

Ess Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes January 20, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am at Cheryl Leach's house. Board members present: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Cheryl Leach, Jim Badour, Rick Koger(Zoom), Geoff Denstaedt (Zoom Joined at 10:15) and Aimee Smith.

Meeting Minutes Review: The minutes of the board meeting of October 28, 2023, were reviewed, A first motion for approval was made by Sharon Quist, with a second from Aimee Smith, All approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report as of January 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 reported that the transition from Huntington Bank(Checking & Savings) to Community Financial Credit Union is complete. A first motion was made for the approval of the Financial Report by Cheryl Leach, with a second by Aimee Smith and all members approved the financial report. The Water Management fund has not changed from the last board meeting.

Additions to the Agenda: Budget for the survey for the Bylaws & Restrictions Committee and a Roof Approval

Bills for Approval: No bills to approve.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- **Website:** No Issues
- **Board 2023- 2024 Goals & Budget:** Cheryl Leach updated the goals for this year. Goal #1 was to set a budget and that has been completed. Goal #2 was to complete the canal project and this has also been completed. Goal #3 was to establish a committee for the review of the Bylaws & Restrictions. This is ongoing and the update for this committee is below. Goal #4 is to address the issue of the dead & dying trees along Norway Court and a date is set for March 16th, see below. Goal #5 was to address the Duckweed, this is in progress, see update below. Goal #6 was to address the property transfer of the outlots to the association, see update below. Goal #7 & #8 are ongoing. The current budget is ontrack with Sharon's financial report. The budget will need to be updated for the approval of the funds to be spent on a survey for the Bylaws & Restrictions work. There is a \$1,200.00 surplus currently to be able to accommodate this change in the budget.
- **Canal Update:**
 - **Mouth of Canal:** This goal has been completed.
 - **Duck Weed Treatment:** Rick has picked back up on working on this after the holidays. He has enrolled in an online class through MSU extension titled Introduction to Lakes. He has also been doing a large amount of research on EGLE's website into grants and the process to control duckweed, however he has found that there is a substantial amount of bureaucracy involved. He has asked his nephew who works in Lansing for advice, which has prompted Rick to write to EGLE directly. He hopes for a response from them in the coming week or two.
- **Ad-Hoc Committee formation for Bylaws & Restrictions Review:** Cheryl Leach has reported that the committee has the survey content completed. To get the survey setup, the committee needs \$300.00 for this. A first motion to approve spending \$300.00 to set this survey up was made by Jim Badour, with a second motion for approval coming from Aimee Smith, all approved the motion.

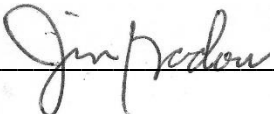
- **Transfer of out lots to Ess Lake Owners Association:** Everything has been signed and completed for this. All of the paperwork has been turned in to the county for filing. This goal has been completed.
- **Place Officers on Bank Accounts:** We need to get other Officer's names on the new bank accounts for Community Financial Credit Union. A motion was made to place Mark Pollard - President, Cheryl Leach - Vice President, and Sharon Quist - Treasurer names on the accounts at Community Financial Credit Union by Rick Koger, with a second motion from Cheryl Leach, all approved of this motion.
- **Establish a date for tree removal along Norway Court:** Mark Pollard has set a date for more trees to be removed along Norway court. The date is March 16th at 10am to meet at Mark Pollard's house.

New Business:

- **Annual Newsletter:** The annual newsletter has been approved and will be published this week by mail and on the website.
- **Flower's at the Association Sign:** Stephanie Laframboise takes care of the planting of the flowers around the sign in the spring of each year. She is wondering if another member of the association would be willing to take care of this watering. Rick Koger has volunteered to do this task.
- **Roof Addition over existing Deck Lot #31:** Cheryl Leach presented a drawing showing the existing structure with where the new roof would be. A motion to approve the new roof on the existing building over the deck area was made by Cheryl Leach, with a second motion from Jim Badour, all approved.

The next meeting is on 4/20/ 24. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33am.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

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