

ESS LAKE ASSOCIATION

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Ess Lake Owners' Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: At the Tennis Courts

******Please bring your chair******

******Coffee and donuts will be served******

We encourage all members to attend the meeting. The more interaction we have from our community the better our community will be. A proxy is enclosed for those members who cannot attend. We need a quorum to conduct the meeting, therefore, we ask that you return the proxy. You can assign your proxy to an individual who will vote your proxy or you can assign your proxy in general which allows the Association to meet the quorum requirement.

The Board of Directors has met on five occasions to conduct Association business. It was a busy year with many accomplishments being realized due to the cooperation and efforts of many of our community members.

Outlot C: The port-a-potty will be set up again this year near the tennis court & pavilion. We will add new speed limit signs in the area of the access point.

Security Patrol: John Quist continued his security patrol over the winter. He did find one shed door open which he closed. He also had a door open on a vacant house. He investigated to make sure nothing was removed from the house and made sure the door was closed. If you are interested in having a "walk up" security check during the next winter season, please contact Mark (989) 742-3521 or John (989) 742-4056.

Place Liens/Remove Liens: No additional liens have been issued. The outstanding liens to date are at \$1958.00. For those members who are in arrears, we ask that you would get current with what is owed to the association. Please contact Sharon Quist with any questions about what is owed. Thank You!!

Regular Business: We continued the registration of Ess Lake Owners' Association with the State of Michigan. We continued the liability insurance coverage for the Association, as well.

Canal Project: Mark Pollard has been working with the DEQ to form an acceptable plan to shore up the banks of the mouth of the canal. Mark has submitted a plan to the DEQ for laying stone on the banks, the DEQ has rejected this proposal. The DEQ wants rock that has been dug into the banks of the canal. Mark is in the process of getting the regular permit renewed on-line. He is having trouble due to his e-mail address not being registered on their system. Mark is also in the process of getting permission letters from the property owners to do work on the easement in the canal area. He needs to get these letters signed by the property owners before 5/26/16 to get the permit. This will renew the current dredging permit for another 5 years. Mark will then start working on a new permit for a proposal to put in 30 feet of seawall on each side of the canal.

Building Committee: There have been a number of structures erected without proper plans being submitted for approval by the Building Committee. Letters have been sent to individuals who are not in compliance with our restriction. Please submit plans if you are constructing any structure on your property.

Tree Removal Committee: Two requests to remove trees were granted this past year. If you need to remove trees for safety reasons, forest management or building requirements, permission must be requested and granted prior to removing trees.

Fishing Committee: Lee Kleinow of the fishing committee has talked with the biologist out of Gaylord about the stocking of Ess Lake. He is having discussions with them monthly. The biologist has told Lee that last year 10,000 fingerlings were stocked in Ess Lake. Since they stocked last year, this year they will not stock the lake. The biologist needs reports on what is caught in Ess Lake. We need to take pictures of what is caught next to a ruler. This way they can tell the age of the fish and track it back to the year stocked and the conditions of that year. This information is needed or the stocking program will go away. If you know of anyone fishing in Ess Lake, please spread this information to them and please help Lee with this by e-mailing the above information to him at: kleinowl@gmail.com

Lee also asked about setting up fish shelters. In order to do this, we will need to obtain a permit.

Thanks fishing committee for the report!!

Gravel Pit Area: The wood pile in this area has not been burnt yet as the wood is too wet and it will not light. Mark will try again on 4/15/16 to burn the pile. If this does not work, we may have to bury the stumps in that area so that it gets cleaned up.

Clean Up Weekend: Our **Annual Clean Up Weekend** will be held on 5/21/16. We ask that all members show up at the tennis courts at 10am on this date. There are many items to get accomplished during this weekend. They include:

- Marking all of the Outlots with the correct labels
- Putting the picnic tables out at all of the Outlots
- Cleaning up of all of the debris along the right away of the roadways in the Association (Red Pine, Alpine, Norway, Pinecrest, Ess Lake, Pine Tree and Hill)
- Flower Planting
- Outlot Clean up

The more volunteers we have the quicker the work will go. If we do not have enough interest a service will be hired to do the clean up.

Annual Boat Parade: The annual boat parade will be held on Saturday July 2, 2016 at 9:00pm. All that wish to participate, please meet at the boat launch. Dress up your boats any way that you wish so that all will enjoy!!

Association Directory: The phone directory is done. You may pick up at the association meeting in July, email the association to pick up at Sharon Quist's house or it will be mailed with 2017 dues in January

Relay for Life: The Board donated \$100.00 to "Relay for Life" in the name of Ess Lake Association members. "Relay for life" and its local affiliation is an organization that supports breast cancer research. All funding is returned to the community through Relay for Life.

Ess Lake By Laws & Restrictions: The By Laws & Restrictions for the Ess Lake Association are available by request from the Board President (Mark Pollard) or the Secretary (Jim Badour).

Financial Report:

The annual financial report will be handed out at the annual meeting on July 2nd.

Annual Election: If you cannot attend the annual election on 7/2/16, you can submit your name for election to the Board of Directors by submitting a written request to the current Board President, Mark Pollard, by 6/30/15. Please send your requests to PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746 or e-mail to: mpollard@freeway.net

Dues:

If you have not paid your dues this year it must be paid by June 30, 2015. The dues are \$30.00 per lot. After June 30, 2015 a penalty of \$25.00 is assessed for each lot in the arrears. **Only Members in GOOD STANDING will be permitted to vote at the annual election.** Please send dues to:

Ess Lake Association Dues, PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746

Declaration of Restrictions:

Approval of Plans, Article VI: No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be erected, constructed, altered or maintained upon said property unless a complete set of plans and specifications including the exterior color scheme and materials together with a plan indicating the exact location on the building site of the building, water well, septic tank, and tile field, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Association.

Trees, Article IX: Association members must seek written approval from the Board to remove trees (Pine, Oak, Maple or Birch trees) greater than six (6) inches in diameter unless it is within eight (8) feet of an approved structure.

Cut Along Dotted Line

PROXY

Annual Ess Lake Owners' Association Meeting
July 2, 2016

I, _____ of lot Number(s) _____
being a member in good standing of Ess Lake Owners' Association, under the provisions of the
Association by laws do hereby grant my proxy to: (Check one or both)

____ General Proxy for Quorum

____ Voting proxy

I grant my voting proxy to (Print Name) _____ a
member of Ess Lake Owners' Association, as my appointed representative at the annual Ess Lake
Owners' Association meeting and is authorized to carry out with full rights of a proxy holder to cast a
vote on my behalf as he or she sees fit.

Signature of proxy grantor

Date