

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 24, 2014
APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:39 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Catherine Serino, Vice President
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term Expires 2015)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Celeste Benoit, Septic Committee
Scott Gyllensten
Susan Termini
Frank Termini
Phyllis Teixeira

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and the August minutes were then approved and will be posted on the HLA website. A Motion to Approve the August Minutes was made by Mary Shea and seconded by Scott Sherman.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Stokke discussed the treasurer's report for August's budget.

There was a motion made to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

No Report. Charlene Baulski absent.

D. SEPTIC REPORT

Celeste Benoit reported that there are three outstanding properties that have not complied with the septic cleaning. Letters will go out again on April 1st if not complied with by then.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE

No committee. Mary Shea reported the following:

A letter will be sent to Phil Goff regarding the trees on East Shore Drive and Shore Drive that need to be trimmed.

WEST SHORE DRIVE: A wood railing over the heading on the drainage ditch on West Shore Drive is estimated to be \$900. A motion was made by Alan Stokke to go forward with this purchase and Mary Shea seconded it.

EAST SHORE DRIVE: Permission was received from Dolores Mazzarella to survey her property, and it was suggested that the Battis property be surveyed also. After further discussion, it was thought better to have the whole area surveyed. There was discussion about water issues on Third Avenue and maybe more or bigger pipes may be needed to control the water problem there. Mary will get a bid for the survey from Mike Bennett.

SHORE DRIVE: Mary will get a bid from Pete Santoro regarding the swale. Mary and Laura both reported that they have, on several occasions, cleaned out some vegetation in this area and they questioned whether there should be yearly maintenance in this area.

It was reported that the Porriellos are in agreement on having a little dip at their driveway that would help with the water flow.

F. LAKE REPORT:

Scott Sherman reported that Lycott has sprayed the tall grasses on the causeway and that the fall contract with Lycott is complete. Lycott will prepare a report for the Association.

The lake's brown water problem last spring cleared up in a month, while this year's brown water problem isn't going away. Lycott reported to Scott that the shell on this year's brown algae is harder to treat. Lycott also told Scott that the government has changed the regulations on the chemicals that can be used to treat lakes and this new chemical is what caused the problem. Scott will ask Lycott for a recommendation as to resolving the problem and ask if maybe something might be better done while the lake water is lowered. HLA needs some guidance as to fixing this problem, and Scott will ask Lycott for written recommendations.

There was a motion by Mary Shea to lower the lake on October 22nd, 2014 for two months until December 22nd, 2014. Scott Sherman seconded this.

Frank Termini questioned if the lake could be dredged and the clay and sand dragged to the center of the lake to form an island. It was reported that there are too many tree trunks on the lake bottom to be able to dredge it and there are also areas of three feet of muck.

Frank also questioned the use of electric motors on the lake. This is against Association policy and is not allowed.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson absent.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Sheri Berger was not present at this meeting. Alan did say he will get past years' treasurer's records and will get in touch with Sheri to coordinate with her to have an audit done from the time the last audit was completed to the present.

I. WEB REPORT

WEBSITE: No report.

FACEBOOK: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A lake member requested permission to have a bush that was hanging over the Shore Drive beach cut back, but the owner prefers that it not be cut.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some discussion of a holiday party that took place on July 4th at 74 Shore Drive with many attendees. It was questioned as to whether the septic system was able to support the use of that many people. A letter will go out to 74 Shore Drive to have the septic system pumped and inspected. Also on July 4th, a big bonfire was reported on Shore Drive and the residents were asked to put the fire out.

It was noted that the Association property across from the Stakey property is being mowed. There was discussion and questions asked as to who is doing this, why this is being done, and how this should be addressed.

A new lake member discussed his proposal for a new pier. He prepared a very in-depth plan outlining all parts, including muck mats and benthic barriers he planned to use. A motion was made by Alan Stokke to accept his plan for the pier and Scott Sherman seconded it.

AT 8:05 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2014 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmela Della Mura
Recording Secretary