

January 04, 2018

The new Board of Directors have been elected: President: Mark Pollard, Vice President: Shirley Daugherty, Secretary: Jim Badour, Treasurer: Sharon Quist, Board Members: Ted Campbell, Aimee Smith, and Geoff Denstaedt. The board has set regular meetings on the following dates: 7/29/17, 10/21/17, 1/27/18, 4/21/18, and 6/16/18.

Since the election, your Board of Directors has met 3 times. They are currently working on the following items:

Bylaws & Restrictions Review: The recommended changes to the bylaws have been assembled and a balloting format has been set. Each change will be voted on separately and if a 3/4 majority approve a change, then the new language/change will be adopted. The ballots will be sent out soon.

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


Website: We have established a website for the Ess Lake Association. The website address is: www.esslake.com. Please take a look at it, as it contains information such as: Bylaws, Build and usage restrictions, newsletters, Board Meeting minutes. Etc... If you have any suggestions about additional content, please submit these by using the "Contacts" page. This will send an e-mail to our e-mail address. You can also contact Jim Badour. We would like to add more about the history of the development, along with any old pictures that you may have of the area as it has been developed.

Canal Permit Request: Mark will submit a request with the DEQ to install a seawall at the mouth of the canal. The request will cost \$500.00 to submit. Mark will put together a proposal to install a seawall at the mouth of the canal that will be 41' on both sides with 5' being along the lake shore. This installation would require the help of volunteers if the permit is approved by the DNR. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mark Pollard.

Canal Clean Up: The Board is gathering bids for the removal of the dead trees along the canal and adjacent to Norway Court. There are many dead trees between Norway Court and the canal that need to be removed before they fall into the canal. We will also be looking at cleaning up this portion of the canal.

Building & Tree Removal Committee: All construction of buildings and major changes to lots must be reviewed by the building committee. **A plan must be submitted to Mark Pollard for approval and record retention.** Tree removal according to the Bylaws and restrictions is permitted with permission, however it is required that you contact the committee prior to removal of any trees, in case there are concerns from the board or other association members.

Oak Tree Removal & Oak Wilt: The following is from the DNR about Oak Wilt: "The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from **April 15 to July 15**. The spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks." Please do not trim or plan to cut down any oaks during this time period. This will help prevent the spread of this



disease in our area. We have heard that there may be Oak Wilt near our area now. If you “Google” Oak Wilt, you can gain more knowledge about the spread of this disease.

Allband Communications: Mark Pollard has attended a meeting regarding this service. He has learned that this is an antenna service that goes through the trees. Ed Laframboise has been asked to look into this in more detail.

Unleashed Dogs: The unleashed dog issue continues to be a major concern for most of our Ess Lake Association full and part time residents. We have had several complaints from association members that these unleashed dogs are running up to residents and frightening them. We encourage residents to walk their own dogs with a leash. If someone else walks your dog, then we encourage the owners of the dogs to insist that the person walking their dog/s, use a leash for all of the dogs. To help protect the association, it has been decided to install signs 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 or at PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

Board Meetings: At all board meetings, there is a time for public comment. Please see the dates of the Board meetings listed above. 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 or our address: PO Box 388, Hillman, MI 49746.

Minutes & Newsletters: Due to the cost of sending meeting minutes out, it has been decided to only the winter newsletter out with the annual dues invoices. If you would like these more often, they will be available on our website as they are approved or please contact Jim Badour or Sharon Quist at esslakeassociation@yahoo.com.

Community Cleanup Date: The annual community cleanup is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in May, which is 5/26/18. All residents are encouraged to take this day to clean up their association lots. It is also encouraged to come help out with putting out the picnic tables, cleaning of the outlots, and installing the dock in Long Lake. If you would want to help with these tasks, please show up at the pavilion on the Long Lake outlot at 10am on Saturday 5/26/18. Please bring any equipment you feel will help with the clean-up.

Obituaries: It is with deep sympathy that the following Association members have passed away: Sandra Rizzo

Please contact Jim Badour at esslakeassociation@yahoo.com if you would like to let the association know of any Ess Lake Association member deaths.

Directories: These were available at the Annual Meeting, however they will only be mailed to new members that did not receive these at the Annual Meeting.

Change of Status: If your address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let us know at esslakeassociation@yahoo.com