

**Minutes**  
**Idlewild Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**June 20, 2018**

The meeting was held at the Gull Lake Country Club.

Jim Woodruff (President) called the meeting to order.

Mark Disney (Secretary) read the minutes of the 6/1/17 Meeting. They were accepted by motion, second and vote.

Martha Reid (Treasurer) gave a Treasurer's Report, an overview of the Associations financial situation. It was accepted by motion, second and vote.

Martha mentioned that the family planning to build on the cleared lot near the neighborhood entrance expects to start construction soon and that they're looking for a place to rent during construction. Anyone interested in talking to them about possibly renting can get their contact information from Martha.

Martha informed the meeting that the Kalamazoo County Roads Commission (KCRC) has a plan to redo the Kalamazoo County roads around the lake, including in Idlewild. Work in Idlewild is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Detailed updates can be obtained from KCRC by email or text. The Elenbaases will make their driveway available as a secondary access during the road work. Everyone at the meeting expressed their appreciation to the Elenbaases.

Jim informed the meeting that Paul Dykstra's family is preparing to move out of Idlewild, that Paul is therefore resigning from the board and that Tom Noall has expressed an interest in replacing Paul on the board. Jim suggested that the current board with that change be elected by the association members. The officers and board members listed below were elected by motion, seconded and vote of the association members present.

Jim Woodruff, President  
Ross Hughes, Vice President  
Martha Reid, Treasurer  
Mark Disney, Secretary  
Ron Kilgore  
Tom Noall  
Michelle Tracy

Jim welcomed new neighbors and members Leslie and Jim Babel (2201 Idlewild) and Joy and Jeff Harris (2035 Idlewild).

Jeff Price spoke to the group about the Gull Lake Association (GLA), which maintains the dam at the outflow from Gull Lake. He told the meeting that the dam was built in the 1830s. Jeff briefly explained the importance of the dam to maintaining Gull Lake water levels and that the water level would drop by 8 feet if the dam failed. GLA has commissioned Prein & Newhof to consult on dam maintenance. P&N is advising that dam replacement will be required sometime within the next 10 years and is looking at a couple of replacement alternatives. GLA expects to receive cost estimates for those alternatives from P&N on 6/21/18. Jeff also told the meeting that GLA is looking at funding options for dam replacement. He invited anyone who wants to participate in the decisions and actions required to maintain or replace the dam to contact him or other GLA members.

Dr. Brook Wilke of the MSU Kellogg Dairy spoke about the Gull Lake Quality Association and lake water quality. He talked about invasive species, in particular the starry stonewort which is a large species of algae. Dr. Wilke stressed that the biggest thing residents and farmers around the lake can do to help maintain water quality is to minimize phosphorous runoff into the lake. He explained that phosphorous is represented by the middle of the three numbers shown on fertilizers. Only fertilizers with a zero for the middle number (indicating no phosphorous) should be used in lake runoff areas.

Chris Tracy spoke to the meeting about several topics.

1. Liberty Farms' (former Gilmore Farm along M-89 north of Richland) claim that they can extract gravel without obtaining a permit because it had been done previously was rejected by the courts. The rejection was upheld on appeal.
2. In May DNR stocked the lake with 10,000 - 11,000 6-7 inch rainbow trout.
3. GLQA is studying a recent smelt die-off.
4. Gull Lake is the third most popular lake in Michigan for fishing tournaments having hosted 47 last year.

Jim updated the members regarding the following items.

1. Republic continues to provide garbage, recycling and yard waste services to the neighborhood.
2. VanderSalm's will continue to maintain the decorative flowers and update them for Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. The fall dumpster which will again be on Buckley's back property Labor Day weekend.
4. Martha Reid was, once again, the primary organizer for the dinner and meeting. The members expressed their gratitude to Martha.
5. The Reids continue to maintain the neighborhood association website which can be found at [idlewild-association.org](http://idlewild-association.org).

Jim asked if anyone had any other topics for the meeting. Hearing none he adjourned the meeting.

Mark Disney  
Secretary

#### Addendum to the Minutes

Immediately after the meeting was adjourned Jeff O'Brien asked to speak to the group. He explained that renting out docks or dock space on private lakefront property is known as "key holing" and that it is prohibited by ordinance in Ross Township. Jeff stated that, if the association members agreed, he would seek to have the ordinance prohibiting key holing enforced in Idlewild. By motion, second and vote, the members present agreed.

Mark Disney  
Secretary