

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 27, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:13 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27th, 2016 at the residence of Scott Sherman.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term Expires 2017)
Sheri Berger, Board Member (Term Expires 2019)
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Lloyd Pearson (Term Expires 2018)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Shea
Celeste Benoit
Hollie Rose
Joseph Mingoello

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 29th, 2016 meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and the June minutes were then approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by Scott Sherman and seconded by Sheri Berger.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Stokke went over budget for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2016, detailing checks written out for East Shore work, road drainage bills, payment for septic cleaning, etc.

A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Charlene Baulski was absent.

D. SEPTIC REPORT

Celeste Benoit reported that notes went out on July 2nd regarding septic tanks that should be cleaned this year, and that 14 septic tanks have already been done. There were no problems. It was noted that septic tanks are cleaned on a four-year rotation basis. The Board received a note from a resident showing that their septic was cleaned in 2014. A letter notifying the resident of the four-year rotation will be sent.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE

No committee.

The guardrail on West Shore Drive was checked as it had been hit and is leaning, but it is still stable in the ground and is fine for now.

It was reported that trees have been taken down on East Shore and the area cleared.

The Board would like to thank the resident who removed the old dock on the West Shore Drive Beach.

A Board member reported that there are trees and bushes overgrown around Shore Drive and was asked if she would check the area and make a list of areas that need work. The Board is considering putting the landscape work out to bid.

F. LAKE REPORT:

LAKE REPORT: Scott Sherman reported that the Solitude Company will be treating the lily pads in the middle of the lake and in the center of the coves. Scott was asked about lowering the lake earlier to treat and Scott reported that the freeze actually helps get rid of the weeds.

Scott reported that the tape weed removal is more effective in the spring and can be treated without lowering the lake.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson was not present.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE

No report.

I. WEB REPORT

WEBSITE: Alan reported he posted the proposed budget on the HLA website and there is also a summary of the annual meeting discussion.

FACEBOOK: It was reported that Facebook is very active. It is a public page and available to all.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A resident on Shore Drive by the beach has requested permission to install a 4' cedar fence and a replacement dock. We will request this resident to come to a Board meeting to discuss these plans. This request was tabled.

There is a resident on Shore Drive that has been notified that their property needs to be cleaned up. They have been notified before, and now it was agreed by all that the Town needs to get involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The contractor at 5 Ledge Drive, Joseph Mingoello, was present at this meeting. He reported to the Board that he plans on installing a \$35,000 septic system. He states that it has been engineered and double-engineered. He claims water comes down from West Shore Drive, and because there is no curb, the water washes over to the area where his septic system is to be installed. Mr. Mingoello states that he has to raise the land 6' to install the septic system and says that he has spoken with the Inland/Wetland Commission.

Mr. Mingoello talked about a ditch for drainage alongside the north side of the 5 Ledge property. There is no record of a legal easement.

Mr. Mingoello talked about the need for a curtain drain and said that he had dug the ditch to the HLA gully along the West Shore Drive beach. The water does not reach the ditch that he dug and the water collects on his property. The Board advised Mr. Mingoello to fill in the ditch and he said he would. He stated he would like a curtain drain installed but has no plans for one and it was suggested that Mr. Mingoello hire an engineer because the Board needs plans. It was explained to Mr. Mingoello that the role of the Board is to make sure that construction conforms to State, Town, Health Department and Inland/Wetland regulations. He stated that he would fill in the trench that he dug and install his septic system. The Board will defer to the inland/Wetlands Commission for further information regarding this.

Mr. Mingoello stated that when he digs down on that property, he hits ledge. He was asked who his engineers are, but did not give names. The Board told Mr. Mingoello that Bennett and Smiley are the engineers that the Board works with.

Mr. Mingoello will notify the Board when work on the septic tanks starts, which is expected to be in 3 to 4 weeks and he will notify Jim Puska, Town Engineer. He also stated that he would fill in the trench that he dug.

The Board authorized nothing at this meeting regarding any work to be done at this location.

In the continuing effort to keep the beaches safe and clean, a notice was posted on Facebook regarding removal of any boats left on the water during the winter season.

Also, there was a motion to remove the stone gravel that extends into the street onto HLA property on the Clegg and Porriello Sr driveways and regrade that area in an effort to reroute water direction on Shore Drive. The motion was seconded.

AT 8:41 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON JULY 27TH, 2016 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST, 31ST, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Della Mura
Recording Secretary