

Pickereel Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting June 15, 2024

Board members plus approximately 131 others were in attendance.

The 2024 annual meeting held at Zion Lutheran Church of Amor was called to order at 9:02 AM by Pres. Fjestad. Guest speaker, Chris LeClair, Otter Tail Co Land & Resource Management director, was introduced. He spoke on a number of items. The shoreland management ordinance first went into effect in 1971. For lakes, the shoreland management zone is any area within 1000 feet of the water. Within this zone, the maximum impervious surface coverage is 25% of the lot area. The setback from the water for structures on a lake classified as "recreational development," such as Pickereel, is 100 feet from the lake. For non-conforming structures, the property owner may rebuild in the same footprint/same location. He spoke about the VRBO ordinance recently passed in Otter Tail Co and scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2024. All VRBOs must have a license to operate, and there are specific regulations regarding occupancy, noise, parking, pets, etc. He encouraged anyone experiencing an issue with a VRBO to contact the OTC Sheriff's Dept.

Following the guest speaker presentation, board members introduced themselves.

Next, the agenda for the annual meeting was approved. (M/Terry Jensen, S/Krista Frederickson.) Secretary Beth Wicklund read the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting. Minutes were approved as read. (M/Mary Jane Hay, S/Terry Jensen.) Treasurer Vicki Quist then gave the financial report. To date in 2024, there were a total of 217 paid memberships totaling \$5425.00. An amount of \$2795.00 has been newly collected in the spray escrow account in 2024. Interest earned on CDs was \$819.96. Total revenue collected to date in 2024 is \$9039.96. The balance in all accounts is \$55,526.64 (operating funds being \$37,956.64 plus the spray escrow funds being \$17,570.00 overall.) The treasurer's report was approved as presented. (M/Lowell Wilcox, S/Steve Helle.)

The water quality report was given by Steve Klemm. He reported a Secchi Disk reading of 9 ft in May 2024. Readings from the summer of 2023 were as follows: May = 11 ft; June = 17 ft; July = 19 ft; Aug = 13 ft. There was a decrease in the phosphorus level, which was encouraging.

Pete Jacobson delivered the worm report. He noted there are different types of worms we may see. Tent caterpillars make silk, not webs. One outbreak may last 2-4 years and on average we can expect to experience an outbreak every 10-16 years. The most recent spraying occurred in 2019.

In old business, the AED that the association received through a grant is expected to be installed shortly in township road right of way, near the public access adjacent to the fence gate separating the access from the Wicklund property. In new business, a committee may be formed to look at possible bylaw revisions. Voting for lake board (one vote per membership) occurred prior to the meeting. There were 5 candidates vying for 4 open positions. Elected to the board were incumbents Zach Fjestad (87 votes) and Vicki Quist (84 votes.) Newcomers elected were Mike Harmsen (76 votes) and Robin Pratt (68 votes.) Retiring board members Pete Jacobson and Beth Wicklund were recognized as they have each served the allowed two consecutive terms and will be going off the board. Numerous \$50 gift certificates for restaurants advertising in the directory (provided by the association), two Beach Bums \$50 gift certificates courtesy of Boll Realty, and other items were awarded as door prizes.

Items of Note: 1. The boat parade will be held on July 4 @ 1:00 PM, starting at the access and going counter-clockwise. 2. The 2025 annual mtg will be held on Sat, June 21 @ Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, beginning @ 9:00 AM. 3. Monthly board mtgs will be held @ Zion @ 9:00 AM on the second Sat of the month (*note new location.) 4. The lakewide garage sale is scheduled for Sat, June 22, 2024. 5. The Adopt A Highway cleanup is slated for Sat, Sept. 28, 2024. Meet at 10:30 AM @ St. James Catholic Church in Maine.

The 2024 annual meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM (M/Vern Baardson, S/Dale Busta.)

Respectfully submitted by Beth Wicklund, retiring Board Secretary