

**Minutes of the  
Lake Loramie Improvement Association  
Meeting of August 20, 2019**

The August 2019 Lake Loramie Improvement Association meeting was called to order by Leon Mertz. All officers and trustees were present with the exception of Doug Winner. The July meetings minutes were read and passed after a motion from Daniel Mertz and Randy Sparklin. Belinda Wolaver read the Treasurer's Report for July and August. Dori Armstrong made a motion to pass the July report which was seconded by John Dieters, and Linda Hoying made a motion to pass the August report, seconded by Cathy Bellet; both motions carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Memberships – Belinda informed the group that we now have 369 members.

Facebook – According to Leon, last month was very positive for the Association's Facebook page. We've had an increase of almost 100 visitors. In comparison, this is 700 more than last year.

Wildlife Funds – Julie Stueve announced that we will be sponsoring 3 people and 2 instructors for the Coonskin Cap Brigade.

Fall Festival (September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>) – Belinda said we are in good shape right now but we still need help setting up on Thursday at 9am. Again, if anyone is interested in helping, they can go to the Association's website and click the Signup Genius link. There you can see who is already signed up along with the spots that still need filled. It would be great if anyone would like to donate pies or cookies. Please no dairy/cream pies, and mark it if there are nuts in the food. We are charging \$.50 per bag of cookies. Also, starting this year, Leon said we are having a yearly collectable lapel pin. The Association will have the wildlife books and shirts for sale.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Family Adaptive Area – We now have sidewalks up to the large cotton wood trees and once we see how Fall Fest goes, we will see about running the sidewalk to the beach. This will create a full loop. In the future we can think about adding in stations along the walk, so this is all coming together quite well. On September 23rd, Leon and Jason are going down to the United Way for a presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Monthly events for August & September – The Community Post in Minster had a great article about the pontoon boat rides. We had 202 people this year, which is the largest turnout we've had. We also had the Elmwood outing. As we already discussed, we have the Fall Fest coming up.

Ideas for Fundraisers (Open Forum) – With the photo book, it was discussed about approaching Sidney’s mayor, as it is Shelby County’s bicentennial and the book is a great view of Shelby County. The idea about a 5k or a disc golf tournament was presented. Jason said a disc golf tournament was in the works. We also discussed a kayaking event for a fundraiser.

#### SPEAKERS:

Jason Whitman is hopeful that we will have the brochures out soon but the banners and signs are out now. Leon is on the Fall Fest schedule on Friday for the Adaptive Launch. We have close to 70 vendors now (for the 70 years of Ohio state parks). The swings have been put in at Daniel’s ditch and the beach. We are currently working on the docks and other odds and ends things like paint and staining. For the dredge, we are looking to reclaim the west walnut branch. We are excited to see that the governor signed a bill so we get a large increase in the budget. There was a duck blind drawing this past week and they had over 200 for the drawing for 19 blinds. Early goose starts September 7th and it is from sunrise to sunset. Sunday hunting is allowed.

Jason then introduced Wendy Van Buren and gave a nice background to the group. She is a Regional Urban Forester for the ODNR Division of Forestry. Wendy gave a presentation on the Reforestation of Lake Loramie: the tree planting plan for returning the campground back into native woods. This was a very interesting and informative presentation. She can help towns and townships with the planting, pruning, and planning for trees. We need have diversity within our trees by having different species and ages among the community. Wendy can help get a long-range tree planting plan in place for the campground and surrounding lake area. An important aspect is teaching about pruning and training young trees. You can learn more about this topic at the Urban Forestry Toolbox at <http://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/urban>. The Lake Loramie Improvement Association has information on their Facebook page about the 2019 tree sale order form. Orders are due no later than September 27<sup>th</sup>. Consider planting a tree!

50/50 Drawing: \$19 to Dale Armstrong

Next meeting will be at Earl’s Island September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm.

Dale Armstrong made a motion to adjourn, Daniel Mertz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; meeting concluded.