

Ess Lake Owners' Association Board Meeting
06/22/2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:04am at Mark Pollard's house. Board Members present: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Cheryl Leach, Jim Badour, Shirley Daugherty, and Geoff Denstaedt. Absent: Aimee Smith

Meeting Minutes Review: The board meeting minutes from 04/27/18 were reviewed, with a first motion for approval being made by Sharon Quist with a second motion from Shirley Daugherty, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was submitted by Sharon Quist. Expenditures were: \$1,200.00 for security, \$21.55 for postage, \$161.11 for a picnic table, and \$13.77 for the flowers by the sign. \$2,535.00 were collected in dues. The balance in checking as of 6/22 was \$17,854.34. The CD is valued at \$5,223.59. It earned \$23.66. A first motion for approval of the treasurer's report was made by Geoff Denstaedt with a second motion from Jim Badour, all were in favor. There were no bills to discuss for payment.

Agenda Additions: Electric Fences

Public Comment: Walt was present for the meeting, but he had no public comment.

Issues:

Old Business:

- **Website – Update:** The website Contact heading will be changed to Contact/Suggestions. Jim Badour will make this change and add the latest approved minutes to the website.
- **By-Laws/Restriction:** The reminders were mailed out to those that have not returned ballots. There have been 135.5 ballots returned so far. For the proposals to pass, 175 out of 200 are required to be returned. Sharon will bring ballots for voting to the annual meeting. Shirley & Cheryl will help with the collection of the ballots.
- **Gravel Pit:** Shirley and Mark will plan on being at the Montmorency meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in July.
- **Lean to lot #115:** A third registered letter was sent to the property owner and the letter was accepted on 4/30/19. The owner now has 90 days to resolve the issue. This will have to be continued by the next elected Board of Directors.
- **Liens:** There are presently only 2 active liens on properties. This liens will be updated in the future.
- **Canal - Update:** Mark has reported that he has asked John Abbott if they could do the work, but they are booked through the summer. Environmental, another excavator, will be out after the 4th of July to look at what work has to be completed to supply a bid. Sharon has been trying to get a permit to put in Rip Rap along the front of their property. She let Mark know that this has taken at least 2 months to get to the approval stage. Mark will start working on getting the permit now, so the work can be completed in the fall. Mark also has calls out to additional excavators. Mark needs help getting a picture with a stake in the water and a string back to the shore to show the erosion. Mark will get help the week of 6/24/19. Mark has also gotten a bid for the stone from Elmer's, which was \$9,500.00. He will also get with Oesch for a bid.
- **Weed Control:** The weeds in the canal have not been bad yet, only due to the cool weather. Mark is working on getting a permit and has contacted the DEQ for this. In this conversation, he found out that they do not issue this type of permit, so he needs to contact another department in Lansing to get this permit and more details as to how long it will be valid for.
- **Outlot "C" Sand for the Beach:** Mark is working on getting an erosion permit to compete this work. A first motion to obtain the erosion permit for \$100.00 was made by Shirley Daugherty with a second motion from Sharon Quist, all approved this motion.

New Business:

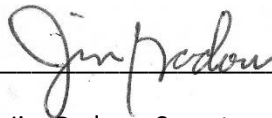
- **Annual Meeting Prep:** Mark & Cheryl to bring tables and chairs. Sharon has the ballots already printed, so she will supply these. She also has the roster ready. Mark will bring the agenda and the Presidents Recap of the year. The Board Members should arrive at 9:30am to help with setup. Mark will look for the sign for the annual meeting and will put this up at the Ess lake sign. Sharon, Cheryl and Shirley will collect the proxies at the meeting. Mark will ask Stephanie if she will count the ballots at the meeting. The survey of the canal and lot #115 will be made available at the meeting.
- **Electric Fence:** An association member may have an electric fence up to keep the geese out of their yard. The issue is that someone or a pet could get a shock from the fence. It was asked if this was against the Bylaws, it is not specifically called out, but could be considered a nuisance. Mark will investigate the township rules for fences and then have a discussion with the individual.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on 7/6/19 at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

Signed _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Badour", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Badour, Secretary