

Ess Lake Association Board Minutes

April 27, 2019 Pollard Residence

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Pollard at 10:10 a.m. Present were: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Shirley Daugherty, Geoff Denstaedt and Cheryl Leach. Amiee Smith arrived at 10:20 a.m. Absent: Jim Badour.

The meeting minutes of January 12, 2019 were read. Motion to accept minutes as presented was made by Sharon Quist and seconded by Geoff Denstaedt. No further discussion. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Quist. No current bills need to be paid. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Shirley Daugherty and seconded by Cheryl Leach. Motion passed.

There were no additions to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Old Business:

- Website: A suggestion was made to change a section on the website under comments to add the word "suggestions." This "suggestion area" would go only to the board and the individual must sign their name. Need to check with Jim Badour to see if this is possible.
- By-laws/Restriction Vote - Status: Currently have 118.5 votes recorded. Cheryl Leach and Sharon Quist will send one final reminder postcard to individuals whose vote has not yet been recorded. The committee hopes to have all votes received recorded by the annual meeting in July.
- Gravel pit-update: The property is not zoned for commercial use. Shirley Daugherty indicated no update from the townships. The question was raised "Is the property in both Hillman and Montmorency counties?" Aimee Smith will check Montmorency county. The Hillman Township board meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Mark Pollard and Shirley Daugherty will talk to the zoning official and possibly attend a meeting. Mark Pollard will talk to Jack Matthias about the debris left on Ess Lake Road along his property.
- Lean-to on Lot #115. Letter: The owner of Lot #115 has not accepted two certified letters dated October 2018 from the board regarding the removal of the lean-to on the property. Sharon Quist will attempt to send the certified letter one last time. If not accepted, two people will hand deliver the letter to the owner. The letter states the owner has ninety (90) days to resolve the issue.
- Liens-update: Two (2) liens remain outstanding. The liens are against lots #204/209 and lots #59/60/71.
- Canal Project- Canal Entrance: Rip-rap/Weed control: Mark Pollard presented a proposal from Team Elmer's in Alpena for large boulder delivery (rip-rap). Does not include labor costs for moving the boulders into the canal. See attached. New issue now is where to drop the large boulders as the weight of the trucks etc. would damage the cul-de-sac and roads. May be possible to drop at sand pit and move in small amounts. Mark Pollard will get another proposal from Oesch for rip-rap costs and for dredging. He will also get new a sample of canal weed growth to the DEQ to pull a permit for taking action regarding the weeds. Mark Pollard's son, Chris Pollard, is certified to use the herbicide, but the individual who does the work must also be bonded. The board will investigate the cost of a one-time bond to complete the work. The board must notify the community members before herbicide is placed in the canal.

- Clean-up Weekend: Date is 5/25/19 Memorial Weekend. Residents are encouraged to clean their own roadside areas. No group effort is being planned for this year. Mark Pollard will get the new picnic table that was approved for purchase last fall. Need to get out the rest of the picnic tables and remove the pine needles from the roof of the picnic shelter.
- Trees on Outlot D: Outlot D (by the canal) has many dead and falling trees. Some were taken down by John Quist over the winter. The high water is now impacting further removal and the many dead trees remain a hazard to power lines during the spring and summer storm season. Will need to plan for more tree removal next winter.

New Business

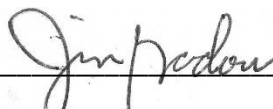
- Security patrol: No major issues during the winter.
- Outlot C:
 1. Sand for beach and horseshoe pit: Motion by Shirley Daugherty and seconded by Geoff Denstaedt to approve the purchase of sand for beach and pit. Motion approved.
 2. Portable toilet: Motion by Sharon Quist and seconded by Amiee Smith to approve the rental of a portable toilet for Outlot C from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Motion approved.
 3. Brush/logs by firepit: Motion by Sharon Quist and seconded by Cheryl Leach to hire someone to remove the brush and logs. Motion approved. Mark Pollard will talk to the owners by the tennis court regarding the leaves blown into the area.
- Request to remove tree in prep for building (Lots #85/#86) Building will not occur for 1.5 to 2 years: Mark will send letter to owner indicating the request for tree removal may be submitted with the building plans.
- Request to remove trees on Lot #42 (Located by driveway) Mark Pollard presented diagram submitted by owner regarding the tree removal. Motion by Sharon Quist and seconded by Shirley Daugherty to approve the plan as submitted. Motion approved.
- Brush along road: Mark Pollard will talk to some tree companies regarding the cost of cleaning up the roadside along Ess Lake Road. The question was raised if the road commission is responsible for any cleanup?
- Request to improve drive on Lots #72& 91-92: Motion by Sharon Quist and seconded by Shirley Daugherty for the owner of Lots #72 & 91/92 to drop sand and gravel to make property improvements. Motion approved.
- Information: Mark Pollard approved the removal of a tree on Lot #47.
- Next meeting date: June 22, 2019
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Leach

Submitted by Jim Badour

Signed _____



Jim Badour, Secretary