

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 29, 2016  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**OPENING:**

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the residence of Celeste Benoit.

**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  
Cassy Prinz  
Jim Nicholson  
Stephen Zehalla

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and the April 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 the end of the fiscal year budget, explaining road weed removal payments and stipends paid.

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

**C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Charlene Baulski was absent, but reported to Laura that the tax statements will be sent out soon.

**D. SEPTIC REPORT**

Celeste Benoit reported that 30 septic tanks were cleaned last year. Post cards will go out on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and the septic tanks to be cleaned will be posted on the HLA website at [www.hiddenlakeect.org](http://www.hiddenlakeect.org).

**E. ROAD COMMITTEE**

No committee.

There was a question regarding who does the upkeep of the HLA landscaping. The people who take care of our snow plowing needs and resurfacing work were discussed. A resident of West Shore Drive reported that he has been trimming some of the bushes and trees along West Shore Drive and has done extensive work on the West Shore Beach. In the past neighbors got together and volunteered to help with the cleanup.

A Shore Drive resident reported that there are two neighbors in that area who have helped clean up the Shore Drive Beach.

It was suggested that the Association bid out this landscaping work, to take care of the whole lake including the mailbox areas and corners that get very overgrown.

It was reported that there are boats on West Shore Beach that have just been sitting there, no one is using them and they are full of water which attracts the mosquitos. There was discussion regarding the removal and disposal of all the old boats that are left on the beach, which would be done when the lake is lowered. There is also an old dock that has been sitting at this beach and the Board will look for a volunteer to cut up and remove it.

Residents are asked to remove and not to store their boats on HLA property during the winter. Boats left on HLA beaches will be disposed of after December 21<sup>st</sup>.

It also was reported that the guardrail on HLA property on West Shore had been hit within a short time after its installation and evidently has been hit a few times more, as it is now loose. The Board will get in touch with the fence installer to see if that can be reset.

**F. LAKE REPORT:**

LAKE REPORT: Scott Sherman reported that within the next week or two, Solitude Company will come to discuss the lily pad treatment in the coves, going after tubers to the roots later in their growth. Subsurface growth, because of the mild winter, has grown substantially. There are already algae because of the non-freeze of this past winter. A full survey would be expensive. Alan reported there is \$5,000 allotted for weed removal.

There was discussion regarding the turtles on the lake.

An East Shore resident reported that the chain was down on their beach and it needs a new clamp. Scott will check on that.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson was not present, but did report to the Board previously that there is work to be done when the water is lowered.

**G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

**H. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**I. WEB REPORT**

WEBSITE: Alan reported the website is up to date.

FACEBOOK: Resident Hollie Rose offered to help with work on the Facebook page.

**J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

No special projects discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**East Shore Project:** It was reported that a lot of water is still flowing in this area and as our right-of-way on this project ends on August 30<sup>th</sup>, the extra work that needs to be done has to be done before then. There were estimates from Pete Santoro to extend the culvert and put in a catch basin (\$4,224.72) and Brian from R&T Tree Company estimate to remove the trees and brush (\$550).

There was a Motion to accept the estimates and for the work to be done to extend the East Shore Drainage onto Second Avenue, as budgeted, to finish this project. The motion was made by Scott Sherman and seconded by Cathy Serino.

The 5 Ledge Rd property was discussed. The builder has dug a ditch on his property that runs onto HLA property into the gulch. He never consulted with the Board before digging to the gulch. Rain water is presently running down the center of the property at 5 Ledge Rd and into the septic area. It does not flow in the area of the ditch dug by the builder and therefore it should be filled in.

The septic permit has been revoked for 5 Ledge Road. The builder needs to consult with an engineer to look into this septic problem. The Board will send the builder a letter and request that he consults with an engineer to resolve the issues on this property.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board welcomed a new resident from Shore Drive. This resident is requesting a fence be installed to keep her dogs in her yard. As fences are not allowed per by-laws, this resident did come to the Board asking for permission. The Board thanked her for bringing it to us for review. A Board member suggested that the Board go look at her property to check to see if is feasible. The new resident said that her neighbor is aware of her plans for the fence and has no objection. The Board will take an email vote on this within the next couple of weeks, as the resident is anxious to move in and protect her dogs.

A Motion was made for the Board to vote via email our decision and Scott Sherman seconded the motion. This decision will be made as soon as possible.

Also, a letter to the Board from the Porriellos on Shore Drive was read, regarding the second stage (Stage 1 has been completed) of a drainage project on the west side of Shore Drive. Also, the minutes from the May 16, 2010 annual meeting that discussed this project was read. It was noted that in 2014, a Board member, our engineer and the Town Engineer viewed the Shore Drive area as part of the second stage. It was mentioned that the East Shore project was also done in stages.

There was extensive discussion as to various ways to correct these water flow issues. A resident of that area stated that there had been previous damage to their home when the basins were clogged with leaves and the water ended up on their property. Alternate plans regarding the flow of water in this area were discussed and the Board agrees that this needs to be addressed. It was agreed though; we can't fix something that creates a problem for another resident in that area.

There was a discussion having catch basin pipes run to the bottom of White Birch and Shore. This would not impact anyone, as it would all be done on HLA property, but it would be a very expensive project.

As there is no money in the budget allocated at this time, this project would have to be considered next year.

In the meantime, it was noted that the Klegg driveway has been extended onto HLA property, and it is suggested that this stone on HLA property be removed so water would flow better. This is a temporary fix. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Kleggs and to Porriello Srs to notify them of the removal of the stone and the regrading of that area. A certified letter will be sent.

Also, another resident on Shore Drive is requesting permission to put up a 4' fence as people are putting their boats on private property along the beach. The Board will be in touch with these residents and suggest they bring their

request to the Board. It is suggested that a line of railroad ties or plantings be done, as the Board is worried about obstruction of the view of the lake for other residents.

Lastly, speeding on our lake roads and noise disturbances were reported.

Residents are requested to obey the speed limit of 15 MPH on lake roads. The speeding is endangering the residents that work on their properties near the road and walk and also walk their pets on the roads of the lake.

It is suggested that any noise or speeding concerns be reported to the state trooper immediately.

**AT 8:56 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 WAS ADJOURNED.**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT A PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmela Della Mura  
Recording Secretary