

GOLA Meeting
Saturday, May 27, 2023

Call To Order
Introductions/ New Residents

Treasures Report

- General Fund: \$10,045.23
- Fish Fund: \$16.85

Old Business

- Trial/Sidewalk
 - Jane's Update: Talked through a report out. What the issue is and what work is being done to explore the idea of establishing a walking trail.
 - Met with Public Works committee – Provided a narrative of the issue is.
 - Attended the Crosslake planning and zoning meeting on 9/6. Was referred to Crosslake City Council.
 - Fairfield Township – Attended a meeting to discuss. Needs to be a collaborative between the City of Crosslake and the township of Fairfield.
 - Five step process/proposal to map out what is needed/how it could work if approved.
 - 6 months to 3 years timeline.
 - Bonnie Lakes Road was not originally constructed the way it was supposed to be (many years ago).
 - 3.25 Miles overall (2.25 miles is Fairfield / 1 mile is Crosslake).
 - All grants that were found thus far– would require at minimum of 25% match.
 - When talking to the neighbors during random walks, neighbors were open to having a new path come in, but no one wanted to support an assessment.
 - Mark Erickson – Will be attending the 6/7 meeting (Public Safety Meeting) to discuss additional street signs, portable speed limit sign, etc.
 - The next time Bonnie Lakes Road is scheduled for any maintenance is in 15 years.

Motion: Safety write up to be completed – have a sheet to talk to renters about walkers/people on the road. Add something to the GOLA Facebook site.

Decision: To add something to the GOLA Facebook site, not to talk to residents with rental properties at this time.

- Fish Stocking
 - Was conducted in the Fall of 2022.
 - Was the biggest donation funding GOLA had year to date.
- Garage Sale Days
 - Looking for a volunteer to run the garage sale – Mike R volunteered.
 - Garage sale will take place the first weekend in August (3rd, 4th & 5th)
- Wild Life
 - Loons: 2 nesting platforms on Goodrich & O'Brien

- Goodrich: 1 in the bay by the culvert going into O'Brien & 1 by the point by the Boy Scout camp.
 - O'Brien: 1 on the South end of the sandbar & 1 at the end of the lake close to the swamp area.
- Beaver: Seems like the beaver issue has been taken care of on Goodrich (for now).
- Wolves: 2 were spotted over by Goodrich last Fall.
- Invasive Species/ Purple Loosestrife
 - Pamphlets were available at the May 27th meeting.
- Goodrich testing is continuing (by Mark).
- O'Brien testing is continuing.

New Business

- Mike R: Running for the Crow Wing Power Board.
- Treasure Balance
 - Approved: Motion to donate to the Loon Center \$500.
 - Approved: Motion to donate to the Fire Department \$500.
 - Approved: Motion to donate to the Crosslake EMT \$500.
 - Denied: Motion to donate to the fish fund \$500 – denied as further investigation is needed into the GOLA Charter documents.
 - GOLA Approved/ Need to wait on City/Township: Motion to donate to add street signs – This will be reviewed by the City/Township to be approved. Amend motion to authorize GOLA to put \$500 into the signs through the public service committee. Approved GOLA motion for \$500. Will need to wait for the City/Township first.

Guest Speaker: Bethany Chaplin

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District

- Crow Wing Soil & Water
 - Bethany attended the meeting to talk through the committee.
 - Contact this group for any desired changes to the lake shore, rain gardens, etc.

Meeting Adjourned