



Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation, Inc.

Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of Leaser Lake

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Approved Meeting Minutes June 13, 2006

The meeting of the Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation was held on 6/13/06 at 7:00pm in the New Tripoli Fire Company social hall, Decatur Street, New Tripoli PA. In attendance were Board members George White, Vic Miscio, Marc Grammes and Janice Bortz. There was not a quorum present and it was decided that all motions made would be presented online, as allowed in the bylaws, and a final vote will be taken.

Motion by Vic Miscio, seconded by George White to accept the minutes of the 5/9/06 meeting.

Treasurer Dave Hoch submitted the treasurer's report by email. The report read by Janice Bortz stated a balance as of \$2,797.80 as of 5/9/06, receipts of \$809.58, no expenditures, totaling a balance of \$3,607.38 on 6/13/06. Motion by Vic Miscio, seconded by Janice Bortz to accept the treasurer's report.

Motion by Vic Miscio, seconded by Janice Bortz to have the treasurer pay the outstanding bills as follows: \$172.50 itemized invoice for wooden easel, membership cards and miscellaneous supplies, payable to George White and \$354.00 invoice for graphics layout and display, payable to Aurora Displays.

George White stated that the Foundation received a copy of the letter that Senator James Rhoades sent to Congressman Charlie Dent, Governor Ed Rendell, Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Rick Santorum asking for support of the Foundations goals.

A means of recognition of donations was discussed. George White stated that Harry Burger trying to get nature prints donated to be given to individual contributors. Depending on the amount of the donation, paper certificates could be given and even framed or mounted. Plaques could be given for larger donations from organizations and corporations. Further discussion is needed on the donation amount breakdown. Motion by Vic Miscio, seconded by Marc Grammes to approve up to a \$40.00 purchase of pre-printed certificates to be filled in as needed.

Creating a donors list and issuing a Foundation newsletter was discussed. Janice Bortz will include an article in the next Heidelberg Township newsletter and will contact neighboring municipalities about including an article in their newsletters. It was suggested that the Lehigh Valley Chamber newsletter may include an article. Janice will check on the cost of a bulk mailing permit.

Vic Miscio and George White met with Lehigh County Executive Don Cunningham at Leaser Lake. The county applied for Growing Greener II funds and Executive Cunningham will recommend some of the funding to be used for the dam repair. The Foundation is waiting for the letter of commitment from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. George was contacted Jan Creedon of Lehigh County and will work with her on funding and grant applications.

Committee Progress Reports:

Development and Planning: George White and other Foundation members attended a grant writing workshop held by the PA DCNR. All in attendance made many contacts who could help assist the Foundation in the future.

Creation of a Facility Master Plan was discussed. George White spoke with Scott Cope of DCNR. Jan Creedon of Lehigh County and Rebecca Hayden from the Lehigh County Conservation District will both help with grant applications.

Creation of a Capital Campaign was discussed including private grants available and an information packet for potential donors. The Foundation may need to hire a professional fund raiser to help with planning.

Facilities: The committee met and is completing the PA Fish and Boat Commission grant application for boating facilities. The money is being requested for three handicap accessible precast concrete restrooms costing \$33,000 each to transport and set in place at the lake. Letters of support are being requested from local governments and sportsmen organizations. The grant requires a 25% matching funds or in-kind service.

A Leaser Lake Restoration Roundtable is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2006. Invitees may include Dave Houser, PFBC Fisheries Management, Sara Nicholas, DCNR, Director of Wild Resources Conservation Fund, Scott Cope, DCNR, Chief, Planning Projects Section, Rebecca Hayden, Lehigh County Conservation District, Bob Stiffler, Lehigh County Parks Department, Tom Kerr, Wildlands Conservancy, Dan Kunkle, Wildlife Information Center, Lee Schisler, Jr., Hawk Mountain, representatives from sportsmen clubs and organizations. Dave Houser is scheduled to attend the Foundation's December 13, 2006 meeting.

Public Relations: Brad Bohrer had his article printed in the Reading Eagle. Coverage of the Foundation's efforts was in the Northwestern Press and the Morning Call. The newsstand magazine Outdoor Adventures will contain an article in the July issue. WFMZ Channel 69, Service Electric Cable and Blue Ridge Cable all reported on the meeting with Don Cunningham. Members should continue to write Letters to the Editors of our local papers.

Historical and Information: Beverly Weaver, Chairperson, said the committee is gathering information about the lake and Frederick Leaser and also pictures from the past and present. The committee is in need of volunteers.

Events and Activities: The display was selected by committee members and Aurora Displays completed it for the Pioneer Festival at Ontelaunee Park. The committee has set up at the Kempton Fair (6/13-6/17) and will be at the Lehigh Valley Hunting and Fishing Extravaganza at the Kempton Community Center (6/23-6/25) and the Night in the Country celebration at the Northwestern Recreation Fields (8/29).

George White informed the Board that a tract of land on Springhouse Road was just sold. The Board agreed that the Foundation should contact property owners of open land surrounding the lake area for the Right of First Refusal. If all the land is built upon, the chances for future trails and open space is lost.

Public Comment: Richard Snyder informed the Board that the Board of the New Tripoli Fire Company requested \$55.00 per month for the use of the meeting room for the Foundation's monthly meetings. Since the Foundation is in the early developmental stage, the Board agreed that a need for a new meeting location is necessary. The Board thanked the fire company for the use of their facilities for the past few months. George will ask Tom Creighton to request the use of the Lynn Township meeting room. Our next meeting on July 11th will still be at the fire company. The Board requests that members and interested parties attend the upcoming Lehigh County Commissioners meeting when Leaser Lake funding will be discussed. The specific date will be published. A suggestion was made that the Foundation set up a booth for the Youth Field Day at the Ontelaunee Road and Gun Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Bortz
Secretary