

Dear LCA Member:

Greetings from Camp Arcadia! Family weeks are now finished but we still have two months left in the season. After a few more week long retreats and lots of weekend retreats the camp season will come to an end at the 2007 Annual LCA Meeting. The annual LCA meeting, will be held at Camp Arcadia this year on Saturday, October 19, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. I hope to see you there!

At the annual meeting, we will celebrate the completion of our recreation project. We have received many positive comments from guests this summer. From the basketball court to the "world-class" shuffleboard courts and everything in between, we should all be proud of this project.

As you know, we now face another big decision, and like the recreation project, we've done a lot of work and listened to a lot of people. Like many waterfront property owners, Camp Arcadia is no different in experiencing beach erosion. More than once, we have had to address erosion of our beach as the lake waters threatened our buildings. Although lake levels have risen and fallen, the main culprit in our beach erosion, the experts tell us, is man-made structures, which interfere with the natural transport of sand. In our case, the reason is the Lake Arcadia channel rock piers.

At the beginning of the 2005 season, it became clear that our existing wooden protection system was deteriorating rapidly and becoming dangerous. This decay, along with the already dilapidated concrete pier, caused the LCA Board to appoint the Beach Erosion Committee (BEC). The Beach Erosion Committee (BEC), a subcommittee of the Board, was charged "to research and develop a proposal for the purpose of finding a long-range, effective solution regarding the preservation of Camp Arcadia and its buildings and grounds while maintaining a usable, accessible, safe and environmentally responsible shoreline". This committee, headed by former board member, Jim Woell, was also comprised of the following members: Bill Beck, Dick Blum, Mike Dourson, John Jass, Alan Klaas, Don Lohrentz, Scott Miller, and Chris Schumann.

The BEC's search for options to our problem has been wide and far-reaching. It has been thorough and careful in its consideration of many options. The BEC consulted with several beach erosion experts. One system in particular, the underwater stabilizer system, emerged as the best long-term solution. The underwater stabilizer system is prevalent along the Lake Michigan shoreline, and there have been independent scientific studies performed on existing systems. These studies have assured us as to the effectiveness of the system and that it does not have a negative effect on our neighbors. We also surveyed Western Lake Michigan beach front property owners of this system to gather comments. The surveys were overwhelmingly favorable and confirmed they did not negatively effect their neighbors.

The BEC then turned all its research over to a panel of beach erosion scientists and other experts to be independently peer-reviewed. This two-day event occurred at Camp in August, 2006. The panel walked the Camp's beach, including areas north and south of it,

and two existing nearby underwater groin installations. Panelists answered many questions from the audience during the meeting.

Based on this independent review and over two years of intense research and study of options to address beach erosion, the BEC, in May, 2007, recommended the LCA Board of Directors adopt an underwater stabilizer system as the best long term solution. You will find enclosed an Interim Report, Final Report and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers to give you additional information about all of this activity.

The Board has now reached the point where it is important to move forward. Once we have membership approval, we can begin the permitting process and the fundraising campaign. Therefore, the motion to be voted upon at our 2007 LCA annual meeting is as follows:

The membership of LCA authorizes the LCA Board of Directors to proceed with regulatory approval of, installation of and fundraising for an underwater stabilizer system fronting the property owned by the LCA, and, furthermore, to replace, as necessary, the existing wood and concrete groin system; the total cost is not to exceed \$ 1 Million.

I want to make a final note about this motion. Camp Arcadia is blessed to have successfully completed two capital campaigns in the past 15 years. In fact, Camp currently has no debt due to the generosity of its members. Although the exact details are yet to be decided, the Board intends to finance this project with a combination of fundraising and LCA reserve funds the Board has placed in the Arcadia Foundation. Final details will be presented at the fall meeting.

In summary, the Board has taken a two-prong approach to a beach protection plan. First, we're making sure our existing beach is safe by removing the hazardous elements of the wood jetties and concrete pier. Second, we're proposing a long-term solution, an underwater stabilizer system, to protect Camp's buildings and enhance our beloved beach. The Board has reached this position after much research, scientific review and credible scientific support.

I sincerely ask for your prayerful support of this motion. Thank you for your attention.

In His Service,

Martha C. Dourson,
President, LCA Board of Directors

Enclosures