



Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation, Inc.

Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of Leaser Lake

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Meeting 1/18/06

The organizational meeting of the Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation was held on 1/18/06 at 7:00pm in the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli PA.

Lehigh County Commissioner Marc Grammes lead the meeting by introducing members of the audience and explaining the reason for the formation of the foundation as a 501C3 non-profit organization. A 501C3 organization allows private individuals to contribute funds and allows the foundation to solicit corporate funding. Commissioner Grammes read the foundation's mission statement.

Marc Grammes proceeded by submitting names for the Board of Trustees as follows: Victor Miscio, Chairman (not present), Tom Creighton, Vice-Chairman, David Hoch, Treasurer, Janice Bortz, Secretary, Dr. Harry Burger, Officer, Marc Grammes, Officer. Motion by Arnold Metzger, seconded by George Padamonsky to accept these individuals as submitted. Motion carried.

Senator Pat Browne stated that he filed the Articles of Incorporation with the state naming the foundation the Leaser Lake Preservation Foundation. The majority in attendance agreed to amend the Articles of Incorporation naming the foundation the Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation. Sen. Browne is required to nominate the Board members and nominated the Board as follows: Victor Miscio, Chairman, Tom Creighton, Vice-Chairman, David Hoch, Treasurer, Janice Bortz, Secretary, Dr. Harry Burger, Member, Marc Grammes, Member acted as Chairman of the Board for tonight's meeting in Victor Miscio's absence.

Officers of the Board: Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by Tom Creighton to appoint Victor Miscio as Chairman. Motion carried. Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by Dr. Burger to appoint David Hoch as Interim Treasurer. Motion carried. Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by Dr. Burger to appoint Janice Bortz as Secretary. Motion carried. Motion by Marc Grammes to appoint Dr. Burger as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Burger declined appointment as Vice-Chairman. Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by David Hoch to appoint Tom Creighton as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by David Hoch to instruct Sen. Browne to apply for the foundation's tax exempt status to the IRS as a 501C3 organization. Motion carried. The application fee is \$500.00. It may take up to 120 days after the application is sent in for the 501C3 status to be official. A receipt should be given for any donations to the foundation.

Marc Grammes explained that a preliminary engineering report has been completed with a cost totaling \$5,665,638.00. The existing spillway will be replaced and a grout curtain will be added. The new dam will meet the current codes.

The Board needs to set goals for the foundation such as repairing the dam and maintaining the Leaser Lake property, constructing a memorial arbor, recognizing the agricultural and historical significance of the area, proposing a future for the lake once the lease between Lehigh County and the PA Fish and Boat Commission expires in 2010. Sen. Browne suggests that a dollar amount be drafted into the capital budget in Harrisburg by the foundation. The capital budget funds do need matching funds. The General Fund from the state needs no local match. The Board must adopt the By-laws. Motion by Tom Creighton, seconded by Marc Grammes to authorize the treasurer to open a bank account in the foundation's name with the following members signatures on the account – the treasurer, the chairman, the vice-chairman with two signatures being required. Motion carried. Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by Tom Creighton to set the fiscal yearend for the foundation as June 30 of each year. Motion carried.

Public comments: Tom Kerr of the Wildlands Conservancy suggested appointing an Advisory Board to use as a resource and said Tom Gettings of the Conservancy may have photographs the Board can use. He also suggested establishing a linkage to the Lake and the Ontelaunee Park, Appalachian Trail, Rail-to-Trails creating a bigger picture. George White, a local resident, said he can create pictures from anything digital for use in promotion of the foundation. Dan Kunkel of the Wildlife Information Center said the foundation must remain a-political, be patient and be focused. He offered to serve on the Advisory Board and said the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission may have useful information about Leaser Lake. Carl Zvanut, a local resident, said the Board needs definite goals. Randy Metzger, a local resident, suggested creating a portfolio to handout to potential contributors and to create a donor list. Marc Grammes said federal monies from Congressman Charlie Dent may be available through the Water Resources Recovery Act of 2005, 1.6 million was authorized for Leaser Lake. Archie Follweiler , Kutztown Borough Councilman, offered to be on a committee and help with the fund raising.

Richard Snyder was sure the New Tripoli Fire Co. would allow the foundation to hold monthly meetings there. Motion by Marc Grammes, seconded by Tom Creighton to hold the monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the New Tripoli Fire Company. Motion carried. The next meeting will be February 20, 2006.

Motion by Dr. Burger, seconded by Tom Creighton to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Bortz
Secretary