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Association By-Laws

Last year's vote to adopt revised By-Laws was cancelled because of a lack of a quorum. Further revisions to the proposed By-Laws have been made since then based on member comments. View the full proposed By-Laws and comparison of the proposed to current By-Laws on our website. The proposed By-Laws are enclosed with this newsletter to comply with the required Notice. A vote to adopt the new By-Laws will be taken at the Annual Meeting on May 27.

Pole Barn Lawsuit Settled

Both the Association's lawsuit against FREI/Froschauer/Bullseye to prevent construction of its pole barn, and FREI/Froschauer's countersuit against the Association have been settled. A summary explanation is posted on the website.

Financial Report

The 2022 year-end Financial Statement is posted for your review.

Draft Agenda for our Annual Meeting

A draft agenda for the May 27 Annual Meeting is posted for your review.

Proxy for Annual Meeting Votes

You can download and print a copy of the Proxy for this year's Annual Meeting. A copy of the Proxy also is enclosed with this newsletter. Even if you expect to attend the Meeting, please fill this out and send it in with your dues payment. This makes it easier to establish the quorum for the meeting in advance to expedite the Meeting. Remember, your dues must be current for your Proxy and votes to count.

Important Reminder:



We are moving much of our member communications to email using the Constant Contact platform. This is faster, more flexible, and saves the Association postage costs. Please complete both sides of the enclosed remittance form so that we can make sure we have your complete contact information here in Howell Point, and at your best home / winter address.

useful links:

- **Diamond Lake Association:** www.dlacassopolis.org/
- **Cass County:** www.casscountymi.org
- **Cass County Sheriff:** 269-445-2481 www.casscountymi.org/1209/Sheriffs-Office
- **Village of Cassopolis:** <https://cassopolis-mi.us>
- **Penn Township:** www.casscountymi.org/1273/Penn-Township
- **Michigan Lake and Stream Associations:** www.mymlsa.org
- **MSU Extension Land and Water Program:** www.shoreline.msu.edu
- **Cass County Animal Control:** 269-445-3701
- www.casscourtsmi.org

Howell Point ASSOCIATION



mark your calendar:

- Boat Owners Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 27th @ 9:30 am
- Howell Point Annual Meeting at the Park Saturday, May 27th @ 10:00 am
- Diamond Lake Association Annual Meeting at the Yacht Club Saturday, June 10th @ 10:00 am
- Diamond Lake Fireworks Saturday, July 1st @ 10:30 pm (Rain/Wind date: Sunday, July 2nd)
- 2023 Diamond Lake Triathlon Saturday, July 15th @ 8:00 am **Email diamondlakesports@gmail.com for information and registration**
- Howell Point Potluck/Picnic at Howell Point Park & Willow Beach Saturday, July 29th @ 4:00 pm
- Cass County Fair July 30th thru August 5th
- Pier Removal Begins Monday, October 9th **(All boats and mooring posts must be removed no later than Sunday, October 8th)**

Attention all Howell Point Members! We need your support and vote!

PLEASE take the time to attend our 2023 Annual Meeting Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 am in the Park. We will be electing the President, Treasurer, and Secretary positions for 2023-24. All three are one-year terms. In addition, we will be electing two Trustees to 4-year terms. Nominations for these positions will be taken and voted upon at the meeting.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!
— YOUR HOWELL POINT BOARD

The production and printing of this newsletter has been generously donated by our lake side neighbors, Chris and Lori Stanicek. Thank you!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.howellpoint.org

Important Announcements:

Traffic Safety:



It's now official: 25 mph Howell Drive speed limit!

Thanks to the efforts of the Diamond Lake Association, with the support of Penn Township and especially the Cass County Road Commission, Howell Drive is now a 25 mph speed zone. Achieving this safety measure wasn't easy. It actually required approval by the Michigan State Police. Joe Belina, the Chief Engineer of the Road Commission, was especially helpful in getting this established. Our thanks to Joe and to Mike Guinane of DLA for making this happen.

Neighborhood Watch:

We've heard of increasing incidents of car break-ins and other problems. If you see something, say something! Don't hesitate to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at **269-445-2481**, or **911**. Also, you can report a concern by going to the Sheriff's website at www.ccsso.info.



Many of us rely on our cell phones here at the lake, with no land line. Smart 911 allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com for your household that includes any information you want 911 operators and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Cass County now participates in Smart 911. When you make an emergency call your Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 911 operator in the Sheriff's office. Learn more and sign up by visiting www.smart911.com.

Help Wanted! Howell Point Needs a New Secretary

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, Amanda Kowalk was elected Secretary. As a new mom of twins, it turned out to be one more job too many and she asked to be replaced.

Sue Zimmer stepped back into this important role to fill out the 2022-23 term of office. But, as noted in last year's newsletter, Sue wants to retire from her long term of service to Howell Point. So she will not be running for re-election at the Annual Meeting on May 27.

We need someone to step forward and take on this important job. In addition to taking minutes of Board meetings and the Annual Meeting, the Secretary maintains the membership lists and helps out with managing communications with the membership.

Please consider helping out. If you're interested, give Pete Trotter a call at 630-263-4175 to discuss this Board position. And thanks for your consideration.

Thinking of Building?

Howell Point is a Deed Restricted community. This means there are rules we all need to follow when building a new home, an addition, or any free-standing garages or storage buildings. The Deed Restrictions are posted on our website. They are legally binding and are part of the title to your property. Primarily, they call for new homes, additions, and out-buildings to have a residential appearance that blends in with the other buildings in Howell Point.

To avoid any misunderstandings and unnecessary expense, it is best to discuss your plan concepts before developing construction drawings. And remember to provide drawings of your project to the Howell Point Board for its review and approval before submitting them to Penn Township for a building permit or starting construction.

Of course, your plans must conform to the Penn Township building codes and ordinances, as well as to the Howell Point Deed Restrictions.

Please keep our Deed Restrictions in mind when you're planning a project. Thank you for your cooperation.

Picnic Date is July 29



The annual Pot-Luck Picnic for members and guests is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th, beginning at 4:00 pm. Fried chicken from Porky's along with pop and water will be provided.

- If your last name begins with **A thru N**, please bring **favorite picnic desert to share**.
 - If your last name begins with **O thru Z**, please bring **a pot-luck side dish to share**.
- Bring plates and table service for your family and guests, lawn chairs, and maybe a blanket, too.

A rain decision will be made no later than 2 pm to postpone until Sunday at 1 pm (or, if necessary, cancel entirely). If this becomes necessary, a message will be posted on the bulletin board and an email will be sent notifying everyone of the change in plans.

annual dues
\$75 **Boater deadline: April 1st**
Non-Boater deadline: May 1st

How do we utilize your payment?

- Park lawn care
- Park trash service
- Picnic tables & lawn furniture
- Park and entrance lights
- Park upgrades and maintenance
- Maintenance of swimming area
- Liability Insurance
- Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Please send your payment to:
(Please include your current e-mail address with your payment)
 Howell Point Association
 C/O Teresa Dahlgren
 21670 Shiawassee Drive
 Cassopolis, MI 49031
(Remit payment with enclosed pull-out)

Howell Point Association Board of Trustees:

OFFICE	ELECTION CYCLE	CURRENTLY
President	1 Year	Pete Trotter
Treasurer	1 Year	Teresa Dahlgren
Secretary	1 Year	Sue Zimmer
Board Members	4 Years	Bill Barker, Rosanne Byrne, John Dombrowski, Jerry Droppo, Joe Scharnak, Dave Sheppard

Volunteers Welcome!

Your mother probably told you this... **Many hands make light work!** The same holds true for Howell Point Park. If you can help out with some of our activities your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Opportunities abound to help keep the park looking good, and we can use some extra hands for the Annual Pot-Luck Picnic with setting up, taking down, and helping with the kids' activities. See something you'd like to see improved – or fixed – let us know and pitch in to give us a hand.