

**Meeting Minutes Ess Lake Association Annual Meeting.**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Annual Meeting was called to order by President Mark Pollard at 10:08 a.m. at the pavilion.

Board Members Present: Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Jim Badour, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, and Ted Campbell.

**Introduction of Board Members:** Mark Pollard, Shirley Daugherty, Jim Badour, Sharon Quist, Aimee Smith, and Ted Campbell.

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

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- Bill of Sale for materials for canal project
- Suds in the lake
- Lodge Equipment at waterfront
- Donations to organizations
- Pit Clean up
- Lot and Trees down

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was given by Sharon Quist. This report is attached to the minutes. A question was asked about the interest rate that we are getting on the CD. The rate was researched at the time and the board went with the best rate when the CD was due.

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

Your Board met eight times times during the past year, one time after the annual meeting to set up a meeting date, one time as an organizational meeting to set goals and objectives, four quarterly meetings, and two meetings for the Bylaws and Restrictions review.

**Highlights of the year:**

- By Laws and Restriction review:
  - The Board appointed an ad hoc committee to review the By Laws and Restrictions governing Ess Lake Estates.
  - The committee members were: Cheryl Leach, Chairperson, Ed Campbell, Ted Campbell, Geoff Denstaedt, Ed LaFramboise, Mark Pollard and Sharon Quist.
  - Committee met three times.
  - Mailed out a letter in November, inviting membership to submit their ideas for improvements.
  - There are copies available for your review of the committee's recommendations.
  - Results were presented to the Board and the Board is working on putting the recommendations into a workable format for the membership to vote on in the future.
  - The next Board will need to finish this project.
- Security Patrol: The security Patrol was from November through April. John Quist provided the patrol service. John noted that a tree fell in a driveway, one door was open which he locked, owner was notified. John looked into a person on a bike who was lottering in the area for several days. John also asked some Quad riders to refrain from riding up a hill by the Ess Lake sign in that it was destroying the environment.
- Sandpit: The Board approved the cleanup of the sandpit. Appledinger Excuvation provided the service.
- Annual Spring cleanup was performed May 20th. The Board changed the emphases to individual home owner responsibility. The tennis court cleaning was hired out. Outlots were cleaned by some of our members. We owe our thanks to Ed & Stephanie LaFramboise, Dave and Ed Campbell, Mark Wilkerson and Jim & Shirley Daugherty for

cleaning up the out lots located by the homes.

- Website: The Board discussed establishing a website to facilitate better communications with our membership. The Board decided to acquire the advice of the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- AllBand Communications: The Board participated in preliminary discussions for bringing enhance internet services to the area. I attended a meeting with Long Lake Association, Lake Avalon and an AllBand representative in May. Information so far is limited but Ed LaFramboise has agreed to represent our membership at future meetings.
- Annual Ess Lake Boat parade will occur again tonight. All who wish to participate should meet at the park boat launch at 8:30 pm parade to start at 9 pm.
- Treasurer & Secretary: Mark Pollard addressed two key positions that are very important to the association. The Treasure & Secretary put in additional hours to help track the progress of the association business. Mark thanked Sharon Quist, treasurer, and Jim Badour, secretary for their efforts.

#### **Other Issues:**

- Approved several building plans including home improvement, construction of sheds, approved construction of a driveway, two fences, and block wall.
- Approved improvement to a portion of the canal shoreline.
- Approved the removal of trees from several lots.
- One mooring of a boat off shore was denied.
- New speed limit signs, stop signs and children playing sign added to Long Lake park. "No Trespassing" signs put up on some out lots. "No Dumping" sign put up in sand lot.
- The deteriorated charcoal grill by the Pavilion was replaced with a new grill.
- New updated Directories were obtained for future distribution.
- Board approved donation to local Relay for Life event.
- Removed stump Out Lot C.
- Approved purchase of sand for Outlot "A"
- Pit cleanup and cost was discussed. It was suggested that the pit be chained off, however it was decided that many members use the pit for access to other areas, so it was not approved. It was also suggested that the members who removed stumps from their property to the pit pitch in towards the cleanup of the pit that has already occurred.
- Boats at the outlots: A member brought up that one of their relation was chased away from an outlot when they were on their personal watercraft. Members can pull up to the outlots with their boats, but they cannot leave them overnight.

**Nomination for Board Election** – all nomination and proxies were gathered.

#### **Nominations**

Geoff Denstaedt, Cheryl Leach, Ted Campbell, Sharon Quist, Mark Pollard, Jim Badour, Ed Campbell, Shirley Daugherty, Aimee Smith, and Ken Ward.

#### **Current Board Members**

Mark Pollard – President  
Shirley Daugherty – Vice President  
Sharon Quist – Treasurer  
Jim Badour – Secretary  
Vicki LeBarre – Board Director  
Ted Campbell – Board Director  
Aimee Smith – Board Director

#### **New Board Members voted for 2017**

Mark Pollard - President  
Shirley Daugherty – Vice President  
Jim Badour - Secretary  
Sharon Quist –Treasurer  
Geoff Denstaedt – Board Director  
Ed Campbell – Board Director  
Aimee Smith – Board Director

### Old Business:

- **Website:** The board has asked all members present if they would like a website, including spending the annual fee to obtain a domain name. Jim Badour reported on what was involved including an approximate cost for a domain name. All members present were interested in an "Ess Lake" website.
- **Fishing Committee:** Aimee Smith reported that Ess Lake just had Walleye planted in the lake. She was not sure how many were planted.

### New Business

- **Billing of Canal Improvements at Jim Staton's Property:** Jim has sent a bill to the board asking for reimbursement for the cost of improvements that he did along the canal on his property to shore up the erosion from the canal dredging. He has asked why the bill was not approved by the 2016 board of directors. Jim claims that the canal has eroded away his property to the extent that the original markers have gone into the canal. A new survey was suggested to see if this is true. The erosion to the canal has also been caused by the buildings that have been placed too close to the canal without the proper drainage (eves troughs) being attached the building and this construction of the building was not approved by any board. Mark has been in talks with the DNR on the shoring up of the canal. The DNR has rejected using a seawall with rip rapp. They want large stone with rip rapp to be used. The non-payment of the bill will stand. The next board will continue the talks with the DNR.
- **Suds in Ess Lake:** This has been brought up to serve as a reminder to use environmental friendly laundry detergents in our washers due to the aging septic systems that are present in the association. To help with this use low phosphate laundry detergents. There is another reason for the suds in that this is a natural cause that happens every so often with lakes and that in time it will subside. The phosphates will actually make algae grow.
- **North Shore Lodge:** It has been asked that the new board write a letter to the North Shore Lodge owners to ask that they clean up the area along the shoreline of Ess Lake. It was also suggested that the board looks at township ordinances to see if anything would apply to aid in this clean up.
- **Donations to Organizations:** It has been suggested that the board no longer approves donations to organizations. The donation to the Relay for Life may have been started due to a member that had cancer. In its place it has been suggested that it be left up to property owners to make their own donations or that the donation for the Relay for Life be solicited from the property owners around Ess Lake. An advisory vote was asked to be taken to see if the members present at the meeting would approve that donations continue. There were 11 votes to continue donating, while there were 18 votes to discontinue with donations.
- **Sandlot:** Can the sandlot be used as a storage lot or turned into a park or baseball field or some other use? The board will need to find out if Jack Mathieson owns this or not?
- **Tree Cutting on a lot:** There has been a lot that was cleared of trees and it is now a mess. It was asked if this cutting was approved by the board, which it was not approved by the board. Mark Pollard needs to write a letter to the property owner stating that this was not approved. No plans were submitted outlining any lot improvements such as putting a building on the lot. In the past, property owners have been asked to bring in fill if necessary and to replant the trees that were removed.
- No more agenda items

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



Jim Badour, Secretary