

Council Grove City Lake Association Minutes
September 20, 2008

The September meeting of the Council Grove City Lake Association met at the Community Christian Church on September 13, 2008. There were 30 members present.

The minutes of the August meeting and the treasures report will be presented at the October meeting for approval.

Coordinator, Katie Miller, of the Twin Lakes Water Festival made a presentation and passed out brochures. The water festival will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 from 8:30 am to 3:00p.m. It will encompass six counties, Morris, Chase, Dickson, Lyon, Wabaunsee and Geary. There will be 1100 4th & 5th grade students in attendance. There will be 120 area high school students involved in helping with activities and being given leadership experience. The topics covered will be water quality and services. The Association's donation of \$200 will be used to help provide supplies, food and services for the event. In addition, the Association's logo will be listed on the back of the tee shirts. Volunteers to assist with serving lunch, etc. are still needed. Volunteers are being matched up with jobs that suit the particular person. Also needed are several golf carts for the ladies to use in the various mini parks they will be managing, as well as for special needs kids. In addition, there will be a VIP tour of the facilities, which will take about an hour. This is not a public event. If interested in this tour or in volunteering, please contact Katie Miller at 620-767-5111.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the letter sent to Danny Matthews and the city's failure to follow the state law regarding open meetings. Andy Hutter expressed his concern about this during the public comment session at the last Council Meeting. If this remains to be a concern, contact can be made with the Attorney General's office for compliance.

Discussion ensued regarding the Marlowe case. It will remain the Lake Association's intent to not take sides on any issue involving lake member disputes. The Association's function is to guard the lake members as a whole and for the good of all concerned not individual issues..

The actual ruling by the judge is of great interest to the lake association and could be a great benefit for all of us. 1) When city draws property lines they have to work with history information as a rule. 2) City has been changing lines without due process as stated in Ordinance 1903. If leases disagree they have 14 days to file an appeal. According to due process a third person then needs to reconsider these lines before determination or change can be made. Currently, the City Inspector will go out and draw lines. If there is disagreement, he still makes the decision. Therefore, Ordinance 1903 is no longer valid. The city has been asked to rewrite their ordinance and abide by these rules.

Discussion continued regarding surveying the lake lots and scope of work involved. As an alternative it was suggested that the lines not in dispute be formalized as drawn lines, the balance be based on historical records and due process and a scope of work be established on the balance. The Association Membership and the BOD had previously approved \$2500 toward this scope.

The City Administrator has proposed that in 2011 the new lease plan be on a year-to-year basis. The city would have total control with no concern for individual interests or problems. The City Attorney has indicated that he thinks this might be a good plan. The past record of the council

indicates that 99% of the time, when the council votes, it approves whatever the attorney and administrator are both in favor of. Total control is against the 14th amendment to the United States constitution.

Our legal agents are almost ready and prepared to take our case to court. If an amiable agreement cannot be reached with the city, this is an option. We do not want to use this as a threat, just an act of being prepared, if needed. The Marlowe case has changed some things in our favor. The question is when do we act? Discussion was held and a support vote was taken. The vote was indecisive. The board will take the comments of today into consideration before coming to any conclusions.

President Brungardt reported on the Chamber Breakfast and that all comments were of a favorable nature including a letter to the editor of the Republican. He also commented on Joyce Hutter's excellent presentation to the Chamber and emphasized that the Association is taking a 3-legged stool approach in the community. 1) Political--- electing lake friendly people to the City Council in April (6 member council with 3 members to be elected every year). 2) Social – winning the hearts and minds of people in Council Grove by supporting school, city and social activities. (donating \$1,000 to school, Chamber Breakfast, Relay for Life and Water Festival). 3) Legal – By being legally prepared to protect our interests.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the protection of the lake from Zebra Mussels. It was recommended that we work with the City Administrator on a plan to be pro-active in keeping the mussels out of the lake. Prevention can range from banning all boats on the lake to individual boat inspection. It was noted that the main source of infestation is from boats, watercraft and equipment moving from one lake to another. A show of hands indicated that most lake people do not move their crafts in this manner. Other lakes already infested with Zebra Mussels include, Lakes Afton, Cheney, Ed Dorado, Perry, and Marion. Marion and Wabaunsee Lake have already closed their boat ramps. Prevention can be accomplished by boat inspection, before launching, washing with chlorine and or Clorox solution, leaving craft out of water, perfectly dry, including reservoirs, for a minimum of 5 days. At the present time there is no known predators or eradicators for Zebra mussels. Andy Hutter will be making a presentation to the city counsel on ways to control this problem. If zebra mussels get into the lake it would be very detrimental to both the city and lake people. It would affect the city's water supply and the property evaluation of the lake homeowners. However, the city owns the lake and they are in charge of the water. If permitted, the Association intends to take a leadership role in controlling this issue.

The board of directors has established a new program, "Volunteer of the Year Award, 'in honor of one of the original organizers of the Lake Association. A nominating committee, chaired by Joyce Hutter, will make this selection. The award will consist of a monetary award and a plaque and will be awarded at the Annual meeting.

Carolyn Nelson reported that the Lake Relay for Life group raised \$2,000 this year. Carolyn hopes to triple this amount in 2009. Next year's Relay is scheduled for May 2nd. Renee and Jerry Rolin are planning a steak fry on October 25th to benefit this relay. RSVP's will need to be in by October 11th. Cost to be set later.

Luann Fuller, Joyce Hutter and Diane Bolton sold \$1000 worth of lake merchandize (totes, tea shirts, aprons. Etc.) over Labor Day Week end from a tent set at the lake entrance.

Lisa Palmer introduced herself as a new resident at the lake who is interested in providing services of lawn mowing, cleaning, odd jobs, etc, to lake people.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice M Forrester,
Recording Secretary