

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 26th, 2018

Approved MINUTES

OPENING:

President Jay Cassella called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, February 26th, 2018 at Burr Hill Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Cassella, President
Laura Jenner, Past President
Dale Fiore, Vice President
Sheri Berger, Board Member (Term Expires 2019)
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Carmela Della Mura, Secretary
Carolyn Chalifoux, Interim Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Cindy Porriello

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christina Rothstein
Neal Pearson
Peter Lombardo
Sandra Kiehm
Bob Kiehm
Jean Cassella
Scott Sherman
Jim Kearney
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Brian Polak

*** NECESSARY CHANGE OF ORDER:**

Due to the need of this board to clarify a pending decision on the Secretary position being vacated by Carmela Della Mura, effective immediately. It is imperative to tend to the following prior to the start of the regularly slated business. Both Neil Pearson and Lori-Ann Hoberman had stepped up to accept the secretary position.

Lori-Ann Hoberman withdrew to allow for Neil Pearson to assume this responsibility.

Neil Pearson was set to commence this meeting as the Secretary.

Unfortunately, due to technical problems he will not be able to accept this position. Jay Cassella stated that Lori-Ann Hoberman has once again stepped up to accept the Secretary position. Jay Cassella would like to nominate Lori-Ann Hoberman as Secretary to this board.

Seconded by Dale Fiore. Unanimous decision. So moved.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the January 29th, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and after corrections, the minutes were approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Alan Stokke and seconded by Laura Jenner. Motion passed. So moved.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Stokke stated that very little money was spent. Some taxes received.

A little interest. * Charlene Baulski administrative expenses

* \$1500 plowing

* Bank balances

Alan went through the reports and asked if there were any questions, there were none. Jay presented Alan with new bills received.

Laura Jenner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's January report and seconded by Sheri Berger. Motion passed. So moved.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Charlene Baulski was absent. No report.

Jay Cassella stated that Charlene has resigned from this position.

Sheri Berger is taking on this very important role until at least May 2018.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

Anthony Grandazzo was absent. Jay stated that Anthony reported to him that there has not been any change. No activity.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE:

Peter Lombardo reported that Jay, Brian Polak and himself had toured the various roads of our Hidden Lake Community on February 17th, 2018. The committee found many areas with hazardous wires bound with vines.

Peter read through his report of all the conditions that were found.

A lengthy conversation took place regarding paper roads, drainage pipes, by-laws, weeds & vines tangled in lines etc...

Alan Stoke made a suggestion that the road committee continue to review the issues within the road committee meeting time.

Perhaps the initial results are too lengthy to address at the board meeting at this time.

All of these concerns can be addressed at a later date with a detailed list with concise problem solving areas to be addressed.

F. LAKE REPORT:

Jay reports that due to the weather nothing has been able to be done with the stumps, the dam or the tree removals.

A motion was then made by Laura Jenner to close the valve of the dam on March 1, 2018 but to monitor the level of the water for the dam repair and then close the valve for the season again on March 15, 2018.

Carolyn seconded the motion.

Vote: Laura Jenner	-	Yes
Jay Cassella	-	No
Dale Fiore	-	No
Alan Stokke	-	No
Sheri Berger	-	No
Lori-Ann Hoberman	-	No
Carolyn Chalifoux	-	Yes

Jay requests that the board take into consideration the lack of cooperation of our weather as well as the only recent receipt of the tools we need to proceed with the removal of stumps.

Taking these things into consideration Jay feels that the original date of March 1st, 2018 should be extended to just a few more weeks. Much conversation ensued... many questions and concerns.

Alan Stokke motions to allow for a two week extension on keeping the lake lowered for stump removal and dam repairs.

The motion is to change the date from March 1st, 2018 to March 15th, 2018.

This motion is seconded by Dale Fiore. So moved.

Votes regarding the two week extension are as follows:

Jay Cassella -	YES
Dale Fiore -	YES
Sheri Berger-	YES
Lori-Ann Hoberman-	YES
Alan Stokke-	YES
Laura Jenner-	NO
Carolyn Chalifoux-	NO

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No Report. By-Law committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Jay would like to entertain a motion that an accountant needs to be hired to handle all Audit committee responsibilities. Laura Jenner made a motion to put this out to bid. Carolyn seconds. Unanimous decision. So moved.

I. WEB REPORT:

Alan Stokke reports the Web is currently up to date.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conversations led on to determine road standards, drainage concerns, engineering designs and better control of silt migration. Alan Stokke passed out paperwork listing the areas of concern as well as the recommendations. Peter Lombardo, Brian Polak & Jay Cassella will look at this documentation together at a future date and bring back to the table their findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Sherman introduced a way to promote and/or fundraising potential. A website where stickers are available. redbubble.com

Lori-Ann Hoberman has a suggestion for a productive and fun get together for all Lake Association Members to partake in beach clean-up and lake beautification on "EARTH DAY", April 22, 2018.

Jay Cassella recommends that we need to start looking at a New budget. Perhaps to include road drainage, landscaping, beach maintenance etc. A question is asked by an association member, "Is there a specific amount of money that needs to be in our reserve account?" Alan Stokke says that currently there is a lot of money in this reserve account and perhaps it is time to reduce taxes or spend it.

Alan Stokke has letters to deliver in the upcoming days in regard to unregistered vehicles and a garbage complaint on Hidden Lake Road.

The position of Board member left open by Sheri Berger's nomination to Financial Secretary is in need of filling. Jay Cassella would like to nominate Victoria Nicholson to this seat. The board voted unanimous. So moved. Neal Pearson states that it is time to appeal to a younger generation as well as to begin and foster an environment for change within our board as well as our Association. Everyone present agrees with this statement.

AT 9:10 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON FEBRUARY 26TH, 2018 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 26TH 2018 AT 7:00 BURR HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HADDAM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary