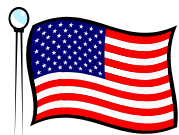


# The Three Lakes Development Association



## (TLDA) Newsletter



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### TLDA Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2018

#### Roll Call:

Present: Ron DeGrio, Elizabeth Simonson, Carla Montgomery, Renee McAdamis, Bill Kubiak, Peter Jongewaard, John Parenteau, Pat Smith, and Bill Lowry

Absent: Chris Magney, Dan Zezulka, Gordy Westendorf, and Ken Maeckelbergh  
Ron called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

#### Financial Report

We used to bank with Pioneer Bank; however, they merged with Park State Bank, and that is now our new bank.

Ron will deposit the money collected from the 2019-2020 membership drive. We received dues from 125 members, with 50 renewal forms remailed. There were ten new owners, and we need to install four new membership signs. We received \$115.00 towards special projects and \$1,090.00 towards Lake Elora weed control (there was previously \$1,000.00 in that account).

TLDA Balance	\$4,488.25
Water Quality Balance	\$2,377.78

#### TLDA 2019 Schedule of Events:

Saturday, May 11	9:00 a.m.
Spring road and garden clean-up	
Saturday, June 1	9:30 a.m.
Spring Membership Meeting	
Thursday, July 4 (no rain date)	10:00 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	
Saturday, July 27 (no rain date)	11:30 a.m.
(Registration) TLDA/French Club Picnic	
Saturday, August 24	9:30 a.m.
Fall Membership Meeting	

Saturday, September 21 9:00 a.m.

Fall road and garden clean-up

Friday, November 29 9:00 a.m.

Burning brush pile

#### New Business:

- Ron passed around a book that Larry Schneiderman put together on “Loving Lake Elora” for everyone to see.
- We are moving the AED from John and Diane Parenteau’s to Gordy and Colleen Johnson’s, 6980 West Rose Lake Drive, which is a very accessible location as it is close to the road and across the street from Bob Watts’ residence. The AED requires a small box to house it and a 60 watt light bulb. Bill Lowry, 6906 Lake Elora Drive, also volunteered housing the AED in the back entry of his house as a temporary sight.
- Lake Elora Weed Control – Ron mentioned that Caribou Lake cuts their weeds. Some people on Lake Dodo believe it is illegal to cut the weeds. We are looking at cutting 15’ wide on each property out to clear water. We want to make sure that whatever we choose to do, that it is done both legally and correctly.
- When the new 2019 schedule of events is published, make sure Ken gets a copy of it to prepare signs. The FC calendar won’t be done until January.
- Strand Lake started their own association.
- Sixteen members participated in the fall road and garden clean-up. The memorial garden is looking nice and more natural.
- Advantage Emblem has been hired to make new member signs and updated

road signs. They will follow the current color scheme and pattern.

- The parade trophy has room for three more winners to be posted. Ron is having a new trophy made.
- There is a big push to get Highway 49 (Three Lakes Road) repaired. Within the last few years, there has been a large surge in development of full-time residences. We received a letter from Richard and Barbara Kolu that they sent to the St. Louis County Board expressing their concerns with the current road. Motion by Pat Smith, seconded by John Parenteau to write a letter from the TLDA Board to St. Louis County also. The motion included the Board to review the letter after being drafted prior to signing. Motion passed.
- There are 2 black bins at the base of the sign at the T. No one seems to know who they belong to or if they were just dumped there. Bill Lowrey will take them to the dump.
- We would like to get a newsletter out to everyone by Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Submitted by:

Renee K. McAdamis  
Secretary

### **TLDA Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2019**

#### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Ron DeGrio, Elizabeth Simonson, Carla Montgomery, Renee McAdamis, Bill Kubiak, Peter Jongewaard, Pat Smith, Chris Magney, and Ken Maeckelbergh

**Absent:** John Parenteau, Dan Zezulka, Gordy Westendorf, and Bill Lowrey

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. Minutes from the 8/25/18 Fall General Membership Meeting, 10/27/18 Board Meeting, and 2019-2020 TLDA Board roster were passed out to all those in attendance. The roster will be included in the Memorial Day newsletter.

#### **Financial Report**

With the change to Park State Bank, the statement dates have changed.

TLDA Balance	\$5,801.84
Lake Elora Weed Control	\$2,250.00
Special Projects	\$ 440.00
Water Quality Balance	\$2,427.78

#### **Revised TLDA 2019 Schedule of Events:**

Saturday, May 4	9:00 a.m.
Spring road and garden clean-up	
Saturday, June 1	9:30 a.m.
Spring Membership Meeting	
Saturday, June 8	9:00 – 1:00
Rummage sale	
Thursday, July 4 (no rain date)	10:00 a.m.
Line up for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	11:00 a.m.
Starting time of parade	
Saturday, July 27 (no rain date)	11:30 a.m.
Registration - TLDA/French Club Picnic	12:00 noon
Food	12:30 p,m
Games	
Saturday, August 24	9:30 a.m.
Fall Membership Meeting	
Saturday, September 21	9:00 a.m.
Fall road and garden clean-up	
Friday, November 29	9:00 a.m.
Burning brush pile	

#### **Old Business:**

- Correction from October 27 Minutes – Strand Lake started their own association many years ago. Recently, a Strand Lake Facebook page was developed.

#### **New Business:**

- Liz recommends we start a neighborhood app, which would help keep everyone up to date on what is happening in the area.
- Ron suggested sending out the new directory of 2019-2020 TLDA Board Officers and Directors with the next newsletter mailing.
- Ron is working on updating how we email information to our members. Because we are limited to emailing to only 100 addresses at once, we currently have two email groups. It was

suggested we change to three groups, and list email addresses by lake. There is also a problem with keeping the email addresses up to date, notification from members when their information changes.

- Carla will send Ken a list of French Club events and dates so that he can get started on new signs. There will be two bingos this year, and a pancake breakfast on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Burn Pile – This past year, there were a number of large logs in the burn pile, which require a long time to burn. Peter will keep an eye on the pile as it develops and will remove large pieces of wood.
- Rummage Sale – Liz and Sondra MacNally will coordinate the rummage sale.
- It is our goal to get a newsletter out by Memorial Day.
- Dan Hartel thanked the TLDA for the gift card for his help with the burn pile; however, he has requested not to receive anything in the future. This is his way of helping out with the community. We paid Kurt Gronseth for food and fuel for the burn.
- When the new 2019 schedule of events is published, make sure Ken gets a copy of it to prepare signs. The FC calendar won't be done until January.
- Fire Hydrant – It has been determined by an engineering firm that the proposed location for the fire hydrant is not feasible. In order to get a break on homeowner's insurance, we need to be within 5 miles of a fire department. We are 7.5 miles from both Cotton and Canyon Fire Departments, and therefore do not fall within the parameters of a reduction in insurance rates.
- Weed Control – Peter asked if there is a licensed contractor who would come in and cut and remove the weeds, or is this even legal. What are we allowed to do.
- Membership Signs – There are ten new owners, and we need to install four new membership signs. A target date of July 1 has been established to update the

signs, and remove membership signs from those properties that are no longer members of the TLDA.

- TLDA Web Page – Peter suggested we pursue looking into the development of a TLDA web page, possibly with the UMD Tech Center. This would then remove the need for a neighborhood app, as previously discussed. Ron will research this issue.
- Peter questioned whether we are a 501c(3) organization, which we are not. We are an organization with a bank account, similar to a bowling league.
- New power poles, which are taller than the current ones, are being installed from the "T" to approximately Bill Kubiak's property.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – There was some discussion on whether the parade should have a patriotic theme. Motion by Liz Simonson not to have specific themes for the parade, seconded by Pat Smith, motion carried. Ron is having a new trophy made.
- The memorial garden looked very nice this past year and more natural. Advertising signs should not be placed in the garden.
- Fire Sign – Some people are messing with the fire sign. When it has been raining for several days, the arrow on the sign has been moved to "high" fire danger.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by  
Renee K. McAdamis  
Secretary

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### Around the Lakes

*The following is editorial material from TLDA members. You are welcome to submit material for any newsletter. Send to editor e-mail.*

**REMINDER: The boat landing on Lake Elora has been updated for boat launching. If you use this landing please note your vehicle should not have to back into the water. Rather, back your vehicle to the end of the concrete, and your boat should be in very deep water by that time. The boat landing will be seeing major upgrades as the season moves along.**

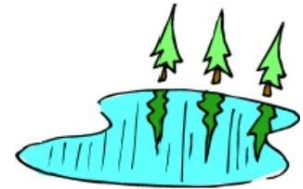


We had the biggest numbers helping out with this year's brush pile burn. We had 36 total members helping out throughout the day and some even stayed all day. Thank you to EVERYONE that was involved, but I would like to mention the following members that got the fire going and

stuck to it for 3 days: Kurt & Tyler Gronseth, Jack MacNally & Fred Zorn.

A special thanks to Dan Hartel who donate his equipment. I cannot thank everyone enough for the time they were able to take that day.

One another note, we also cleaned up the old outdoor toilet someone dumped on Strand Lake Rd. Kurt and Tyler were able to drag it to the burn area and the workers were able to get it on top the pile to burn. Great work everyone! Ron



### 2019 TLDA Calendar

- Saturday, June 1 9:30 am  
Spring Membership Meeting
- Saturday, June 8 9:00 am–1:00 pm  
Rummage Sale
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### Around the Lakes: Family Stories

*In past issues, we have shared other stories submitted by families on our lakes. You are welcome to submit material from your family! Send to editor e-mail.*

*There were no submissions for this edition!*



Remember as you are cleaning up and using the brush and leaf area,  
**PLEASE, BE SURE TO STACK BRUSH ON THE PILE AND PUT LEAVES IN POSTED AREAS. NO LARGE LOGS!**

## 2019 French Club Calendar

Saturday Nights	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Saturday, May 25	10:00 a.m.	
	General Membership Meeting	
Saturday, June 22	6:00 p.m.	
	Progressive dinner	
Thursday, July 4 (no rain date)	10:00 a.m.	
	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	
Saturday, July 6	10:00 a.m.	
	General Membership Meeting	
Sunday, July 7	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	
	Pancake Breakfast	
Saturday, July 20	7:00 p.m.	\
	Bingo	
Saturday, July 27 (no rain date)	11:30 a.m.	
	French Club/TLDA Picnic	
Saturday, August 17	7:00 p.m.	
	Bingo	
Saturday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	
	General Membership Meeting	
Saturday, August 31	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	
	Spaghetti Dinner	
Sunday, September 1	10:00 a.m.	
	Registration for 3-Miler Race	
Sunday, September 1	10:00 a.m.	
	Frog Pond Race	
Sunday, September 1	11:00 a.m.	
	Three-Miler	
Following Race		Picnic

## Three Lakes Sale

Yard Sales,  
 Art & Craft Vendors,  
 and Food

Come join us for a new and expanded sale!

When: Saturday June 8th, 2019  
 8:00-3:00

\*Hotdogs & Chips for purchase at The French Club  
 from 11-2\*

## Sign Up Today!

Sondra: 218-345-8888  
 Elizabeth: 218-391-4772

French Club Vendor Tables Available-  
 Kari: 218-213-8303

## Obituary

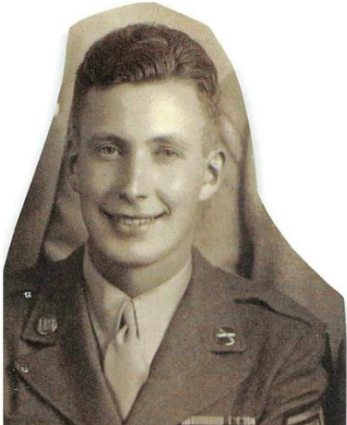
### Arthur W. "Art" LaPlante



Arthur W. "Art" LaPlante, 88, of Duluth, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at his residence. Art was born on July 21, 1930 in Duluth to Albert and Clara LaPlante. He graduated from Denfeld High School where he was a member of the 1949 State Championship football team. Following high school, Art attended Marquette University. Art married Beverly Anderson on March 31, 1951 in Duluth and together they raised eight children. Art retired from U S Steel Duluth Works where he worked with the open hearth operations. Following his retirement, Art worked at the DECC where he was the Stage Technical Director and the Business Agent for the Stage Hands Local #32. Art was a member of St. James Catholic Church and an active member with the Knights of Columbus. He

enjoyed spending time at the cabin on Lake Elora, fishing, hunting, gardening and wood carving. He volunteered at the CHUM Food Shelf-Our Savior's Lutheran Church location in West Duluth. Art was preceded in death by his parents, his 12 siblings, a daughter, Debbie High and his wife Beverly. He is survived by two daughters, Diane (Mark) Lund and Karen (Thomas) Reed both of Duluth; five sons, Scott of Seattle, Martin of Duluth, Keith (Kathy) of Duluth, Jeff of Minneapolis and Steve of Duluth; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

## Robert "Bob" George Watts



Robert G. "Bob" Watts age 96, E Rose Lake Dr, Canyon MN died peacefully March 28, 2019. Bob was born in Duluth, MN November 12th 1922, was a former Duluth News Tribune Carrier &

graduated from Duluth Central High School Class of 1940. At age 14 he became interested in the MN National Guard & following the footsteps of his father Geo, at age 16, he became a member of the Guard. He was inducted into Federal Service, along with 30 from his graduating class, on Feb 10th, 1941. He spent over 10 months of combat training in Louisiana, along with his father who was his 1st Sgt, with the 125th FA Battalion-34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division. On December 7th, 1941 along came Pearl Harbor and changed the life of millions. He was deployed to combat overseas in WW2 & served as Battalion Supply Sgt of the 125th FA, & spent over 500 days of combat in N Africa & Italy, including the battle of Hill 609 in Tunisia & the battle of Mt Cassino, Anzio in the Po Valley. When the American 34th Div captured the German 34th Div finally the Italian Campaign ended for the 125th, near Venice, on May 5th, 1945. After a surprise visit from his father in San Remo, he was then shipped back to the shores of US & discharged from Fed Service at Camp McCoy WI on Sept 1st, 1945. After he returned home he again reenlisted in the guard as 1st Lt in the Coastal Artillery & separated from the Armed Forces in 1949.

After the war Bob was employed by the FI Salter Co as Rental Mgr. Two years later he joined Allstate Ins Co as an ins agent in the Duluth Sears store. A year later he

was transferred to the Milwaukee Office as Trainer of new agents. In 1950 he served Allstate as Sales Development Mgr in Dallas TX & opened Allstate's numerous sales offices in Sears stores in the SW from New Orleans to Albuquerque, & was instrumental in helping create the logo "Good Hands With Allstate". In 1958 he left Allstate to open his own independent ins agency in N Dallas. In 1961 he sold his agency and was appointed Sales Mgr of Niagara Health Equip in the Dallas Region. He also represented Certified Laboratories in Irving TX until returning back to Duluth to work for the US Postal Service & finally retired as a rural carrier on the Iron Range in 1984. Bob was a 55 year member of Branch 114 of the Nat'l Assn of Letter Carriers. He & his family have been year-round residents on Rose Lake for over 50 years & as a child growing up spent his summer months on the shores of the lake in his folks cabin in "God's Country".

Bob was an avid deer hunter, for the past 84 yrs, co-founder of the Three Lakes Dev Assn, had been a member of the North Lakes Golf Assn for over 44 yrs, Past Pres of the Eveleth Curling Club, and past sect of the MN State Curling Assn. He held a life time membership in the Duluth Curling Club and was their draw master for over 37 years. He was also a member of the Milwaukee, Dallas, & Duluth Elks #133, Am Legion Post #71, & VFW 3044. He facilitated & helped develop the "Sunrise Survivor's Group" at Sunrise Memorial Park, & was Pres, Tres, & Chaplain of the 125th FA Assn. For the past 45 years Rev Bob, as he is now called, has been active in organizing the placing of hundreds of American Flags on Vets graves at two Hermantown Cemeteries. With the depletion of his troops, he has gathered support from the Boy Scouts of Trp 106 in Hermantown, ever so loyal Ch 10 TV, & the much needed help from Col Dieryck's 148th FW, to help the 125th to organize the Memorial Day program these past 12 years at Sunrise. The 125 FA Assn has been meeting monthly for the past 68 yrs at the Pickwick & he has kept in touch with over 200 Vets, widows, & families. Rev Bob he has dedicated his life to family, TLDA, the DCC & 125th, He received the Volunteer Excellence Award in 2006. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, George & Olga Watts; & his loving sister, Helen McBride. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Lorrie; 4 daughters, Rita Atol & Barb (Jerry Roberts) of Las Vegas, NV, Michelle (Les Lyons) of Proctor, MN, & Robin (Dan Cicmil) of Hibbing, MN; 3 sons, John (Jeanne Neal) of Plano, TX, Robert Jr (Debbie Neal) of Mansfield, TX, & Steve (Kim Watts) of Maple Grove, MN; & his brother George Jr (Carol Watts) of Canyon, MN. He was especially proud of his 17 grandchildren & his 13 great grandchildren plus 4 step grandchildren.