

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 30, 2016
Approved Minutes

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:07 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th, 2016 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jenner, President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Mary Shea, Board Member (Term Expires 2016)
Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term Expires 2017)
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Catherine Serino, Vice President
Lloyd Pearson (Term Expires 2018)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Zehalla

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 27th, 2016 meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and the January minutes were then approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by Mary Shea and seconded by Alan Stokke.

There was no February 2016 meeting.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Stokke went over the January and February budgets, explaining road drainage fees, tree removal costs on HLA property on West Shore and the dam access in January. He reported that in February, the drainage project on East Shore exceeded the budget as it became more complicated because a lawyer was needed for a right of way issue, construction was more than had been anticipated, the engineer had to go before the Wetlands Commission to report the drainage projects, and the engineering plan cost for this project exceeded what was planned.

Alan noted that the Association received \$5,000 in taxes, but the Association is still behind in tax collections and there was a discussion regarding ways to collect on past due taxes,

A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Reports for January and February, and the motion was seconded. So moved.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Alan Stokke asked Charlene Baulski for a printout of last year's tax lists and an updated tax list for this year in order to compare them in an effort to collect past due fees.

Charlene will have that list prepared for Alan.

Charlene reported that the Association received \$1,624.00 in past due fees from the house on First Avenue.

There was a discussion regarding HLA residents that are past due on tax fees that have mortgages, whether to notify the mortgage company of the delinquent amounts owed the Association hoping that might help collect past due fees.

D. SEPTIC REPORT

Celeste Benoit was not present.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE

No committee. No report.

F. LAKE REPORT:

LAKE REPORT: Scott Sherman reported that Lycott has merged with Solitude Lake Management.

Scott asked about spraying the phragmites in the fall and discussed the lily pads in the coves. He said we need to get information on the procedure for removal of the lily pads. He will call for information and also check to see if we have a license for this year or need a new license.

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: No report.

FACEBOOK: It was reported that there was much interest in the HLA Facebook page - many people discussing and enjoying watching the birds

nesting around the lake. There were approximately 500 views of one of the pictures and over 600 views of another picture. "Sparrow spookers" were discussed, as well as blue bird nestings.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

East Shore Project: Mike Bennett will check on the drainage project on Second Avenue. The headwall may need to be checked on but it is not a winter job. There was a discussion regarding this project and it will be looked into.

There was a discussion regarding two properties that need cleanup, one on Shore Drive and one on Hidden Lake Rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a letter from a West Shore resident regarding the drainage work that was done in front of her home. The Association has successfully finished that project and we will inform her of steps she can take to correct the problem she is having.

It also was noted that we received a letter from the State regarding the dam, stating that the dam will be checked in February of 2017.

There was an issue regarding a motion light that was shining into homes across the lake. The resident was informed of this issue, did not know of this problem and will angle the light as not to shine across the lake.

Alan Stokke presented the new budget and explained in detail the new 2016-2017 budget.

It was noted that the Annual HLA Meeting would be held on Sunday, May 15th, 2016 at 1 pm.

AT 8:49 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON MARCH 30th, 2016 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Della Mura
Recording Secretary