

# *Ess Lake Association*

## *Annual Newsletter 2023*

January 01, 2023

The new Board of Directors have been elected: President: Mark Pollard, Vice President: Cheryl Leach, Secretary: Jim Badour, Treasurer: Sharon Quist, Board Members: Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt and Rick Koger. The board has set regular meetings on the following dates: 07/23/22, 10/22/22, 01/21/23, 04/22/23, and 06/17/23. At all board meetings, there is a time for public comment. If anyone is interested in attending or would like a concern addressed, please contact one of the board members in writing or send your information to [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com) or our address: PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

### **2022 – 2023 Ess Lake Board Goals:**

- Setup Budget for fiscal 2022/2023
- Complete Canal Project
- Establish & Define Board Committees for 2022/23
- Initiate process for review of the Bylaws and Restrictions for 2025 implementation
- Continue to address the issue of dead/dying trees along Norway Court
- Address Duckweed issue in the canal: Long-term & Short-term Solutions
- Address issue of Outlots/Transfer property from J. Mathias
- Address Issue of care/up-keep of outlots
- Address issue of fallen trees along Ess Lake Drive and neighborhood roads.

Please let the Board know if you would like additional issues addressed.

**Legal Fund & Water Management Fund:** The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the members of the association who have graciously donated to the Ess Lake Legal Fund. As of the middle of January 2023, we have received \$2440.00 in donations to help us pay off our legal expenses that are associated with enforcement of our Restrictions governing Ess Lake Estates. Along with the funds allocated from the 2022 Budget of \$2400, this will allow us to pay off \$4800 of our current Legal bill. Donations are still being accepted for this fund as well as our Water Management fund. The Water Management funds are used to address water quality issues associated with Ess Lake, especially the Duckweed issue that is present in the canal. Please mail donations to Ess Lake Association at the address above along with a note on the check for which fund the donation is for.

**Website:** The website continues to be updated as necessary. If you have suggestions on any improvements that you would like to see, please send us those through our email address. The website address is: [www.esslake.com](http://www.esslake.com) or contact Jim Badour at: [jpbad1@yahoo.com](mailto:jpbad1@yahoo.com)

**Canal Project:** Mark Pollard has sent in the revised permit for the project, but he has not heard back from the state on approval of the latest request. Depending on available funding in the budget, the board hopes to be able to complete this project in 2023 or 2024.


**Duckweed:** The canal will be evaluated in the spring of 2023 for further treatments for the duckweed issue. A more permanent resolution will also be looked into.

**Norway Court Dead Trees & Canal Clean up:** The dead trees along Norway court will continue to be cleaned up currently by volunteers.

**Security Patrol:** The security patrol will continue this year with John Quist. If there are any issues, John will be in contact with you.

**Tennis Court:** The practice board for tennis was removed due to it rotting and becoming a fall hazard. The Board will consider replacing it as funds become available.

**Pickle ball:** Are you interested in playing pickle ball? Do you know what it is? It's a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. We have a few Ess Lake Association members who like to play and



are looking for more people to join. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Nancy Lee (734)624-8757.

**Committee Members Needed:** We are looking for association members to help form the following committees for, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities, and Fishing Reports/Updates. If any members would like to be on any of these committees, please contact us at the association email address: [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com)

**Building & Tree Removal:** All construction of buildings and major changes to lots must be reviewed by the board. **A plan must be submitted to the Board for approval and record retention.** The forms for submitting a building plan and variance are on the website in the member's area under the "Forms" button. They can also be requested by sending an email to our address: [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com) or by mailing a request to PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746. The form submittals are necessary to reduce the number of violations that exist in the association for items that have not been approved. Tree removal according to the Bylaws and restrictions is permitted with permission depending on the size of the tree, however the board is requesting that you contact them prior to removal of any trees, in case there are concerns from association members.

**Restriction Highlight:** We are featuring the following articles in this Newsletter.

Article 4

4.04 No house trailers, tents, or other substandard housing shall be erected, maintained or used for living quarters even on a temporary basis.

4.05 No house trailers, tents, commercial vehicles, or miscellaneous equipment may be kept on said property unless stored in a suitable private garage.

**Reminder for Unleashed Dogs:** We continue to encourage residents to walk their dogs with a leash. To help protect the association, signs have been installed on all outlots stating: "Dogs Must be on Leashes". Your current Board of Directors supports all State, County and Township leash laws. Please abide by these laws while you have your dogs out & about.

**E-mail Address:** We ask that if you have an e-mail address please let us know. This is the best way to stay in contact with Association Business. If your email address or any other personal information has changed, please contact us at: [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com) or at PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

**Minutes & Newsletters:** Due to the cost of sending meeting minutes out, they are available on our website as they are approved. You can also contact Jim Badour or Sharon Quist at [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com) so that these can be emailed to you.

**Community Cleanup Date:** The annual community cleanup is scheduled for May 20, 2023. During this weekend we ask that the association help to clean up the outlots, put out the picnic tables, install the dock, along with general clean up on the owners property.

**Directories:** Sharon Quist has recently updated the association directory. The latest directory update is available on the association website under the member area. Please sign up as a member so that you have access to the most up to date directory.

**Change of Status:** If your address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let us know at [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com) or contact us through the website: [www.esslake.com](http://www.esslake.com)

**Annual Meeting and Proxy:** The annual meeting will be held on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 at the pavilion at 10am. The proxy for voting is available on the website under the member's area, under "Forms", or by requesting through the association email address: [esslakeassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:esslakeassociation@yahoo.com)