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## New LPN board organizes, gets to work

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Times staff*

The new Lake Panorama National Board of Managers has met four times, elected officers, formed three ad-hoc committees and is starting to make recommendations.

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors this fall created the new LPN board and appointed its seven members. The LPA has owned the LPN golf course since 1977. It purchased the LPN conference center in 2005, and established a legal corporate entity known as "LPN, LLC" to manage the wholly owned subsidiary.

Keeping the LPA and LPN, LLC operations separate protects the LPA's 501(c)4 nonprofit status. And it means the LPA board's involvement in the LPN, LLC management should be limited to broad overviews.

Brice Oakley is president of the new board, with Kane Powell as vice president, and Julie Wykoff as secretary-treasurer. Other board members are Ann Appleseth, Katelyn Brelsford, Dave Butterwick and Mark Juhl.

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## Playground donations surpass \$40,000 mark

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
*Lake Times staff*

Donations to the Friends of Lake Panorama in support of a new playground at Sunset Beach now stand at more than \$40,000. The first \$30,000 was raised in late 2014 and through August of this year.

In mid-November, a special mailing to LPA members announced the nonprofit Friends group is working to raise an additional \$50,000. The Lake Panorama Association board has pledged to match that amount if the money is raised by August 1, 2016.

So far, the mailing has brought in about \$10,000. Lake Panorama Realty donated \$2,500. Dave Wagler, a broker and Realtor with Lake Panorama Realty, says he and real estate agent Laura Kemble decided to make this donation for several reasons.

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# LABOR OF LOVE

## Lake Panorama home sparkles inside and out during Christmas season



Every room in Mary Tallman's home is decked out to the nines for Christmas.

By REBECCA MCKINSEY | *Lake Times staff*

The impact hits you as soon as you walk in the front door. Mary Tallman loves Christmas — and you can see it in her home.

The living room, dining room and kitchen are all lavishly decorated for the season, but it doesn't stop there. Walk through her bedrooms, her bathrooms, her laundry room and her basement — every single room is decked out to the nines for Christmas.

There are 31 trees — 10 big ones. There are 92 Byers' dolls. And that's just the stuff Tallman counts.

The overall effect can be overwhelming, and it's a huge commitment each year for Tallman, who starts decorating in September — she really should start earlier, she admits — and leaves everything up until February before she spends about two months taking everything down and packing it all up

in an 800-foot storage area in the basement. Last she counted, Tallman said, she fills almost 70 storage totes with decorations.

Her love of Christmas started early, with her mother, Isabel Ayala, who in Fort Dodge raised Tallman and seven other kids — two of whom she took in. There was never much money or any extras, Tallman recalled. Family members hung up their own wool stockings



Mary Tallman loves decorating with stockings in her Lake Panorama home, which is transformed each year for Christmas.

each year, and they were duly filled with fruit and a little candy. There were no gifts, but each year, Ayala made a huge pan of bread pudding, with day-old bread, cinnamon sticks and cheese. The family would eat it all day. That, and Tallman's godmother's tamales, are some of her favorite memories of Christmas.

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TALLMAN  
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Now, Tallman's 16-year-old grandson, Trevor, who lives in Des Moines, loves tamales, too. Tallman's interest in decorating for Christmas began when she was 16 and had 50 cents in her pocket from babysitting. She'd planned on using the money to pay for a hamburger and Coke with friends, but she passed a downtown Fort Dodge storefront with a decorated National Potteries cookie jar in the window — for 50 cents — and she had to have it.

She didn't end up getting the burger, but she still has the cookie jar — as well as four matching ones she found decades later in Colorado, California and Washington, D.C.

And it grew from there. Trees sparkle throughout Tallman's home, but they're far from the only decorations she uses. Santa figurines are everywhere — some of them have walking sticks with Santa's face carved in. Tallman loves the little Santa figurines best, though, saying they all have different personalities.

There are bulb trees. Victorian trees. Wilderness trees. A pear tree, an angel tree, a Santa tree, a cardinal tree and a musical tree — the latter is getting worn out because she winds up the musical bulbs so often.

There's a large, colorful, cheerful tree decorated specially for Tallman's 8-year-old granddaughter, Marisa, who has Down syndrome and was recently diagnosed with leukemia. The young girl lives in Des Moines and loves seeing her tree when she visits.

Tallman's collections vary, from Spode and Waterford pieces to Thomas Kinkade and Christopher Radko Santa ornaments. There are clay trees she molded, painted and decorated, and a nativity set whose pieces she cleaned and painted — both in the '70s. Antique bulbs are piled in crystal dishes because they're too fragile to hang. One tree sports a small, beaded angel, a souvenir from her daughter Tisha's trip to Africa. "There's a lot of history in my



The items Mary Tallman uses to adorn her Lake Panorama home each year include a nativity set she painted in the '70s.

decorating," Tallman said. Tisha's hand is evident in the house as well. She is a judge who lives in Decatur, Georgia, and she's also an artist. Her drawings are displayed through the house. One depicts Tallman's mother, who died at 39; another shows Marisa's young face, and yet another portrays Mahatma Gandhi.

It's not all visual, though — Tallman also has Christmas music playing in the background. She likes a variety, from instrumental piano music to Barbra Streisand.

Putting this display together each year is definitely a labor of love, Tallman said. In addition to having bought her first decoration at 16, she also looks back at her time spent working in a TV and radio parts factory and believes that helped build her interest in detail work.

"If you aren't a person that likes small, intricate work, it's not for you," she said. "You have to love it."

Later, when she worked in retail in Des Moines, she always volunteered to decorate the shops for Christmas.

"I thought, 'I think I have something here — I love detail work, and I love Christmas,'" Tallman recalled.



Mary Tallman's mother, Isabel Ayala, inspired Tallman's love of Christmas. Tallman's daughter, Tisha, drew this portrait of the grandmother she never met.

But, she added, it goes back further than that.

"My mom was the guiding force," she said. "We loved Christmas, even though we had so little." She recalled one Christmas when they were able to have a few Christmas lights — probably no more than a single strand. "I swear, the whole house lit up," she said.

Now, the brightly decorated home reminds her each year of her mother's love for Christmas,



Snowmen are the theme of one of the bathrooms in Mary Tallman's home.

during a time when there was no money for decorations.

Tallman and her husband, John, who have been married for more than 50 years, moved to Panora from Des Moines about 14 years ago. They picked Lake Panorama not for the boating or golf opportunities but because of the wildlife. Their Lake Panorama home is special to the Tallmans; their son, Chris, built it.

The home provides a lovely setting for friends and family — including their three children



One of Mary Tallman's 31 Christmas trees is decorated in bright, cheery colors for Tallman's 8-year-old granddaughter Marisa, who recently was diagnosed with leukemia.



Inside and out, Mary and John Tallman's Lake Panorama home receives a makeover during the Christmas season.

and grandchildren — to visit.

And for Tallman, who grew up going to church on Christmas and volunteering for Catholic organizations, Christmas — in-

cluding the decorating — has a deeper meaning.

"I like the bright lights and prettiness, but it's more of a spiritual journey for me," she said.



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# Coffee with the GM provides LPA updates

By **SUSAN THOMPSON** | *Lake Times staff*

About 35 LPA members attended the third in a series of “Coffee with the GM” events December 1 at Lake Panorama National. John Rutledge, LPA general manager, provided an update on LPA business before taking questions.

Rutledge said there were only seven days in September without rain, which made fall maintenance projects challenging. “But October turned around, and we’ve been able to get a lot of work done,” he said.

Heavy rains this year caused several washouts in small coves, particularly on the west side. There had been concern some repairs might have to be delayed until spring, but with good weather this fall, all have been completed, he said.

Rutledge reviewed the two maintenance projects completed this fall on the Lake Panorama dam. The lake was lowered to allow a Cedar Rapids contractor to reseal joints and cracks on the spillway. “The \$40,000 cost was lower than we had expected, and the contractor did a good job,” Rutledge said. “This is something that needs to be done every 10 to 12 years, so it’s good to have this behind us for a while.”

The other project, which cost \$100,000, was the replacement of the low flow valve. This valve is used to divert water away from the spillway when needed, such as this fall’s lake lowering. The valve, which had never been replaced in the dam’s 45-year history, was “frozen” about half open, so couldn’t be closed or opened further. The new valve now in place will be “exercised” periodically to make sure it continues to function properly, something that can be done hydraulically.

Work on the Cory sediment basin is about 60 percent complete. This \$1.2 million project, funded by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ), is going well, Rutledge said. “Work

there has nearly ended for this year, as frost in the ground will soon prevent the contractor from achieving the desired compaction. This project will wrap up in late spring, and we plan to begin using it for dredged material from Helen’s Cove next fall.”

Rutledge said the bank note for LPA water infrastructure improvements has been paid off. Water rates had increased to pay for the improvements. “The board looked at water rates, and doesn’t plan to make any change,” he said. “Rates really are where they need to be to cover operating costs. We’ve checked water rates elsewhere, too, and know we’re competitive. Our water department essentially operates on a break-even status.”

LPA member dues will increase 2.5 percent for 2016. No other LPA fees are being increased for 2016, including boat stickers, boat slip rentals and camping. “The LPA board takes a dues increase very seriously,” Rutledge said. “But they don’t want to defer spending until future years on things that need to be taken care of now.”

Rutledge said RIZ is working on two wetland projects that will help keep sediment from flowing into Lake Panorama. In 2013, RIZ purchased nearly 116 acres of farm ground north of 200<sup>th</sup> Street and west of Sage Trail. In 2014, Dan and Betty Donahey agreed to trade roughly 40 acres of land they owned nearby for roughly 40 acres of the Cory farm. This year, 26 acres were purchased from the Elmquist family.

These wetland projects are a joint effort with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the USDA Farm

Service Agency. About \$450,000 in federal funds will help cover the cost for the two Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) wetland buffers. The Donahey CREP project will help protect Helen’s Cove, while the Elmquist CREP wetland will help protect Hughes Cove.

Rutledge said the new RIZ law passed in the 2015 Iowa legislative session makes it much more likely the Lake Panorama RIZ can continue into the foreseeable future. Panorama’s RIZ currently has an expiration of June 20, 2019, so a formal request to the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors for an extension has been filed. Rutledge stated the new law ensures extension is granted when a RIZ district demonstrates a continued need for dredging, erosion control and water quality measures.

One issue that seems to be a constant is geese and what they do on the beaches. Rutledge said the LPA board has tentatively budgeted \$60,000 for a beach groomer in 2016. A demonstration of the proposed equipment will be done on a Lake Panorama beach in early spring to test its effectiveness, before a groomer is purchased.

“While we know some of the bacteria counts on our beaches can be attributed to local wildlife, we also know those levels are mostly driven by what’s coming downstream in the Middle Racoon River, and the amount of rainfall upstream,” Rutledge said.

Rutledge said the LPA board recently agreed to provide a matching grant for a new playground at Sunset Beach that is being promoted by Friends of Lake Panorama. The nonprofit charity has already raised \$30,000 for the playground. The board agreed to provide \$50,000 to the project, if Friends raises an additional \$50,000 by August 1.

“Recreation is tough to fund,” Rutledge said. “The board always has to balance expenditures between what the membership wants, and what it needs. It seems a case can always be made that recreation is not a

“need,” even though that is why Lake Panorama is here. We appreciate the leadership of Friends of Lake Panorama for this playground project.”

Rutledge said the LPA board also is discussing the construction in 2016 or 2017 of tennis and pickle ball courts at Boulder Beach, which would replace the courts at the LPN. Basketball may also be accommodated. He encouraged members who want additional recreation to share their thoughts with the LPA board and staff.

Questions from the audience covered a range of topics. These included:

**It doesn’t seem the new regulations concerning home rentals are being followed – what happened?** Rutledge said LPA continues to respond to complaints about noise and parking violations, when notified. He noted enforcement of rental violations is difficult, unless the enforcement results from offensive behavior by the rental guests. Rutledge said LPA is not alone in this challenge. He mentioned many cities are currently dealing with the same issue, and no clear strategy has proven universally effective. Rutledge acknowledged enforcement has been more complex than initially anticipated.

**It seems the deer population has increased, even though you said it is down. What gives?** Rutledge said three seasons ago, 150 or more antlerless deer were harvested on LPA property, but numbers have declined since then. He said while there are hunters aggressively working on LPA ground, he expects the final harvest number to be about 110 this year. He said deer have learned where hunting isn’t allowed, so there are pockets of “safe haven” ground, which leads to the impression there are more deer. The LPA continues to spend about \$2,000 annually on tags and bounties to encourage deer hunting on LPA property. LPA harvest trends are consis-

**COFFEE, PAGE 6A**

# 2016 LPN golf memberships now available

By **SUSAN THOMPSON** | *Lake Times staff*

By now, those who were 2015 Lake Panorama National golf club members should have received renewal forms for the 2016 season. The mailing includes three types of golf membership applications. All are available at the same prices as last year.

Regular memberships are available to both LPA members and non-members. There is a significant “early bird” discount available to those who pay in full by January 31. The membership application shows both the early bird rates and the regular rates for those who pay after January 31.

There is an additional incentive for members who pay in full by December 30. They will be entered into a drawing held the following day, with the grand prize being a Titleist driver with a retail value of \$399. Three other prizes awarded will be a Titleist golf bag, a round of golf for four with carts and a \$100 gift certificate to The Links.

The regular 2016 membership application also has options for paying a trail fee for those with private carts they plan to use on the course, or a cart lease, which entitles the member to a seat on an LPN cart for the season.

Other options on the membership form are cart storage, with just 10 spots available, driving range memberships, bag storage and a USGA handicap. Anyone who plans to play in the LPN’s leagues and handicap tournaments must pay the \$28 handicap fee.

Also in the mailing are forms for special memberships for those who were not LPN golf members in 2015. This promotion gives golfers an opportunity to try out an LPN annual membership at a reduced price for one year. Distance memberships are for people who are not LPA members and

who live more than 18 miles from the LPN.

A partial list of 2015 tournaments, plus application forms for both men’s and women’s leagues at the LPN, are included in the mailing.

The LPN men’s leagues are on Wednesdays, with a kickoff event May 4 and the first day of competition a week later. There is an 18-hole men’s noon league where players can choose to play from either the red or white tees. Players in the 9-hole 3 p.m. league also have that option. All play in the 6 p.m. league is from the white tees. Entry forms and full payment must be submitted by April 24.

The LPN women’s league takes place on Thursdays. Players compete in two-person teams beginning at 5:30 p.m. A kickoff dinner will be May 5, with league competition beginning the following week. Entry forms and full payment must be submitted by April 24. Women interested in league play who do not yet have a partner will be matched with another player, or can play as a sub.

Annual membership and golf league forms are available online at [www.lakepanoramanational.com](http://www.lakepanoramanational.com). Call the LPN pro shop with questions at 641-755-2024. Pro shop winter hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday.

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Q&A: John Rutledge, general manager of Lake Panorama Association

A LOOK BACK, LOOK AHEAD

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff

December means the Lake Panorama Association staff is busy getting ready for the new year. John Rutledge, LPA general manager, takes a look back at 2015, and a look ahead to 2016.

**Q: What were some of the highlights for the LPA in 2015?**

The most significant development in 2015 was passage of an amended RIZ law. This new law helped to secure the future of this important dredging and water quality statute. This will not only be beneficial to Lake Panorama, but also the economy of Guthrie County and its various communities. It was an important recognition by the Iowa Legislature that rural economic development works, and must be continued. It also was recognition that water quality is a growing issue of concern in Iowa.

The LPA tackled two important maintenance projects at the LPA dam, one of which required early removal of boats, docks and lifts. Coulter's Marine, Lake Panorama Barge and Van Houten Barge all worked very hard to make this happen. The spillway project went very well and the low-flow valve project should be completed this winter.

RIZ construction of the Cory sediment basin, north of the LPA maintenance shop, is roughly 60% completed. Weather has placed progress behind schedule, but the project is otherwise going very well. The basin should be ready for use in the fall of 2016, as originally planned.

Big rains reminded us of the damage that can occur from flash flooding. The impact was manageable, but it took a substantial amount of staff time and riprap to repair LPA's buffer structures at the ends of coves.

The new conference center swimming pool was completed and operated for its first season. The response was fantastic and this has already proven to be a big success. Thanks to the Clover Ridge Interval Owners Association for its funding support of this project. They showed great leadership and partnership in replacing the old pool with a much improved facility.

Finally, the LPA board of directors created and appointed a board of managers for LPN, LLC. This board will work closely with John Dinnebie to provide him the same level of support that I receive from the LPA board of directors. It's a positive development, which should give John and his staff additional resources to continue the important task of operating LPN, LLC.

**Q: Now on to 2016. Give us some highlights of the 2016 LPA budget.**

LPA's operational budget is essentially a breakeven budget, with the exception of one carry-over item that we were not able to complete in 2015. Dues were increased 2.5%, with no other changes to the various fees LPA charges for amenities.

The capital budget is always most interesting to the membership. We continue to maintain a replacement schedule on equipment for our various departments, which means pickups, dump trucks and backhoes are periodically traded-in for newer versions. LPA continues to acquire a mix of new and used equipment in our purchasing strategy.

LPA is looking at a beach groomer, which will be used to clean the beaches twice a week. We are hopeful this will improve the quality of our members' beach experience and address goose droppings. Also in the budget is remodeling of the conference center kitchen. Updates are needed to ensure the facility remains up-to-date.

**Q: When will LPA members receive their annual mailing for dues, assessments and amenities, and what payment deadlines exist?**

The LPA dues and assessments are scheduled for mail-



ing in mid-December. That timing is appreciated by members who travel south for the winter, leaving immediately after the holidays. This allows them to get everything paid before their trip, which means they'll be ready to go when spring arrives.

Members can pay their LPA dues, assessments and amenities immediately if they choose. The due date on dues and assessments is May 1. Due dates for amenities vary. The only caveat is boat sticker and camping sticker fees, along with dues, must be paid in full prior to receiving stickers.

LPA offers several payment options to accommodate member preference. Members can pay all at once, or can schedule a series of electronic funds transfers (EFTs) to spread the expense over a few months. A 12-month EFT option also is available for a modest fee. Members who would like information about the various payment options may contact the office at 641-755-2301 for more information.

One item to note is that members with "additional lot" classification will receive a separate invoice. Separate invoices also will be created for member amenities, such as boats and camping. Members may pay these separately, or total them all for payment with a single check.

YOURVIEWS  
Letters to the editor

To the editor,  
On November 30, the EPA finally announced the long-awaited Renewable Volume Obligations for 2014, 2015 and 2016. These numbers determine how many gallons of renewable fuel, like ethanol, will be blended into the fuel supply. I am pleased that these numbers are a move in the right direction and will finally break the oil industry's self-imposed barrier of 10 percent ethanol use in the U.S.

But this was not a total victory. Although we will be able to move beyond the 10 percent "blend wall," these numbers still fall short of what is called for by federal law. Our industry is poised to offer drivers greater choice in fuel options than have ever been available to Americans since the introduction of the automobile. These published numbers help, but could have gone even further. To this end, our company and our community will continue to demonstrate not only to the Administration, but to the nation, that ethanol is a vital component to reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil and combating climate change.

I know many of your readers reached out to the EPA to tell personal stories about how the biofuels industry and POET are making a difference in our rural economies, for our national security and for our environment. I have no doubt that these comments made a big difference as EPA finalized its decision. In fact, we saw a 700 million gallon increase in the amount of renewable fuel to be blended into the fuel supply in 2016 over the EPA's earlier May proposal. POET is proud to be a member of this community, and we thank each of you who joined with us to fight for our way of life. To those of you who were unable to engage, there will be many battles ahead, and we would love to have you on the team.

But for now, we should all be proud of our collective effort to stand up to Big Oil and defend the Renewable Fuel Standard. From every one of us - thank you, and happiest of holidays.

**Bill Howell**  
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Lake Panorama RIZ trustee re-elected

By SUSAN THOMPSON  
Lake Times staff


There were 45 voters in an election held December 8, in which a trustee of the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) board was re-elected. Dale Grothjohn ran unopposed and retained his seat on the board. Other trustees on the five-member board are Doug Hemphill, Bill Dahl, JoAnn Johnson and Corey Welberg.

The trustees are charged with administering the RIZ, which includes the platted portions of the Lake Panorama development. The RIZ has existed since 1997 and is responsible for funding erosion control at Lake Panorama. This has included the complete dredging of the


upper basin and Middle Racoon River channel, plus the acquisition and construction of the County Basin. That basin is where current dredge spoil is being stored.

Currently, the RIZ is developing the new Cory Sediment Basin, into which dredged material from Helen's Cove and Hughes Cove will be pumped. In addition, two new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) wetland projects are being planned. The Donahey CREP wetland will help reduce sediment running into Helen's Cove and the Elmquist CREP wetland will help protect Hughes Cove.


A portion of property taxes resulting from the growth of Lake Panorama and a tax levy on property in the district are the sources of RIZ funding.



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Oakley says the new board has a very specific charge. “The LPA board is elected by LPA members, so they have the ultimate accountability for what happens with the LPN. They appointed this board to really dive into the specifics of the operation,” he said. “We’re taking a hard look at the business, detailing all the positives, and looking for ways to continue to improve.”

A first order of business was to give John Dinnebieer the new title of LPN Director of Operations. Dinnebieer was hired as the LPN head pro in 1999, when the operation was managed by the Guthrie County REC. He moved to the general manager slot in 2002, and was hired by the LPA in 2005 as the LPN, LLC general manager.

Oakley says the new title doesn’t change Dinnebieer’s responsibilities, but it does better reflect Iowa law regarding limited liability corporations. “John has many years of experience being a great representative for the LPN. We want to make sure he has the tools to continue to lead this business. This is an evolution, not a revolution,” Oakley says.

Dinnebieer says he welcomes the help. “This new board is giving me and the rest of the LPN staff the chance to really tackle a lot of the specifics of this business and get feedback from our members,” he says. “We’re taking a closer look at everything we do.”

Oakley appointed three ad hoc committees to deal with some priority items before the end of 2015. The committees are marketing, facilities, and administrative.

The marketing committee took a look at the price of LPN golf memberships, which led to the board recommending no increase in dues for 2016. That recommendation was accepted by the LPA board when it approved the 2016 LPN budget.

The LPN board also endorsed a plan to contract with

GolfNow.com for the 2016 season. The LPN pro shop will make specific tee times available for online booking, and golfers will pay retail price when they arrive at the clubhouse. In exchange, GolfNow.com gets one tee time daily it can sell directly.

Dinnebieer says after researching this option with other central Iowa courses, he believes this will bring in more daily green fee revenue. “Our pro shop decides what tee times to make available, and we’ll be choosing times that are normally slow for us. The company paid the expense of getting integrated into our tee sheet, so we don’t have any upfront costs.”

The marketing committee also is studying event pricing and standardization. Dinnebieer says a sampling of events, such as weddings, golf outings and banquets, will be reviewed. “We’re looking at the revenue-per-person for our events, to see if there are opportunities to increase revenue, and make better decisions on how each event is handled,” he says.

The facilities committee started by looking at health and safety issues related to the LPN kitchen. After meeting twice with Dinnebieer and Chef Peter Makens, the committee presented a report recommending a kitchen remodel. This will include replacing the ceiling damaged by a roof leak that has been fixed; replacing an aging walk-in cooler with a new, larger refrigerator; and improving the food prep line.

The committee’s report, endorsed by the LPN board, was presented to the LPA board at its November meeting. After discussion, the LPA board agreed to include the kitchen remodel in its 2016 capital budget. It is hoped the work can be done in phases so the kitchen won’t be closed for more than a few days, and that the remodel will be done by early April.

Oakley says the administrative committee is looking at the LPN’s structure. “We want to become familiar with how the LPN is organized, job de-

scriptions, how we do business and who does what in the business. We’ve already been impressed by the seniority of so many of the staff,” he says. “There is a lot of institutional knowledge and skill here.”

A topic for future review is how to better incorporate the Panorama West Golf Course and Clubhouse into the LPN operation.

“We really have a 27-hole golf operation, and we need to figure out ways to better market that,” Oakley says. “A lot of time and investment has gone into the Panorama West course the last few years, and it’s become a really good golf course. With the tee time flexibility there, and lower green fees than at the LPN, there are opportunities to generate more traffic.”

Oakley says the LPN operation, and its \$2.3 million budget, is a benefit to LPA members. “But it’s also a regional asset, and something the LPA has to offer to the wider community. If we don’t take care of it in a proactive way, both LPA members and the community would suffer,” he says.

Oakley’s wife, Jo Oldson, and her sister, Martha Wilits, bought a Lake Panorama home in 2003. “We’ve enjoyed it,” Oakley says. “We really did it for the next generation. It’s been an opportunity for recreation and family togetherness that can’t be found easily.”

Oakley’s reason for accepting when he was asked to volunteer for the LPN board involves a golf course in Moline that was started by his grandfather.

“I grew up playing golf there. My father was involved in golf course governance at places we moved to over the years. For the last 12 years, this has been my golf home,” he says. “A golf course is a place people remember in a positive way. Young people learn lessons about both golf and life on a golf course. I felt this was a way for me to give back to the larger golf community.”

The LPN Board of Managers will meet monthly, and provide regular updates to the LPA Board of Directors.

**DONATIONS**  
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“We both live in this community, and are grateful for the Lake Panorama membership so wanted to contribute to this important project,” Wagler says. “Also, it is important to us that our community be appealing to potential home buyers. This new playground at Sunset Beach will add yet another amenity to attract new home buyers, as well as help support property values.”

While donations of all sizes are welcome, only donors of \$500 or more are recognized on the Friends website. In addition, a sign listing these larger donors will be erected near the playground.

Friends of Lake Panorama is a relatively new option for charitable giving, having just received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS in July 2014. All contributions are tax deductible, and all donors receive a letter of thanks as their receipt.

The Friends nonprofit is separate from the Lake Panorama Association, and has a goal of improving recreational amenities at Lake Panorama. Kirk Fischer is one of seven volunteers serving on the Friends board of directors, and is in his second year as board president.

Fischer says one reason the Friends board plans to build this new playground is to provide families who are boating on busy weekends a fun place to get off the water for a while, while still enjoying their time on Lake Panorama.

The main play structure includes multiple slides, bridges and climbing opportunities. Several smaller structures surround the main area, including hop rocks, bongo stumps, and modern takes on the old-fashioned merry-go-round and teeter-totter.

“We’re hoping a wide range of Lake Panorama members, as well as friends, family and area businesses will donate to this new playground,” Fischer says. “To help make sure we don’t miss out on the matching funds from the LPA, perhaps donors will want to split their contribution,

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In addition to the Sunset Beach playground, donations also can be made to six separate funds or a combination of funds. There is a general fund, plus funds for Boulder Beach, Shady Beach, Sunset Beach, Panorama West, and Lake Panorama National. Money donated to these will be used at the discretion of the Friends board.

Questions regarding the Friends of Lake Panorama can be emailed to [staff@friends-of-lakepanorama.org](mailto:staff@friends-of-lakepanorama.org). The website is [www.friendsoflakepanorama.org](http://www.friendsoflakepanorama.org).

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COFFEE  
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tent with Department of Natural Resources reports statewide. **Is the LPA going to be able to track how much less sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus enters the lake once the two wetlands projects are complete?** Rutledge said sediment levels are difficult to judge, but nitrogen and phosphorus can be tracked, and he expects that will happen when the wetlands are complete. Currently the LPA does weekly water sampling at seven loca-

tions from Springbrook to the LPA dam throughout the spring and summer to check for bacteria. He said this shows the LPA is serious about collecting and tracking water quality data. As state funds increase for water quality work, this may lead to new projects upstream in the Lake Panorama watershed. **Will the pond south of the Panorama West golf course ever be dredged?** Rutledge said it's unfortunate that in the past dredged materials were pumped into this pond, and also basins near Jones Cove and Lodge Cove. He said this is not currently an

urgent priority, but rehabilitation of these and similar buffer structures around Lake Panorama will be on the RIZ agenda in the coming years. **Is there value in the material pumped by the dredge from the lake bottom into sediment basins?** This issue has been researched several times. Because the material includes a lot of sand and rocks, and is so variable in nature, no market has been identified. "We've considered trying to farm some of the older basins, but it takes a long time to even get weeds to grow," Rutledge said.

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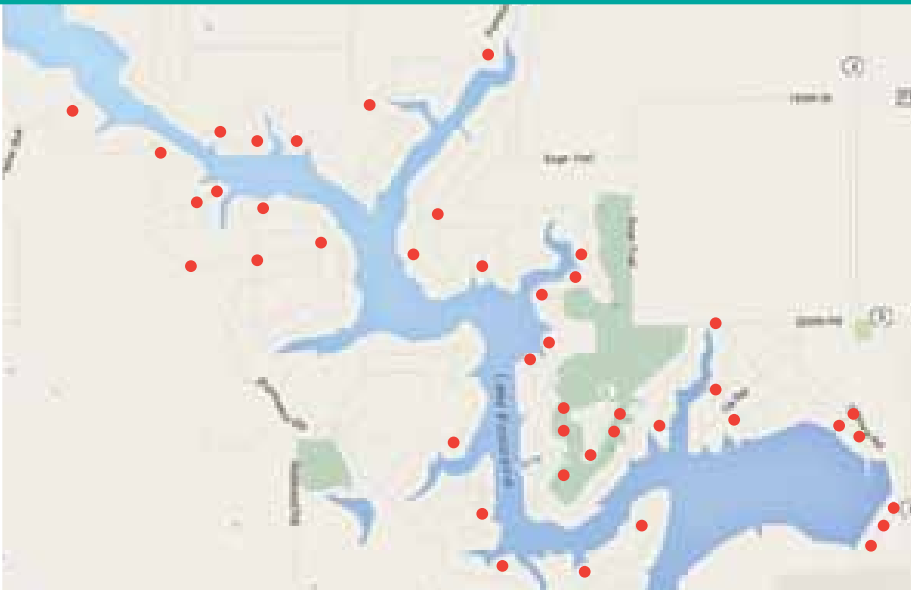
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At his death, Dean Betts left \$20,000 to his church, the First Christian Church of Panorama. Accepting a check from William Bump (back left), one of the successor trustees of the Dean R. Betts Trust, are (from left) Ada Miller, Pastor Gary Freeland, Helene Crowl, Mary Morgan and Emmy Harriger.



Local resident Dean R. Betts leaves \$350,000 to the Paul and Eleanor Little Scholarship Foundation to be used to award college scholarships to Panorama high school graduates who are not in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. Pictured with the gift are (from left) John Millhollin, board member, Paul Little, who with his deceased wife Eleanor Little created the foundation in 2011, attorney William Bump, one of the successor trustees of the Dean R. Betts Trust, Shawn Holloway, Panorama Superintendent, and Bryce Wilke, Panorama school board president.

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Dean R. Betts, who died May 12, 2015, left \$350,000 to the Paul and Eleanor Little Scholarship Foundation, to be used to award college scholarships to Panorama graduates who are not in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Little, who along with his deceased wife Eleanor, created the foundation in 2011. “It’s been a good deal,” Little said. “If it really makes a difference on half the kids that get money, it’s worth it.” At his death, Betts also left \$20,000 to his church, the First Christian Church of Panorama. Pastor Gary Freeland said the money will be put towards the debt the church carries on it’s addition to the building.

Dean R. Betts was the son of Robert S. and Helen C. (McClintock) Betts. He graduated from Panora High School in 1946 and went to work in the Panora office of the Guthrie County State Bank. After four years at the bank, he was drafted by the United States Army and from 1951 to 1953 he served in the Ordnance Corps, spending six months on Okinawa. Following his discharge, Betts went to work on the Highland Park State Bank, Des Moines, as a bookkeeper. He retired 36 years later from this position as Vice President with Valley National Bank. Following re-

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**HOLIDAY**

# Kids line up to have ‘Breakfast with Santa and Friends’ at Panora Community Building



ASHLEY SCHABLE | LAKE TIMES

Local 4-H Club members help kids create holiday wreaths at the Panora Community Building Saturday during the Panora Chamber's Breakfast with Santa and Friends event.

By **ASHLEY SCHABLE** | *Lake Times staff*

A community effort led by the Panora Chamber drew hundreds of children and parents to the Panora Community Building Saturday, December 5, to meet with Santa and Friends over pancakes.

“I’m going to ask for a new farm set,” said seven-year-old Carter Young of Yale, as he approached Santa after waiting in line for a short time. With a big smile, he hopped up next to Santa and made the wish. The first annual Breakfast with Santa and Friends, held as a fundraiser for the Panora Chamber, was clearly a success as several adults, children and families filled the community building for breakfast and engaged in activities full of holiday spirit in the gym. Tony and Jodi Wiita of Algona brought their sons, Zeb and Kreighton, who were visiting their grandparents Tom and Diane Watts of Panora, to the festivities. “They want to do everything themselves,” Tony said, as the boys made holiday art with their finger prints. Chamber secretary Jaime Waddle, from Panora Telco Solutions, who organized the activities with Santa’s Workshop co-chairs Chris Arganbright, Bryton Insurance and Julie Dent-Zajicek, Panora State Bank, said she was pleased with the crowd and support from

several areas of the community. The Panoram Art Club, under the supervision of high school art teacher Ginger Lindstrom, US Sunbeams 4-H Club, Women for Panora’s Future, several junior high boys and girls basketball players, along with Maureen Lubeck, Panora Oil, Angie Holloway, The Lakeside Village, and Janet Winter helped keep the kids busy. They played Santa Bingo, had a Candy Cane Walk, decorated cookies, and made holiday wreaths to name just a few of the activities. “It was fun for the workers, too, to see all the excitement in the little kids,” Waddle said. Panoram student council members and advisor Kylee Boettcher entertained the crowd dressed as holiday characters and helped Leroy Oxley, who doned the Santa suit this year. Volunteer Chaille Crandall, who helped organize the breakfast said they served roughly 325 bodies, which helped raise a generous amount of funds to support the holiday lighting of town square.

**SANTA, PAGE 2B**



Jessa Hellman visits with Santa at the Panora Community Center Saturday during Breakfast with Santa and Friends. Visitors enjoyed pancakes and sausage, posed for photos with holiday characters and enjoyed dozens of holiday craft activities.



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Santa Bingo was a popular spot for children during Breakfast with Santa activities at the Panora Community Building Saturday. The event, sponsored by the Panora Chamber, had dozens of holiday activities for kids.

## SANTA

FROM PAGE 1B

Mike Ketelsen and Ron Reynolds figure they flipped somewhere around 800 pancakes that morning. Kristen Crouthmel, Kathy Miller, Gayle Shackelford, Gladys Willey, Tami Kuta and Cheryl Castile were also busy breakfast help, whether it meant serving hot cakes, milk and juice, clearing tables, or inviting guests in the door.

"I haven't had this much fun in a long time," Castile said as she bounced around the building with holiday cheer.

Donating food for the breakfast was Joe Wiesz, PJ's, Panora Telco, Lakeside Village, Home-town Foods as well as other local volunteers.

"It's a community event," Crandall said.



Christmas cookie decorating entertains young bakers during a Breakfast with Santa and Friends event Saturday at the Panora Community Center.

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Cheryl Castile encourages The Grinch to spread holiday cheer around the Panora Community Building Saturday during the Panora Chamber's Breakfast with Santa event. Members of the Panorama student council dressed as holiday characters and posed for photos throughout the event with hundreds of children who enjoyed the pancake and sausage breakfast and dozens of holiday activities.



Zander and Liza Lopez dress up for the holidays during Breakfast with Santa and Friends fun in Panora Saturday.



Lauren McDivitt (left) and Willow Zeman (right) of Yale have some fun during Breakfast with Santa and Friends at the Panora Community Center Saturday.



Mike Ketelsen serves pancakes during the Breakfast with Santa and Friends event at the Panora Community Building Saturday. More than 325 individuals enjoyed pancakes and sausage before taking part in a dozen holiday activities in the gym that morning.



ABOVE: Posing for a photo with Olaf from the movie Frozen during Breakfast with Santa and Friends in Panora Saturday are Andrea Stanley with son Gabe and daughter Aria. LEFT: Gavin Lindstrom teaches The Grinch how to play Santa Bingo during the Breakfast with Santa event in Panora.



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# Twinkle tour in city park

By **ASHLEY SCHABLE**  
*Lake Times staff*

**GUTHRIE CENTER**  
Signs of the season are on display at Mitchell Park in Guthrie Center as the city's annual lighting display shined bright on opening

night.

Visitors let the festive spirit of the season take hold as merry lights shimmered across the park and radiant holiday light displays guided guests, many families, through a dazzling Christmas wonderland.



**Santa's Zoo display at Guthrie Center's Mitchell Park came to life on Saturday, November 28, as the annual lighting display was turned on for the holiday season. It's free to see the display as the community puts it on for fun and welcomes carloads of visitors from all over each year.**

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There are a few new displays among the favorites this year, Laughery said.

Arguably one of the most outstanding displays in the park this year is Santa's Zoo, a display by Gerald and Betty Simmons.

"They cut them all out of plywood," Laughery said of the zoo animals. There are lions, tigers and bears, and others who circle around on a Ferris Wheel.

There's also a nativity set, holiday wreaths and silver bells.

There are a few displays that honor the memory of others. Laughery is especially touched by the 'Deck of Cards' display.

"We've played card club for a number of years with six couples, and four of the couples have lost children," she explained. "We have a Deck of Cards with an Ace, King, Queen and Jack. It turned out really well."

Laughery encourages everyone to come visit the park this holiday season. She said a few bus tours have already made plans to attend.

"It's really very popular," she said.

New decorations, replacement items, or repairs are always needed to keep the park a wonderful attraction for Guthrie Center. Free-will donations may be made at City Hall, Guthrie County State Bank, or Peoples Trust and Savings Bank.



ASHLEY SCHABLE | LAKE TIMES

**Visitors stop along the Santa's Zoo display at Mitchell Park in Guthrie Center on Saturday, November 28. The annual holiday display pulls out all the stops when it comes to decorating for the holidays as the twinkling lights and Christmas cheer bring carloads of people to town every year.**

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### 320 Adair, Menlo

Lots of room in this 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath home on corner lot. Nice sized rooms, lg. dining room with FP, 1st floor laundry, master BR with 3/4 bath and lg. closet, heated mud room/pantry. Newer windows & electric box. Det. garage and garden shed. \$105,000.

### 301 Sycamore, DeSoto

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath ranch home on corner lot. Nice sized rooms & lots of storage. Master BR has new carpeting & built in closet storage system. Kitchen has lots of cupboards & appliances are included. Full mostly finished basement with NEW capeting, 4th BR with egress window, lg. family room, 3/4 bath/laundry. Many 2014 improvements include: New shingles, siding, windows, gutters, exterior doors and slider to lg. deck. Yard is fenced. Det. garage. Located just 1 blk from school & easy commute to I-80 & Des Moines. \$129,900.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Lake Panorama Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 27, 2015  
Lake Panorama  
Association Office**

The Lake Panorama Association Board of Directors met October 27, 2015, at 5:00 PM, at the Lake Panorama Association Office. Board members present were Bob Batschelet, John Coghlan, Bill Douglass, Tom Jeschke, Mindy Larsen Poldberg, Charles Schnack, and Neil Wright.

Staff present: John Dinnebie, Director of Operations LPN; Danna Krambeer, John Rutledge, David Thompson LPA staff.

Visitors present: Kirk Fischer, Bob McCleary, Jody Muench, Tricia Steffen, Jim Spradling, Susan Thompson – Friends of Lake Panorama Board Members; Brice Oakley, President, LPN Board of Managers; Paul Brackelsberg, Gary Evans, Sherri Faga, LPA Members. Chris Wadle, St. Thomas More Center.

President Coghlan called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Agenda.** Douglass asked to add a DNR Letter he received to Other Business. Wright moved to approve the amended agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2 – Open Forum.** Paul Brackelsberg spoke to the board about the closing of the narrows to skiing and towing during Holidays and weekends. Brackelsberg questioned if there had been accidents or close calls that warrant the strict closing, it seems the area may be more dangerous now with the forced turn around. Brackelsberg requested the Board review the new rule and look at making changes to shorten the time frame or find some other option of ensuring safety for the boating members and allowing a longer skiing time for members to enjoy this skiing area.

Coghlan asked this item be put on the agenda at a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda.** Douglass moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded, carried unanimously. Consent agenda to include:  
a) LPA General Manager’s Report  
b) Approval of minutes from 09.22.2015 LPA Board Meeting  
c) Accept minutes of the 9.23.2015 Water Safety committee meeting.  
d) Acceptance of 9.30.2015 consolidated financial report – LPA & LPN, LLC.

**Agenda Item 4a – Building code changes regarding demolition and removal of structures.**

Consider rule changes regarding demolition and removal of existing structures

(homes, condominiums and detached garages). Rutledge pointed out the rule currently does not address the burning of any structure.

Recommended Rule Changes – Section to Add

*2403 – Permits for Demolition / Removal of structures*

*2403.1 Definitions*  
2403.11 Demolition shall be defined as the destruction of a building by disassembly, whether piecemeal to recycle material or by destruction by heavy equipment and the completion of removal debris and site restoration.

2403.2 A permit shall be required for the demolition and/or removal of the following:  
2403.21 Homes, condominiums, detached garages  
2403.3 No permits shall be needed for demolition and removal of any unlisted structure.  
2403.4 The LPA shall simply be notified in writing of the removal of any other structure.

2803 Demolition and Removal of Structures.

2803.1 Demolition permits shall be required for removal of any residence (home or condominium) or detached garage.  
2803.11 Demolition permit fees shall be required for residence and detached garage demolition

2803.111 Demolition permit for a home shall be \$ 1,000 road fee.

2803.112 Demolition permit for a condominium shall be \$ 1,000 per residence unit.

2803.113 Demolition for a detached garage shall be \$ 250, but shall be waived if the concrete slab and foundation footings (if existing) are left in place if appropriate to do so.

*2803.2 All demolition must be completed in 60 days from permit issuance*

*2803.3 Burning as a means of demolition shall not be allowed for any structure.*

Batschelet moved to accept the recommended rule additions. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4b –Accept minutes of the 10.6.2015 LPN, LLC Board of Managers Meeting.**

President Coghlan instructed the item be placed on the November agenda. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 5a – 2016 LPA Capital Budget**

**i) Review budget Draft** Rutledge reviewed the capital budget items proposed for 2016.

There was a short discussion on the capital budget, cash flow, and the operational budget which will be reviewed later in the meeting.

**ii) Presentation by Friends of Lake Panorama** Kirk Fischer, president of Friends of Lake Panorama, reviewed what

Friends have been doing since the creation of Friends, a 501(c) (3), and their goals. Each board member present introduced themselves and their goals for the organization. Friends setup eight funds to accept donations for projects. Two major projects that were identified were the LPN Sports Courts and the Sunset Beach Playground.

The Sunset Beach Playground Project has raised approximately \$30,000 to date. The cost for the destination playground is \$120,000. Friends is requesting the Board approve \$50,000 in funding for 2016. If this is approved by the board, Friends will do a November 2015 mailing campaign. It was noted the supplier of the playground equipment has held the price of the proposed equipment for year and a half.

Rutledge reported items to consider with building this playground are parking, future bathrooms, maintenance and the possibility of a boat ramp being added to the Sunset Beach Area.

Coghlan asked how Friends would feel about matching funds. Friends is willing to run a matching campaign whereby they would raise \$50,000 and the LPA Board would match the amount raised. This would generate the required funds to proceed with the Sunset Beach Playground proposal.

**iii) Discussion of potential boat ramp at Sunset Beach** Batschelet discussed the need for a proposed boat ramp to be located at Sunset Beach. The major concerns with the location are safety, security, parking and invasive species. The Water Safety Committee discussed the proposal and reported a concern with invasive species and parking.

Batschelet moved to research the cost and location for an additional boat ramp and include in the 2016, 2017 or 2018 capital budget. Motion seconded. Vote Aye – 3, Nay – 4 Motion failed.

**Agenda Item 5b – 2016 LPN, LLC Operating Budget.** Cogh-

lan introduced Brice Oakley, President of LPN Board of Managers. Oakley discussed the LPN is a for profit business, serving their loyal members and as a destination resort. Three temporary Ad Hoc committees have been created.

1 – Administration. Goals are to better understand the human assets, the people working for LPN and an organization chart. Oakley will chair the committee with Dave Butterwick and Katelyn Brelsford.

2 – Facility Asset. Request to keep the place holder in the proposed LPA Capital Budget for the kitchen. Facilities Committee – Safety and health concerns are number one priority, Kane Powell to chair with Mark Juhl and Julie Wykoff.

3 – Events. Recognize events are very important to LPN. The timeline for setting rates for 2016 events is now. Mark Juhl, chair, and Ann Appleseth will review 2016 event schedule, 2015 performance and elements of cost for the next year.

Coghlan thanked Oakley for his report and asked for continued communication between the two boards.

Dinnebie presented the LPN, LLC Operating Budget First Version. There was a short discussion on the LPN Operational Budget -

-Pool expenses and revenue were discussed and presentation of this information. LPN will setup a separate department for the pool in the budget for the next meeting.

-Green Fees, cart rentals and membership dues were discussed along with the fees charged for outings.

-Currently there is nothing in the budget for a shutdown of the facilities for a remodel / update

-No capital items for the LPN were presented in the LPN budget.

Coghlan requested a monthly operational budget for LPN with the addition of a separate department for the pool and a list of any capital items to be purchased by LPN to be presented at the November meeting.

**Agenda Item 5c – 2016 LPA**

**Operating Budget.** Rutledge presented the LPA Operating Budget First Version. The budget has a 2.5% increase in Dues and Assessments. Extraordinary expense of \$90,000 is included in water department for test wells. No cash rent will be received from LPN for 2016.

Douglass motioned the consulting expense from the 2015 budget, not realized in 2015, be refunded to the membership. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Douglass motioned the consulting expense of \$55,000 from the 2015 budget be deducted in the 2016 operational budget. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Douglass motioned for no dues increase in 2016. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Schnack moved to proceed with the budget as presented at this time, which includes the 2.5% dues increase. Motion seconded, motion carried.

Coghlan asked for LPA Capital Budget discussion. Both the beach groomer and test wells were noted as receiving tentative approval, with additional information to follow from Rutledge before proceeding with purchase/expenditure.

Schnack moved LPA will match \$50,000 if Friends of Lake Panorama raises \$50,000 in a campaign for Sunset Beach Playground by August 1, 2016. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5d – Transfer ownership of LP West Golf Course grounds keeping equipment to LPN, LLC effective 1.1.16.** LPN, LLC operates the LP West Golf Course under a lease agreement with LPA. This lease includes not only the facilities, but also the machinery and equipment. Because LPA retains ownership of all machinery and equipment, the depreciation

is listed on LPA’s financials.

It is the goal for LP West to achieve a level of revenue that will allow for it to cover its own lease/purchase expenses for equipment. (Significant expenses should be several years down the line, as LPA will have upgraded most of the equipment once 2016 capital purchases are made.)

Rutledge recommended the LPA Board of Directors approve a motion transferring ownership of all Lake Panorama West Golf Course groundskeeping equipment to LPN, LLC, effective January 1, 2016 and authorize execution of a revised LP West lease which reflects the transfer of groundskeeping equipment ownership.

Poldberg moved to authorize LPA to transfer to LPN, LLC the groundskeeping equipment to the LPN, LLC asset ledger and authorize execution of a revised lease stating this transfer effective January 1, 2016. Motion seconded, carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6 – Other Business**

Rutledge reviewed RIZ Board discussion regarding a future lease of land for the CREP project between LPA and RIZ.

Rutledge recapped a communication regarding DNR’s view on the LPA as a private or public body of water. No action on the communication is required.

**Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session –** The Board entered closed session at 8:20 PM to discuss legal matters.

The Board exited closed session at 8:45 PM.

**Agenda Item 8 - Meeting** adjourned at 8:47 PM

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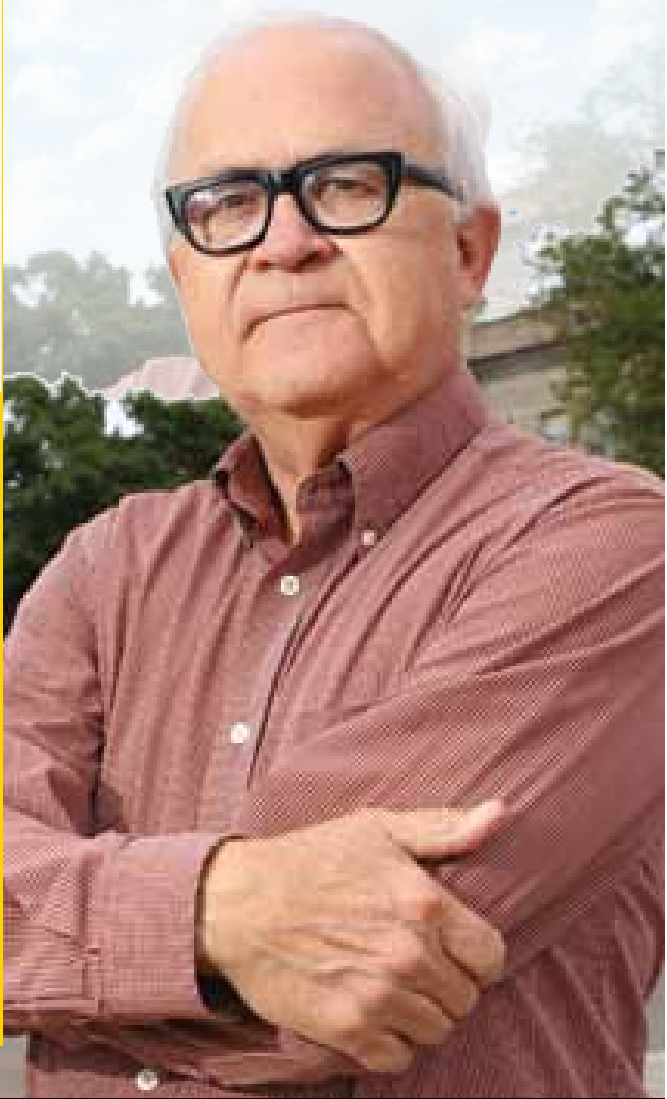
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