

ESS LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes April 20, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am at Cheryl Leach's house. Board members present: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Cheryl Leach, Rick Koger, Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt (Zoom). Jim Badour was absent.

Meeting Minutes Review: The minutes of the board meeting of January 20, 2024, were reviewed. A first motion for approval was made by Rick Koger, with a second from Cheryl Leach. All approved.

Treasurers Report: The financial report as of April 20, 2024, was submitted by Sharon Quist. Sharon reviewed the highlights with the board, and it is available on the website in the member area. Sharon highlighted the extra amount of money that was donated by association members. A first motion was made for the approval of the Financial Report by Cheryl Leach and second by Geoff Denstaedt.

Addition to the Agenda: Tree Removal on Lot 133, flowers by Ess Lake sign.

Bills for Approval: No bills to approve.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Website – Jim Badour did not attend meeting.

Review Goals and Corresponding Budget: Cheryl Leach updated the goals for this year. Goal # 1 and #2 have been completed. Goal # 3 is in the process of being worked on. The survey has gone out to residents and received a good response. The Bylaw/Restriction committee is meeting Sunday, April 21 to discuss the results and start to get the ballots ready for distribution in May.

Canal Project: Rick Koger took an online class over the winter on Introduction to Lakes. He said he learned a lot about the great lakes and water management. He talked to Erick Elgin from the MSU Extension Office. We will be taking samples of the canal water and have them tested to see what if anything is in our water system. Erick has offered to come out and look at our issues with the lake and canal and see if he can be of help. Hopefully, he will be here sometime in June or July.

Motion to place officers on CF account: Sharon and Cheryl are now signatories on the new account at Community Financial Credit Union.

Tree Removal, Norway Court – We still have an ongoing issues with the dead trees on Norway Court. Mark talked to Rick Cordes who offered to come out and see if there is anything he can do to help us clean up the dead trees that are still standing and the trees that have fallen.

Township Variance Request: The Hillman Township has given their variance approval for a garage to be built on lot # 186.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marketable Record Title Act Amendment: Geoff Denstaedt told us about a form from the state of Michigan that needs to be filled out every 40 years regarding our restrictions. We will get the form and fill out and file with the Register of Deeds in Montmorency County.

Rental Unit/Violation of Court Order: An association member is not in compliance with a court order. The board has decided to contact an appropriate legal person to see what kind of action we can take.

Next door Avalon Lake: Mark had received an email from this group. This is an on-line program for people in the community to get together. We were not interested in this.

Boat Dock: The owner of lot 113 has requested to place a dock on his property to park his boat during the summer months. About 1-2 feet of the dock will be in the water and about 5-6 feet will be on his property. The first motion to approve the dock was made by Cheryl Leach and second by Aimee Smith. All approved.

Restriction Issue's Lot # 67: This has been an ongoing issue. A letter will be sent to the owner regarding the restriction issues.

Tree removal Lot 133: Owner has requested to take down 10 trees on his property that are either dead, or too close to his house. A motion was made by Sharon Quist to approve the tree removal and was second by Rick Koger. All approved.

Flowers by Ess Lake Sign: Stephanie LaFramboise has been doing the flowers for years. She wishes to retire from this responsibility. Aimee Smith has volunteered to plant the flowers around the sign. Rick Koger has agreed to water the plants.

Next meeting Date 6/22/2024

Adjourn.

Written & Submitted by Sharon Quist