

**Meeting Minutes Ess Lake Association Annual Meeting.
July 3rd, 2021**

Annual Meeting was called to order by President Mark Pollard at 10:03 a.m. at the Pavilion.

Board Members Present: Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt, Cheryl Leach and Jim Badour.

Introduction of Board Members: Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, Geoff Denstaedt, Cheryl Leach and Jim Badour.

Introduction of Ess Lake Owner's Association Members: Mark Pollard asked that all Ess Lake Owners who were present to introduce themselves.

Additions to the Agenda: Ban Lawn Fertilizer, What Year can the Bylaws change, Trash on the roadway, Parking at Outlot "C"

Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Sharon Quist, these are attached. The Water Management fund has collected \$7,125 so far, with disbursements of \$3,087, which means the remaining total is \$4,038. There are only 6 members outstanding for dues this year.

President's Report: Mark Pollard reviewed the following items:

Your Board met 6 times since our last Annual Meeting.

Let me report on some of the major issues the Board addressed during the past year:

Website: Your Board has worked hard at enhancing communications with the membership. Jim Badour, our Association secretary, has worked diligently over the past few years to continually modify and upgrade the website. Jim Badour gave the following update: The website has been modified over the past year to enhance the looks and add a member's area. There have been about 30 members that have joined the member's area so far. In the member's area, you can view information such as the budget, member directory, and coming soon online payment method. The payment method will be done through Zelle, which many banks and credit unions deal with. Also, if you would like to submit pictures to be added to the website, they can be submitted here or through the association email account. I am also going to work on the mobile website too, as the formatting currently is not very good. Please contact me if you would like to see anything added to the website.

Tennis Court Revitalization. The Board entered into a contract to resurface the tennis court. The resurfacing was completed in late summer, early fall of last year. Aimee Smith was the project manager for this project. Aimee Smith gave the following update: There are a few items to complete yet, which include ordering a sign with the rules on it. The other item that needs to be completed is replacing the practice board. This will be taken down and replace once more funds are available.

Channel Project: DuckWeed: The board established a Water Management Fund. The response to this fund established to address riparian issues was encouraging. The board hired Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control to treat the plant life growing in the canal. To date the canal has not been treated, in that; the company has not acquired a permit for the project although the request for treatment was made to the state in late winter, early spring. Very disappointed in the lack of action by the State. Mouth of Canal: The second canal project is upgrading the mouth of the canal. Our permit was approved last year but funding and a change in design has slowed the project. The board is seeking modification from Riprap on the sides of the canal to installing a seawall. This project is ongoing.

Dead Trees on Norway Court: The dead trees along Norway court remain a problem. Not only does it look unsightly, but it presents a danger. Presque Isle Electric Coop did cut down many trees that could impact the electric lines. They did not and would not clean up the mess they made. John Quist has removed many trees at the end of Norway Court. During the winter, several individuals cleared the debris falling from dead trees into the canal. The debris, which

continues to be a problem, needed to be removed so the canal could be treated for the duck weed. It was hard & difficult work. Much of the work was done in the winter, but a significant amount was done by boat during the spring & summer. I would like to thank John Quist, Nancy Lee, Chris Luarsen, Walt Ross, Mike Coy, Dave Shawdash, and Tim Fleming for the work on this project. I would also like to recognize Tim Fleming for not only working on this project during the winter, but also the weeks he spent working from his boat removing the left over trees and branches that were frozen into the ice.

Road Resealing: The Road Commission accomplished this a couple of weeks ago. The Board sent a letter to the Road Commission requesting an evaluation of the road signs and replacing them as appropriate.

Enforcement of Restrictions: The court case related to the enforcement of our restrictions continues. There have been many delays due to COVID and some coordination issues with the defendant. A deposition was completed recently and the case will go before a judge shortly. We hope to have a Summary Judgement in our favor soon.

Gypsy Moth Situation: The millage to address the problem was passed last year. Our area was treated through aero spray with mixed results. It is my understanding; the worms will transition to moths and die by mid-July.

Garage Sale: An association wide garage sale was held in late May. Participation was limited and the Board will evaluate whether to have another area wide garage sale next year. Give your thoughts on this issue to your new Board.

Clean up Weekend. Clean up weekend was conducted in May. The emphasis was on maintaining individual resident property. In addition, we have several individuals assisting in maintaining the out-lots. I want to thank Ed and Stephanie LaFramboise for maintaining Park A on Red Pine Drive and for removing the picnic tables and replacing them in the spring and fall. Stephanie also plants and maintains the garden at the Ess Lake Sign. I want to thank Jim & Shirley Daugherty and Ted & Pat Campbell for maintaining out lot A on Pinecrest Circle. I want to thank Warren and Shelly Libka for cleaning up Long Lake Park this spring. Warren also cuts the lawn at the tennis court and helps put in the dock each year. Tim Fleming & Warren Libka took down our new tennis net this fall and put it back up in the spring. I know there are others who assist in maintaining our property that are unnamed here, to those individuals, I want to express my thanks as well.

Other things that were accomplished this year included:

- The Board established annual goals to guide it through the 2020-2021 Association year.
- The board established an annual budget that was reviewed quarterly and updated as required.
- Approved two building plans, several garages, sheds and home improvement plans.
- Drafting letter to DNR about clear cutting area next to Ess Lake Property. Lack of concern by the State for property rights of its citizens.
- Approved several requests to remove trees and add fill to lots.
- Placed liens on delinquent properties and remove liens when dues obligations were met.

That concludes the Presidents report.

Nomination for Board Election – all nominations and proxies were gathered.

Nominations

Mark Pollard, Jim Badour, Shirley Daugherty, Sharon Quist, Geoff Denstaedt, Cheryl Leach, Aimee Smith, Rick Koger

2020 – 2021 Current Board Members

Mark Pollard – President
Shirley Daugherty – Vice President
Sharon Quist – Treasurer
Jim Badour – Secretary
Geoff Denstaedt – Board Director
Cheryl Leach – Board Director
Aimee Smith – Board Director

2021 – 2022 New Board Members

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Old Business:

- Duckweed on canal: Once the permit is approved, will it be too late to treat the canal? We will address this and ask if it is the best time to apply it, once we know when the permit is approved by the state. Will it take care of the floating green stuff on the water surface? Yes, it will take care of this. If the wind is right, then this may go out into the lake. Will it affect the fish? It should not affect the fish. How will we know when it is applied? Sharon will put out an email when it is applied. There will also be signs that will be put up as the application is applied.

New Business

- Association Dues: When can the dues be increased? The increase would have to wait until the next time that the By-Laws can be changed. The by-laws can be changed in 2025, but the board will need to start this process in 2023.
- Lawn Fertilizer Ban: It was asked by an association member that a ban be placed on fertilizing lawns in the association. The lake used to be a nice blue color, but now it is a shade of green. We will put more information about this on the Ess Lake website.
- Road Trash: We need to make sure that as we make our way through the association that we do not throw items out the vehicle windows such as cans and general trash. An association member asked that if we do see trash along the roads as we are driving, please stop and pick the trash up.
- Parking on Long Lake Park or Outlot "C": When using the park, please be considerate to not block the driveway that goes around the park. If there are no places to park out of the way by the lake, then please park up by the tennis courts and walk down to the beach and pavilion.

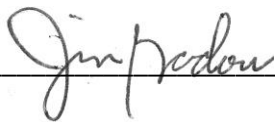
Questions

- Are there any events planned for the 4th of July? There are not for this year, but the next board will be able to take this up
- Birtch Trees dying: The reason for the birth trees dying is due to the last few year's water levels being so high.
- Ess Lake Sign Light: A new light has been placed on the sign by Jim & Shirley Daugherty.
- Cars or vehicles parked by the Lake Front: It was asked by one association member that in order to keep the lake beautiful that association members should not park their cars by the lake front.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

Signed _____



Jim Badour, Secretary