

## **ELK-SKEGEMOG LAKES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

August 13, 2020

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ruth Bay, Don Bonato, Bob Campbell, Dale Claudepierre, Jan Garvey, Andrew Hogarth, Mary Beth Kazanski, Ken Krentz, Sue McCraven, Brenda Miller, Pat Pierce, Jim Sak, Nancy Schreiber, Phil Spangenberg

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dean Ginther, Bob Kingon, Dave Lawicki

Mary Beth Kazanski, Elk-Skegemog Lakes Association (ESLA) Board President, called the special meeting, run virtually through Zoom, to order at 7:02 p.m.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** The Board voted unanimously to add Linda Slopsema, George Seifried, Deanna Seifried and Steve Francis as new Board members.

**WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK:** Linda Slopsema led a discussion addressing the plan to expand Whitewater Township Park and the research about the plan conducted by her, Jan Garvey and Bob Campbell. The discussion focused upon whether the plan to expand the park by increasing the number of boat trailer parking spaces and campsites may adversely affect water quality because an increase in boat traffic may enhance the spread of invasive species if boaters do not follow proper boat cleaning protocols. The Township plan includes a CD3 boat washing station which can clean a maximum of 12 boats per hour. Board members discussed whether a single station is sufficient given the proposed addition of 55 campsites and 80 boat trailer parking spaces. The Board also discussed whether the proposed location of the station will induce some boaters to not use the station. Dale Claudepierre suggested that ESLA compliment Whitewater Township for its efforts and recommend that an additional station be added to the plan. The Board voted to issue a formal statement acknowledging the Township's efforts and recommending that 2 boat stations be located in the park where utilization of the stations will be enhanced.

**MILTON TOWNSHIP RV PARK:** Mary Beth Kazanski reported that she has received several communications from individuals who are opposed to the proposed development of a RV park in Milton Township and who have inquired about whether ESLA plans to address the proposed development. There is concern that the development will cause an increase in sedimentation risk and boat traffic which will adversely affect water quality. Mary Beth noted that a concerned citizens group has created an entity called Torch Elk Skegemog Alliance (TESA) and retained an attorney to challenge the proposed RV park. The attorney has reportedly communicated with Milton Township about the need for a traffic study and environmental study. Mary Beth stated that she will keep in contact with TESA and other lake associations to monitor the proposed development. Mary Beth will advise TESA that ESLA appreciates its actions, supports the request for an environmental study and will continue to monitor the proposed development.

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Jim Sak announced his resignation from the ESLA Board at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Donald Bonato.