

Ess Lake Owners' Association Board Meeting

10/21/2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:03am at Mark Pollard's house. Board Members present: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Shirley Daugherty, Aimee Smith, Ted Campbell, Geoff Denstaedt, and Jim Badour.

Meeting Minutes Review: The board meeting minutes from 09/15/17 were reviewed. A first motion for approval was made by Sharon Quist with a second motion from Ted Campbell, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was submitted by Sharon Quist. It is attached. A first motion for approval was made by Geoff Denstaedt to accept this report, a second motion was made by Ted Campbell, all were in favor.

Agenda Additions: Unleashed Dogs and Tree Cutting

Public Comment: One resident called in for comment.

Issues:

Old Business:

- **Website – Update:** Jim Badour showed what the website will look like. It is all completed, but just needed a domain name and web hosting service. A motion was made to pay for the website not to exceed \$250.00, Geoff Denstaedt made the first motion for approval, with the second motion coming from Shirley Daugherty, all were in favor of the motion.
- **Leins:** Mark will write letters and get them to the county this month.
- **Canal:** Mark Pollard put together a rough cost to put in a seawall on both sides of the canal that would run 5' along Ess Lake and go 40' deep on each side of the canal. The cost for materials, survey, and excavation would be about \$5,600.00. The labor for installation would be provided by volunteers. A permit and approval to build the seawall from the DEQ would be needed at a cost of \$500.00. If they do not approve, then the \$500.00 would be lost. A first motion to spend the \$500.00 for the permit/approval was made by Sharon Quist, with a second motion from Shirley Daugherty, all approved the motion.
- **Gravel Pit:** Geoff Denstaedt checked on the requirements for the Gravel pit to be used again. The State of Michigan does not require a permit to use a gravel pit. This includes the DEQ. The DEQ does not even regulate their use. Aimee will check with the county and township on regulations.
- **Electric Fence:** This issue is closed as no one has heard any more about this.
- **By-Laws/Restriction:** Mark Pollard asked that Geoff review and proof read the by-law changes. Mark will setup a separate meeting/work shop to further review the changes.
- **Letter to property owners – lot 46 (Kuehn):** The Kuehn's will submit a letter to cut down the trees in preparation to build a house.
- **Letter to Lot owners of 140/141/12? + Shed on non-residential lot:** A letter was sent to the owners about the shed on a non-residential lot. They have 30 days to fix the issue. It was sent out about 2 weeks ago.

New Business:

- **Tree removal: Pollard:**
 - Pollard – Mark wanted to clarify his request from the last meeting. It was for lot 72 to clear some trees and brush along the pathway and put down gravel. All approved this work to be completed.
- **Unleashed Dogs:** A complaint about unleashed dogs has been issued with the board from a resident. The person has been out cutting wood on two separate occasions and the dogs have come at him. Each time they have called the police. They have also witnessed and heard this pack of at least 10 dogs growling, fighting, and barking while being walked all on their own without leashes. They have

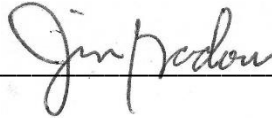
seen it where these dogs have been at the Long Lake park and another dog has come over from the Long Lake area and attacked the dogs. The fear is that Ess Lake Association could get sued if this pack of dogs attacks a person or another dog. A motion was made to put signs on all of the outlots stating "All dogs must be on a leash", a first motion for approval was made by Jim Badour, with a second motion from Sharon Quist, all were in favor.

- **Tree Cutting:** Another complaint was that many residents are starting to cut down trees without permission. It has been asked that if residents cut down trees, that they plant a new tree to replace the tree that was cut down.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am to go into the discussion on the By-Laws.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

Signed _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Badour", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Badour, Secretary