

Ess Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes April 24, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am at Mark Pollard's house. Board members present: Mark Pollard, Sharon Quist, Cheryl Leach, Aimee Smith, and Shirley Daugherty. Jim Badour and Geoff Denstaedt via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes Review: The minutes of the board meeting of February 03, 2021 were reviewed, with a first motion for approval being made by Sharon Quist with a second motion from Cheryl Leach, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report of April 1, 2021 was submitted by Sharon Quist. A first motion for approval of the report was made by Cheryl Leach with a second motion by Geoff Denstaedt, all were in favor.

Budget: The budget was presented by Cheryl Leach to the board for review.

Bills for Approval: No bills to approve.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- **Review Board Goals:** The board goals were presented to board members by Cheryl Leach. The goals are attached.
- **Website:** The garage sale and the cleanup weekend need to be added to the website main page. People have started to join the members area. We are in the process of exploring if members can pay their dues online.
- **Tennis Courts:** We will not do the practice board this year, but it will be added to next year's goals.
- **Lot #115 Legal Issue:** The deposition has been set for 5/12/21. Once this has been completed, the case will go to trial. The Board & Association did get support from the letter that was written to the township. The zoning inspector will be sending a letter to the resident about current violations. Mark will email this to the attorney. The township will also be addressing the lean to issue.
- **Canal Update:**
 - **Canal Treatment:** Mark did talk with the company for treating the canal. The treatment will take place sometime in June.
 - **Mouth of Canal:** Mark is getting the proposal together to install a seawall on both sides of the canal. He will submit this to the DEQ soon. This will not happen this year, but will be put in the budget for next year.
- **Roads:** The roads will be getting upgraded this spring. Mark did write a letter to the county asking that the road signs be replaced when the road has been completed.
- **Status of building projects:**
 - Lot # 94: A request for variance has been submitted to install a 4' walkway around the garage. It requires a variance since it is less than 70' from the water. A first motion was made to approve the sidewalk and apron around the side of the garage by Cheryl Leach, with a second motion for approval from Sharon Quist, all approved.
 - Lot# 131: This property may be sold. The board may have to extend the building period for this project due to the change in ownership and circumstances of the project.

- Lot # 67: This house is in accordance with the plans that were submitted to the Building Committee.
- **Trailer at LB house:** The board is being asked to approve a garage to put the trailer in. It will be 16' x 40' with no front on the garage. This does fall in to the rules and is within 10' of the lot lines. It meets all of the restrictions, including colors. A first motion for approval of this project was made by Sharon Quist, with a second motion for approval being made by Aimee Smith, all approved the project.
- **Leach's Garage:** Plans were submitted for a 24' X 36' garage. It is 48' from the road and will have cedar siding. A first motion was made to approve the building plan as submitted with 864 sq. ft. by Sharon Quist, with a second motion for approval from Aimee Smith, all approved, with Cheryl Leach abstaining from the vote.
- **Lot #78 Shed Location Variance:** The shed on this lot appears to be out of compliance. The owner will submit a request for a variance in the near future. This issue has been tabled until the next board meeting.
- **Cleanup Weekend:** Please include this on the website front page.
- **Committees:**
 - **Ess Lake Garage Sale:** Garage Sale Weekend will be May 21, 22, and 23. No issues at this time, but please put this on the website. Sharon Quist will put an ad in the newspaper, along with putting up signs.
 - **4th of July Activities:** Nothing on this, but need to put a note in the newsletter and on the website.
 - **Building Committee:** There is one resident considering building a house. Mark will send a letter to the resident to make sure that a plan will be submitted for approval by the board.

New Business:

- **Porta Johns:** Mark to order the porta john's for the week before memorial weekend until the end of September. We used Halls last year for this service.
- **Request to add a member from Long Lake:** From our last meeting a non-association member has requested the use of our facilities. Geoff will write up wording for a license to be handed out in cases like this. He will send out to the board members for review. We will collect dues from the non-residents.
- **Phragmites Growth:** There is concern from a lot owner about the growth of these plants in a marshy area. Mark will investigate this with the lot owner.
- **Chart for Water contributions:** It was discussed to get together a chart/list to show who contributed to the canal weed growth fund.
- **Water Maintenance Fund:** Ess Lake received a letter asking us to join Michigan Lakes and Stream Association. Cost for 101-110 members is \$160.00. It includes 1 subscription to Michigan Riparian Magazine. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and wise management of Michigan waters. This is to be discussed at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next meeting is on 6/19/21.

Written and submitted by Jim Badour

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