

Minutes

Board Meeting

Oct. 31, 2009

Present: Joe Albergo, Pam Deetz, Livvie Deetz, Marshall Doig, Norine Doig, Carol Massat, Helmuth

Massat, Brian Mervau

1. Minutes of the Sept. 19, 2009 meeting were approved.
2. The treasurer's report was accepted.
3. The aerial photography project is moving forward. The photography was delayed until leaves fell from the trees making individual houses more visible.
4. Brian Mervau reported on the weed control committee. Jim Donahoe, of Aquatic Weed Control, will be invited to our December 5th Board meeting. Jim Donahoe did a preliminary survey of our lakes and found three types of weeds, two native and one invasive. He found areas of substantial infestation by milfoil, an invasive species that can destroy native plants and impair fish habitats on the lakes. A formal weed survey will need to be done in the spring. This would have a net cost of about \$800 to the association. The full cost of the survey is \$8,000, but 90% would be paid for by the state. If there is sufficient milfoil to warrant it, we can apply for state grants to treat the lakes. Some residents are already having their properties treated. It may be possible to work out a package deal if neighbors agree to have their areas treated. It is also permissible to rake a 25' by 25' area in the lake on your shoreline. Any weed treatment needs to be approved by the Indiana DNR. We are planning educational presentations for residents on beneficial and invasive species for future meetings. Carol Massat moved that the weed control initiative move forward; this motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Helmuth Massat suggested that we have a "Bring your Weed" event at our next annual meeting, at which residents could bring a sample of an aquatic plant to determine whether it is a beneficial or invasive species. Marshall Doig suggested that the title be changed to "Bring your Aquatic Plant" to avoid any confusion. It was noted that we need to educate ourselves and our community about beneficial plants and the threat of invasive species. It was also noted that some residents are concerned about the potential impact of chemical treatment on health and on the environment. These concerns need to be addressed through education about these issues, which the Board will pursue.
5. Concerns were raised about debris found floating on the lakes and roadside litter. It was decided to raise this concern in the fall newsletter.
6. Concern was also raised about people burning plastic and creating noxious fumes. It was decided to include a mention of this in the newsletter, along with information about open burning in Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Massat