

**Howell Point Association  
Annual Meeting of Members  
Saturday, May 28, 2022  
Howell Point Park, 10:00am**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Pete Trotter, President. Board members present: Sue Zimmer, Treasurer; Marianne Trotter, Secretary; Bill Barker; Charlie Brown; Rosanne Byrne; Jerry Droppo; and Joe Scharnak. Absent was Wayne Vandermeer. 60 members, including Board members, signed the attendance book.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**Pete Trotter**

Two items of concern were tabled by the Board pending the outcome of today's meeting: a vote on the Proposed By-Laws. and a vote on the Special Assessment for the Legal Fund. These items were to be discussed during the Open Member Forum.

Pete expressed appreciation for and thanked Lori and Chris Stanicek for donating the printing of our annual Howell Point Newsletter. Their printing and marketing company, Fischer Printing, also hosts our website at no charge to the Association. Our website: [www.howellpoint.org](http://www.howellpoint.org).

Pete thanked Gary Gravit who with his lawn tractor and rototiller plowed up the sand to prepare the swim area for our summer enjoyment.

**READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OUR 2021 MEETING**

**Marianne Trotter**

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting have been posted to the website for all to read. There was a motion by Wayne Sharnak to dispense of the reading of the minutes and seconded by Sue Monaghan. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the minutes as posted on the website was made by Gary Gravit and seconded by Teresa Dahlgren. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Sue Zimmer**

To simplify record keeping, the Board changed our fiscal year to a calendar year. The Financial Statement on our website covers the period July 1, 2020, to December 31, 2021. The total bank balance as of 12/31/2021 was \$19,266.54.

To date in 2022, we have collected \$10,920 in general dues and boat/pier fees. There are 27 members that have not yet paid their dues.

After deposits and expenses, the current bank balance as of Friday, May 27, 2022, was \$16,364.04.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### **Pete Trotter**

Pete began by noting that this was the final Treasurer's Report by Sue Zimmer, who has served in that post for 31 years and is retiring. Sue also served as Secretary for 29 of those years. We presented Sue with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our appreciation for her dedicated service to Howell Point.

Pete reported that the ditch restoration project was successfully completed last summer.

The annual pot-luck picnic is July 30 at 4pm in the park. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, take-down, and running the event. A volunteer also is needed to serve as Chairperson of the Picnic Committee. Anyone interested in the Chairperson position should contact Pete Trotter.

## REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

**Charlie Brown – Signs, Flags & Lighting.** Charlie reported that all is in good working condition, and in place. (Pete noted that Charlie is retiring and has served on the Board for 24 years.)

**Wayne Vandermeer – Park, Beach, Swimming Area.** Wayne could not attend the meeting. Pete reported that the swim raft has been installed for the season. Also, the beach has been cleaned and is ready to use.

**Jerry Droppo – Boats & Piers.** Jerry reported that there are 27 individuals on the boat list, 3 on the jet-ski list, and 4 open slots for kayaks. The entire list is on our website. Our docks are in decent shape. Jerry reminded the Membership to report any damage to the docks so they can be fixed. It is a safety hazard if anything remains damaged.

**Rosanne Byrne - Park Beautification & Landscaping.** Rosanne reported that her team is focusing on controlling the invasive weeds and removing them. Wildflowers and perennials will be planted. There is one dead tree that needs to be removed.

**Joe Sharnak – Legal Counsel.** Joe reported on his involvement in recommending, along with outside Michigan counsel, that our By-Laws be reviewed and revised. The delay in mailing the Proposed By-Laws was due to delay by the attorney reviews. Thus, the Board decided to postpone the vote by members on the Proposed By-Laws. Joe explained the fiduciary responsibilities of Board members and the obligation of Board members to carry out these duties.

## OPEN MEMBER FORUM

The Forum was held to give members an opportunity to share their views on the Proposed By-Laws; the lawsuit opposing the FREI pole barn project; and the countersuit filed by FREI against the Association Board and each Board member individually. The Forum was moderated by Joe Scharnak.

Seven members of the Association spoke: Carol Bealor, Nancy Brown, Teri Sheppard, Jill Vanderwall-Hoffman, Teresa Dahlgren, Lloyd Montgomery, and Sue Monaghan.

Based on the email comments received since the mailing, and on the comments heard during the Open Member Forum, Joe Scharnak will be revising the Proposed By-Laws and we will be working toward a vote to be taken at the annual picnic.

## ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Pete announced that there are two Board positions for 4-year terms, and three 1-year officer positions up for election at this time.

**Park, Beach & Swimming Area:** This position is held by Wayne Vandermeer, who was nominated for re-election by Wayne Scharnak and seconded by Sue Fiedler. Dave Sheppard was nominated for this position by Teri Sheppard and seconded by Teresa Dahlgren. Dave Sheppard was elected by a vote of 23 to 19.

**Signs, Flags & Lighting:** Charlie Brown's seat on the Board is up for election this year, and he has decided to retire. John Dombrowski was nominated for this position by Teri Sheppard and seconded by Wayne Scharnak. There were no other nominations and John Dombrowski was elected.

**Treasurer:** The position of Treasurer is a one-year term. Sue Zimmer is retiring. Teresa Dahlgren was nominated by Patty Grover and seconded by Lloyd Montgomery. Sue Monahan was nominated by Jim Zimmer and seconded by Dawn Atkinson. A vote was taken, and Teresa Dahlgren was elected 29 to 16.

**Secretary:** The position of Secretary is a one-year term, and Marianne Trotter offered to resign to avoid conflict of two officers of the Board in one family. Amanda Kowalk was nominated for the position by Teri Sheppard and seconded by Marianne Trotter. There being no other nominations, Amanda Kowalk was elected Secretary.

**President:** The Position of President is a one-year term, and Pete Trotter was nominated by Sue Monaghan and seconded by Bill Barker. No other persons were nominated, and Pete Trotter was elected President.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Pete Trotter adjourned the meeting about 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Marianne M. Trotter  
Secretary

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