kayak race. Deb Smith said it has been tried before and Lisa felt it should be tried again. Deb related safety issues and should we put flyers out to see what people think? President Marty said we would need a different chairperson and perhaps people feel left out because of not owning a boat for the parade.

Township Meetings: President Neighbors talked with Ed Erskine at the township meeting where he, Mary Ann Wood and Erie High attended. We found out 2 meetings need to be held that would include at least one person each from the township board and ELCOA. There needs to be one during the day, and one in the evening. Jeff from Northwoods (supplier of treatments) would also be invited to attend these meetings. Then the township board will vote regarding the decision to move ahead or not. A question was asked why the township doesn't sign the contract and the answer is because it was a community proposal. Mark Scott asked who is liable with the lake spraying and should it be signed by the township as well. Frank asked how other lakes handle this type of thing. President Neighbors said he will contact Ed Erskine and ask these questions. Comments were made to the positive as to the ratioing of onlake/off lake assessments by Ruey Wood and then presented to the township board. President Neighbors also reported on issues from the township meeting regarding ambulance service—a long response time with incident response time in excess of 20 minutes. Also, Woods Rd has a piece of property where the property owners are in the middle of a landlock. The property owner has been seen drawing guns and knives on his perceived trespassers. Frank mentioned there is a prescription easement and that property owner owns both sides of road and consequently feels he in the right; last year the utility compa-

ny cut up gates on both ends of the road leading to that property. Next, discussion was around Claroskee and M-18 curve that has difficulty seeing to pull out on M-18. Lisa commented the curve by her house is equally dangerous and needs the weeds cut back. President Neighbors said he would put in a work order with the road commission. It was revealed there is a property auction on 8-23-2022 and one can go to the Clare County website. Erie High has looked into the property up for auction on Woods Rd and was greeted by 2 guys with AR-15s and knives and was told they are "buying the property and get off our land". President Neighbors also reported the township is honoring Juneteenth as a holiday as is Clare County.

Old Business: President Neighbors related that dates need to be selected for the township review by property owners. He suggests Saturday and Mondays. The township is waiting for us to submit an answer and any objections that we may be aware of. The meetings must be advertised and property owners will be notified by mail. The dates of July 15, 2022 (in am) and July 30, 2022 (in pm) were suggested by Deb Smith. President Neighbors will call Ed Erskine and try to lock in the dates.

Boat Launch: John Krieger reported on the upgrade at the boat launch. He said it was \$150.00 for the sand and \$100.00 for the grading, so only \$40.00 extra was spent. Erie High made a motion for ELCOA to donate the extra amount to settle the bill. Deb Smith seconded. Motion carried. Erie also reported the light at the boat launch is being worked on. John Krieger said he would talk to Bob Bates about an estimate for the other side of the boat launch. There was one complaint about the sand not going all the way to the water. John said he would cut weeds and move sand. Erie and Fred Stutzman will be handling the grinding of the stump. Lisa asked why only one dock was in and Mark Scott reported docks are in on both sides of the boat launch. Marty reported the buoys have been refurbished and striped with new labels adhered. Mark Scott said someone is moving the buoys out laterally so maybe we are infringing on someone else's property line.

New Business: President Neighbors reported on a letter from Rickeards; see handout. Marty wants to respond to let them know ELCOA doesn't own the property at the boat launch. Mark Scott replied any anchor could be at end of dock and owners can't do anything about it. He said it is not ELCOA business.

Erie said he got information from Michigan Department of State raising the fee from \$7.00 to \$12.00 for researching the abandoned boat registrations numbers. Deb Smith asked what we are planning on doing after we find out who the boats belong too. Mark recommended that ELCOA not get involved as it is private property. He suggests putting them back in the woods. One aluminum row boat has Mozola painted on it.

There was discussion regarding someone locking the gate at the boat launch on Fourth of July weekend and it was discovered by Rick Cline who also got it unlocked. There is no information as to who locked the gate.

Erie High also said the DNR has been hanging around Hunters' Paradise and they are issuing \$225.00 tickets for riding on M-18 as the ORV sticker doesn't cover riding on the shoulder. Remember, to ride on any road requires a certificate. Election chair, Deb Smith, said at this time there is one board seat up for election.

Discussion held on changing the hours of "no wake". Decision was to remain the same so fishermen can use the lake. Mark Scott proposed an off lake committee and that he had that discussion with President Neighbors. This way, off lake property suggestions would come from this committee after input and research. The suggested name is the 234 Committee. It was suggested that an ELCOA board member be part of this committee. John Krieger made a motion to make the 234 Committee effective immediately with Mark Scott as chair and that he be made an interim board member. Fred VanDeKerkhove seconded. Motion carried. Erie High suggested signs on boat launch area and beach site saying "enter property at your own risk". He made a motion to purchase 3 signs for this purpose and have them posted at said sites. Sue Neighbors seconded. Motion carried.

Discussions: Lisa Wick asked about the status of the magnets. Reminders about

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walkie talkies and oxygen sites. Marty Neighbors now has one of the oxygen tanks. Erie High asked about a first aid class and CPR. Deb Smith said Chris Tesch is checking on setting up classes. Comments were made about kids speeding around point at Toohy and Athey that al-

most resulted in an accident.

Discussions: Lisa Wick brought up the mowing of the properties for August as the original volunteer backed out. Ken VanRiper said he will do August's mowing.

President Neighbors announced the

Annual Meeting is 8-06-2022 at 10:00 am at the boat launch.

Erie High made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary VanDeKerkhove. Motion passed. Adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Location: Boat Launch

Present: Marty Neighbors, Erie High, Deb Smith, Susan Neighbors, Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove, John Krieger, Frank DeVuono, Rick Elenbaas and Ken VanRiper.

Absent: Mary Ann Wood

Guests: Stephanie Wood, Mike & Kathy DeSloover, Fred Stutzman, Tammie Fedor, Rob Schornak, Ed & Chris Henri, Lisa Wick and Mike Mozola.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by President Marty Neighbors, who welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. He assured them that there would be no "fireworks" at this meeting, that the only fireworks this year occurred Fourth of July weekend.

Awards: An appreciation award to Ruey Wood (absent) was presented to his wife, Stephanie. His years of dedicated service to ELCOA, including his push to start the lake weeds treatment program years ago are much appreciated by this community. Hunters' Paradise also received a big thank you and an appreciation plaque that can be displayed in the store. Their support with donations of pop, ice, and raffle prizes for our Annual Picnics and Hayrides was recognized. Lori Hopkins, store manager, was there to accept the award.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 7, 2021, meeting were read by Susan Neighbors. Ed Henri motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Stephanie Wood and the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was read by Deb Smith. There was a question regarding the cost of the portajohn: \$100/day (Annual Picnic) and \$110/month (Swim Site – May thru September). The balance on hand as of 7/3/2022 is \$3,548.34. Mary VanDeKerkhove made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Mike DeSloover seconded. Report approved.

Membership: Susan Neighbors said that

ELCOA has received 65 memberships so far. 28 members from last year have not re-enrolled as yet, but that 10 of the 65 are brand new to ELCOA. There were 62 members in the Early Bird drawing; Dave Forgione won the \$100 prize. There was a question about total number of property owners in the resorts: the information Sue had was there were approximately 151 property owners last year and 83 of them were ELCOA members.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper said the neighborhood was quiet.

Community Watch: Carol Ouellette's home on Toohy Trail will be sold as she is now living in a retirement home.

Fish Planting: Perch and crappie (5-7" long) will be planted this year. \$500 has been donated by ELCOA and more than \$1500 has been donated by resort residents. Mark Scott (absent) has been instrumental in making this project happen. He has also organized a pike tournament, currently ongoing. So far, most pike caught have ranged in the 16-22" range.

ELCOA Community FB page: Deb Smith reported 192 members currently. There is one member on probation, whose comments need to be approved by administrators before they are posted. Deb reiterated that the site is for informative, positive, factual information. A request for a third FB administrator was made and Rick Elenbaas volunteered.

Newsletter: The September newsletter will be the last for this year.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith reported that the water was tested for E.coli on June 28, 2022. Samples must score below 300 E.coli per 100 milliliters for the water to be considered safe for swimming. Water at SW corner of lake was 3; swim area was 1; NE corner was 1; and SE area was 4, so we can be

assured that the risk of E.coli contamination is very low. The tests cost \$100 -- \$25 for each area. There was a question about testing for other chemicals/contaminants and Charlie will investigate that for next year.

Township News: Marty Neighbors reported that the township is planning improvements at the M-18/Claroskee Rd intersection that would include new curbing, and acceleration and deceleration lanes.

A new ambulance service has been hired to cover the county better.

The township is investigating the possibility of a "mutual aid" agreement with Denton Township to the north of us, but that would involve relegating tax money to Roscommon County for emergency services instead of Clare County; nothing has been finalized.

Races planned at the Clare County Airport have been cancelled due to liability issues. Clare County Road Commission projects are moving along. A brand-new material with more strength is being used on the roads.

Boat Launch: Erie High continues to pursue the repair/replacement of the light at the launch. ELCOA pays a set annual amount for the light; it is non-metered and not working most of the time. The electric company said they will replace it with an LED light but have failed to appear. Sand was donated by private individuals for the shoreline. ELCOA purchased additional safety signs for the Swim Site and Boat Launch areas.

Oxygen Tanks: Frank DeVuono volunteered to house the third set of emergency tanks. They will be located at the last house on the west end of South Shore Drive.

Elections: Ed Henri, Ken VanRiper, Mark Scott were voted in as new directors. Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove agreed to serve another term as directors.

234 Committee: This committee represents property owners of Resorts 2, 3 and 4. Mark Scott obtained buoy permits from the DNR so permanent anchors can be

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placed to attach the swim buoys.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith reminded everyone that the Annual Picnic is this afternoon. There will be a 50/50 raffle, as well as raffles for the following prizes: GoPro waterproof camera and 2 sets of water “floaties”. Hunters Paradise has donated 2 sweatshirts and a \$50 gift certificate for raffle prizes. There will be a Cornhole Tournament for adult and kids’ teams. A new chairperson will be needed for next year.

Hayride: Saturday October 8 is the date.

New Business:

ATV/Side-by-side/Golf Cart Parade:

Stephanie Wood proposed having a parade next year. She volunteered to organize and chair it. Anything with wheels will be allowed. She will share more information as she gets organized.

Refresher Course for CPR and defibrillator:

Tammie Fedor is trying to set up refresher courses with the local fire chief. She will share more information as she learns details.

Lending Library: Mike and Kathy De-

Sloover were thanked for the wonderful library cabinet they built and stocked on their property on Toohy Trail. They have books for all ages to enjoy. It is a nice addition to our community and very much appreciated.

Mary VanDeKerkhove made motion to adjourn, seconded by Stephanie Wood and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Submitted by Susan Neighbors for Mary Ann Wood, secretary.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Location: Marty Neighbors’ home

Present: Marty Neighbors, Erie High, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Deb Smith, Frank DeVuono, Ken VanRiper, Mark Scott and John Krieger.

Absent: Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove and Rick Elenbaas.

Guests: Stephanie Wood

The meeting was called to order at 10am by President Marty Neighbors. President Neighbors thanked Deb Smith and Susan Neighbors for all their hard work on a wonderful picnic. He said it was a good time for everyone there. The attendance was down but the chicken was excellent. The dunk tank, bounce house, balloon toss and duck games were a hit especially with the hot weather. He apologized for not having an agenda for today’s meeting.

Minutes: The July 3, 2022 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood and were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Deb Smith reported that the balance is \$3,446.24 after \$710.10 expenses and \$716 income. She said there were expenses for the corn hole prizes of \$90 and the Early Bird Drawing of \$100. Dues were collected at the picnic. The chicken was \$295; in essence, the picnic cost us \$64. She reported she does not have an end of year report as our fiscal year does not end until August 31, 2022. She will provide it at the next board meeting. Reported approved.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors reported 70 members and 1 still outstanding from the board.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Erie High reported he was contacted this morning that the

Barnes home was cleaned out last night. Someone pulled in with a trailer and emptied the home and garage. Police were called to secure the home. Deb Smith reported that Chris and Gary Tesch noticed the doors open this morning; at 5:30pm yesterday, the home looked fine. The sheriff was given Kevin’s name and number. It remains to be determined if it is a robbery or family removal. Erie said Mark Scott had a boat vandalized several months ago.

Facebook: Deb Smith said there are now 198 members. Rick Elenbaas volunteered to be a third administrator.

Webpage/Newsletter: Sue said the year’s final newsletter will be in September.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott said the actual date for the planting will be posted on Facebook. He collected \$2050 in donations and turned down an additional \$500, asking those contributors to donate it for next year’s planting. He was advised not to put too many fish in at one time.

Water Testing: Charlie Smith had the water tested and it was well within normal limits. A question from the Annual Meeting was addressed; Charlie will contact the health department to see if testing for other pollutants would be advised.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith said there were 12 Adult and 8 Kids teams in the Corn Hole Tournament. Overall, there was a good turnout at the picnic. As she is retiring from the position, new chairmen will need to volunteer for next year, as it is too exhausting for her to handle alone.

Hayride: Lisa Wick is not here so no report; the Hayride is October 8, 2022.

Township Meeting: President Neighbors

said the township has sent out letters to residents with dates for the lake spraying discussion meetings. Those dates are August 30th at 6pm and September 17 at 2:30pm at the township hall on M-18.

Old Business: President Neighbors asked Erie High about 3 boats at the Boat Launch. Apparently the one thought to be Militello’s is actually Mozola’s. Erie said we still need to know the registrations of abandoned boats. Mark Scott said the red boat has trees growing out of it. A question of liability for the lake spraying was brought up at yesterday’s annual meeting. It is reported that Jeff (treatment guy) carries liability insurance.

New Business: President Neighbors reported on an idea at yesterday’s meeting to have a side-by-side, motorcycle, golf cart, etc. parade. Stephanie Wood volunteered to chair this committee. She is now proposing to have the parade Memorial Day weekend. She wants to have prize money for 1st thru 4th place so \$70 was approved for prizes, the same as the boat parade. President Neighbors suggested South Shore as part of the parade route. Of course, all vehicles need to have an American flag displayed.

Discussions: President Neighbors announced that Ed Henri is a new director, as well as Mark Scott—who will be in charge of the 234 Committee. Fred and Mary VanDeKerkhove were also re-elected.

President Neighbors said the next board meeting is September 4, 2022 at 10am at his house.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM ELCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday September 4, 2022

Location: Marty Neighbors' house

Present: Marty Neighbors, Erie High, Mary Ann Wood, Susan Neighbors, Deb Smith, Frank DeVuono, Ken VanRiper, Mark Scott, John Krieger, Mary and Fred VanDeKerkhove, and Ed Henri.

Absent: Rick Elenbaas

Guests: Lisa Wick and Joe Krieger
The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by President Marty Neighbors.

Minutes: The August 7, 2022 minutes were read by secretary Mary Ann Wood. Minutes were approved with correction of Hayride date to Oct. 8, 2022.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Smith reported the balance is \$3,586.21 after \$858.13 expenses. Our fiscal year ended August 31, 2022 and expenses for the year were \$5353.61, and the ending balance was \$3586.00. She said the checkbook balance is \$3586.21 and she cannot find the \$.21 difference. She also provided a budget for the upcoming year, totaling \$4933.02. It includes \$500 for fish planting next year and the porta-potties at \$110 per month. The report was accepted.

Membership Report: Sue Neighbors said we have 72 members.

Report of Committees:

Neighborhood Watch: Ken VanRiper reported all is good in the neighborhood. Ed Henri reported talking with Mike DeSloover about the neighborhood library he has created. There appears to have been a theft of all of the DVD's that were donated; they are pursuing getting them returned. There is no new information on the Kevin Barnes' break-in last month.

Community News: Deb Smith reported the death of the Militello's nephew. The 27 year-old was killed by a falling tree fighting a fire out west. It was his dream job. Jim Pelky's neighborhood party was a huge success and well attended. Karaoke was a fan favorite. President Neighbors reported he was contacted regarding a complaint of occupants of the AirBnB crossing across a lakefront resident's yard instead of using the swim site. He contacted both parties and the issue was resolved.

Facebook: Deb Smith reported there are now 204 members of our page. Rick Elenbaas is the third administrator.

Webpage/Newsletter: Sue Neighbors said the website needs some updating. She will work on that as well as the news-

letter due out in September.

Fish Planting: Mark Scott contacted the company about 3 weeks ago; the event should happen in October. Mark also reported on the Pike Contest. He said he heard of people pulling out 12 or more pike throughout the contest. Luke High is the winner of the contest, hooking a 22 inch pike. He will be getting a trophy.

Water Testing: President Neighbors asked for an update on additional water testing. It was reported that Charlie Smith looked into it and the health department said ours is always so good, no further testing should be needed, but if substantial foamy stuff is seen then the DNR be contacted. Further, more inclusive testing would cost upwards of \$30.00. She said Sugar Springs had an issue with copper sulfate and it was determined that people were using too much weed killer and so it killed fish and some natural habitat. It was mentioned we do not have as many geese as we once had so those issues have decreased. President Neighbors said resident Laura Williams does not think we have as many fish beds as we once had. She feels it has to effect spawning and that the jet skis are primarily responsible.

Annual Picnic: Deb Smith said there were 12 adult teams and 8 kids' teams for the corn hole tournament. She said lots of people watched the events. New chairman/chairs are needed for next year's picnic as it was too exhausting for her to handle alone.

Hayride: Lisa Wick, John Krieger, Sue Neighbors, and Mark Scott said they would have a meeting after this one to finalize plans for the hayride. Lisa Wick requested more money for prizes for the hayride.

Committee 234: Mark Scott suggested leaving the docks in for this winter. He also said the buoys are being moved constantly inward at the beach. The permit gave a 45 ft width and 4 1/2 ft depth. Erie High said he will put the buoy anchors in next week.

Township Meetings: Mary Ann Wood attended the last meeting: gypsy moths, dams, airport, ambulance services etc. were discussed.

Old Business: President Neighbors reported an update on lake spraying. It his opinion after reading the contract that the technical issues are such that we

need to accept it and not subject it to high-power analysis. He asked John Krieger regarding boat launch improvements. John said there is nothing new. Erie High discussed the boat launch light. Apparently, Consumers Energy was supposed to fix it but now it does not work at all. His next call will be to tell them we won't pay for something we are not receiving.

New Business: Frank DeVuono brought up a suggestion to have an ice fishing moratorium. He said last year there were 10-20 ice fishing shanties on the lake and many were non-residents. Discussion followed. President Neighbors wondered if that suggestion to refrain from ice fishing this season only should be put in the newsletter; it was discouraged. It was also brought up about stacking the picnic tables for the winter. A table at the beach needs repair.

Discussions: Mark Scott has been trying to get hold of DEQ regarding the abandoned boat registrations. He also talked with Mozola's who claim the boat down there is not theirs. It was determined that boats abandoned can be declared abandoned and disposed of. Stephanie Wood was not present regarding the side by side parade for next year, but President Neighbors checked with Pillons and they said there would be no problem for the parade to turn around at their place.

President Neighbors announced the next board meeting is 10-09-2022 at 10:00 am at his house.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Ann Wood.



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