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**Howell Point Association**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting, June 6, 2020**

On 6/6/2020 Pete Trotter called the meeting to order. Previous and new members introduced themselves. The sign in book was passed and 46 members signed.

Pete thanked the Staniceks for printing the annual newsletter; Gary Gravit for rototilling the sand and providing a new American flag; and Charlie Brown for providing a new Michigan flag. He also noted that the Monaghan family recently planted a new tree in memory of John Monahan, who served as Boat Committee Chairman for nearly 30 years.

Pete reviewed the agenda and mentioned these issues:

- He pointed out that a good resource for information is the website: [www.howellpoint.org](http://www.howellpoint.org).
- Speeding is still an issue.
- Please don't complain to the lawn maintenance workers about problems – notify a board member.
- Golf cart access is through the parking lot, not directly through the park.
- No personal trash/garbage is permitted in the park containers.
- Dogs are not permitted in the Park unless an owner is taking their dog to their boat. The dog must be on a leash. This comment led to the question of the Association's Liability Insurance policy – is it adequate? The Board will review the policy limits.

Pete asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of 2019 minutes since they are now posted on the website. Wayne Scharnak so moved, Mary Anne Laverty seconded it. All approved.

Sue Zimmer gave a summary Treasurer's Report. We started the year with \$17,483, and have collected \$9,975 in dues, and spent \$9,141 in expenses. This leaves a balance of \$18,217, of which \$6,351 is in the boat account, and \$11,866 is in the general account.

Marsha Frances motioned to request the Board to increase annual dues to \$60.00 a year. Maryanne Laverty seconded. Motion tabled for discussion of projects. A second motion was made to increase dues to \$75.00 by Gary Gravit. These various motions were tabled pending a discussion of future projects that are planned.

Pete reported on expected projects as follows:

- Park flooding due to low spots. The Road Commission, Dussel Excavating, and JL Landscaping have all recommended cleaning out the ditches. We will get an estimate for this work to be performed in the fall. Pete will also investigate obtaining any required permits to do this work.
- The message board needs replacing and we have a quote of \$1,000.00.
- We will ask Watson's Tree Service to quote the cost to remove dangerous old trees and submit a plan to plant replacement trees.
- We plan to add new sand to the play / beach area for next season.
- Goose control treatment will be applied as needed.

- Marianne and Pete Trotter have donated some chairs to replace damaged ones.

Following discussion of the projects, the motion to increase dues was again considered. It was pointed out that the General Membership meeting does not have the authority to set the dues amount. A substitute motion was made to authorize the Board to review the situation and increase dues as necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

The question was asked, "How many people pay their dues?" Sue Zimmer responded that there are about 130 members, and about 70% pay their dues. Don Ortegale motioned for the Board to consider collecting late fees for past due annual dues. Gary Gravit seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete announced that the Board had voted unanimously to cancel the Annual Picnic due to uncertainty of Coronavirus.

Since we have so many new faces, members were asked to introduce themselves and tell where they live.

Pete asked if there was any New Business to be discussed. There being none, the next agenda item was the Election of Officers.

Sue Zimmer nominated Pete Trotter for president and Gary Gravit seconded, all approved.  
Donn Moroz nominated Sue Zimmer for Treasurer, Gary Gravit seconded, all approved.  
Sue Zimmer nominated Marianne Trotter for Secretary, Gary Gravit seconded, all approved.

There being no further business, Pete asked for a Motion to Adjourn. The motion was so made and was passed unanimously.

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