

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 26, 2018

Approved minutes

OPENING: President Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, March 26th, 2018 at Burr Hill Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Cassella, President
Laura Jenner, Past President
Dale Fiore, Vice President
Sheri Berger, Tax Collector
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Carolyn Chalifoux, Interim Board Member
Lori-Ann Hoberman, Secretary
Cindy Porriello, Interim Board Member
Victoria Nicholson, Interim Board Member

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eleanor Porriello
Barry Hoberman
David Chalifoux
Phil Porriello
Mary Arnold
Mary-Beth Russo
Jim Kearney
Anthony Grandazzo
Jean Cassella
Peter Lombardo
Jim Nicholson
Brian Polak

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the February 26th, 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 Carolyn Chalifoux and seconded by Dale Fiore.
Motion passed. So moved.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Stoke handed out the reports and went through them asking for questions. There were none. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Cindy Porriello and seconded by Carolyn Chalifoux. Motion passed. So moved.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

No report.

Sheri stated that she has emailed Charlene Baulski (past Tax Collector) and is awaiting answers. Jay Cassella said, that his wife Jean would be willing to assist.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

No report.

Anthony Grandazzo stated that all septic systems have been taken care of for this year.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE:

Alan Stoke handed out Lake Association road maps.

The maps clarified paper roads and property lines. These maps were much appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Peter Lombardo said that he surveyed all roads and has a trouble ticket out.

Tree services have been contacted for quotes.

There is a great need for tree pruning, chip sealing, drain cleaning & repairs.

Brian Polak is willing to do some of this work and has quotes for chippers.

Jay Cassella suggested that this work could be done on "Earth Day" as this was a previously proposed date to gather as a group to begin some "Lake Beautification".

This suggestion was met with enthusiasm to get some work done on our lake.

While Earth Day is technically on Sunday, April 22nd. The member discussion was to gather together for an "Earth Day Weekend". So... Saturday, 4/21/18 & Sunday, 4/22/18 please join us at the South beach at 9 a.m. Come for one or both days.

Dale Fiore offered to hand out Invitation flyers to all homeowners on the Lake to join us.

A very positive discussion began amongst all members with ideas for this clean-up.

It was decided that we would use (1) or (2) beaches as staging areas.

Lori-Ann Hoberman mentioned that folks should come prepared with their own work gloves rakes, leaf bags, garbage bags & any tools they feel would assist in this clean-up.

Lori-Ann Hoberman will be contacting members & accepting donations of "energy food" for all to enjoy during this "Earth Day weekend" i.e.: Baked Goods, Energy Bars, Chips, fruit & water bottles.

Jay Cassella stated that we would need a motion for the cost of the chipper. It is a good approximation that the cost will be \$600 plus an additional \$200 set aside for oil, etc.

Lori-Ann Hoberman motions that this money be set aside for the chipper & the oil.

Dale Fiore seconds. Unanimous decision. So moved.

F. LAKE REPORT:

Jay Cassella handed out a blue binder to all members containing the Lake Committee's findings for, "Long term Lake Management".

Jay urges everyone to read through this packet to help everyone to understand the extent of research that this committee has completed to provide us with "Long term Lake Management" findings. Details and further discussion of this binder to take place next month giving everyone the opportunity to read through the materials.

Victoria Nicholson brought up the repairs that still need to be made to the dam.

Victoria had taken several pictures & passed them around to show the members all of the cracks that need to be fixed on the dam.

Discussion pursued pertaining to what exactly is needed to see that these repairs are done.

It is discussed that Jay Cassella & Jim Kearney will make the necessary repairs to the dam.

Jay is waiting for the temperature to stay at 40 degrees or above for a period of one weeks time.

The level of the dam will also need to be maintained to stay about where it is now to enable the repairs to be done. The cost is expected to be approximately \$50.00.

Victoria motions to get the dam repairs done no later than April 15th, 2018 and to keep the dam water level as it is to enable these repairs. Cindy Porriello seconds.

Unanimous decision. So moved.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

We are still in need of a By-Law Committee. Laura Jenner did the honors of interpreting the nature of responsibility given to this committee. Laura explained that this committee would get to know the by-laws intimately to be sure that the board always remained in compliance.

Awaiting still for a leader to head this committee.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Jay Cassella is continuing to look into the costs associated with hiring this auditing process out.

I. WEB REPORT:

Alan Stokke reports that the Web is current and that there is a link for the Lake Association stickers.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Stickers can be picked up from Jay Cassella.

Blight letters were mailed out on March 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unanimously decided that board meetings moving forward will continue to open at 6:30 p.m.

AT 7:40 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON MARCH 26TH, 2018 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 30TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT BURR HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HADDAM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary